



MONUMENT TRAILS

HOBBS STATE PARK - CONSERVATION AREA

Parking/Trail Access

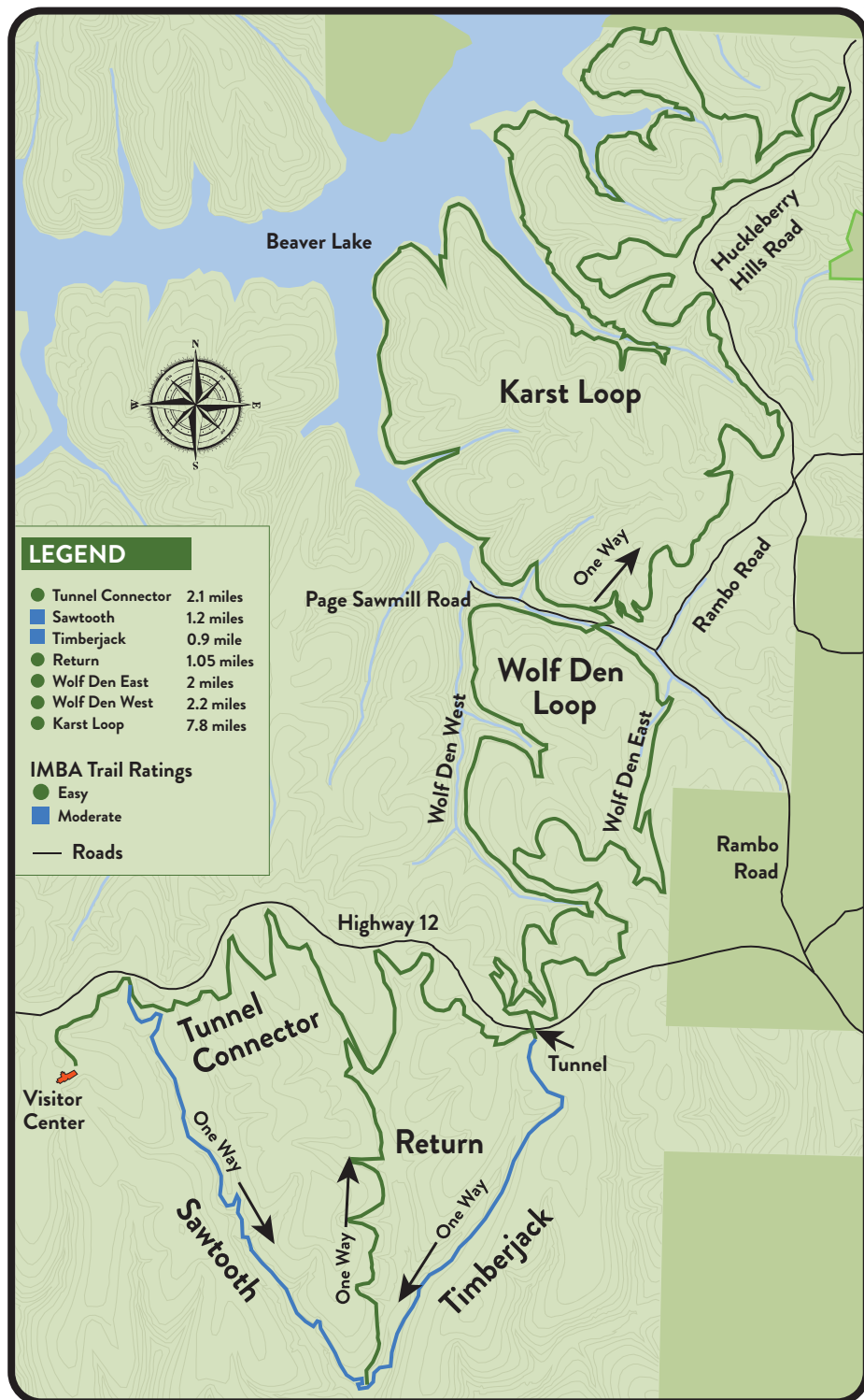
Monument Trails can only be accessed from the visitor center or established Hidden Diversity Trailhead parking areas. Do not park on or along State or County roadways.

What to Expect

Experience the best in cross-country trails with a mix of climb and flow through changing surroundings. Go out and back at a distance of your choice, or select multiple loops for a longer outing of up to 16-20 miles. As you traverse, enjoy this oak-hickory-shortleaf pine forest, and watch for native Ozark wildlife.


- **Tunnel Connector** (2.1 miles one way)
As the system's backbone, this trail connects you with longer cross-country routes north of Highway 12, as well as dedicated downhill sections and their return trail. If you choose to ride the downhill sections, enjoy small springs and streams in Sycamore Springs Hollow.
- **Sawtooth** is 1.2-miles of one-way downhill flow, for bikes only.
- **Timberjack** is 0.9-mile of one-way downhill flow, for bikes only.
- **Return** starts where Sawtooth and Timberjack meet. It is 1.05 miles, one-way, for bikes only.
- **Wolf Den Loop** (4.2-mile loop)
From the tunnel, it is recommended to go left and travel clockwise, but stay alert as traffic is allowed in both directions. Cyclists will enjoy fast flow and well-designed gentle climbs. Imagine the possibility that you once could have encountered a red wolf here. Now threatened and no longer living in the wild, this species once had a habitat range in the Ozarks.
- **Karst Loop** (7.8-mile loop)
It is mandatory for bikers to ride this loop in a counter-clockwise direction. Karst Loop offers mountain bikers and hikers short climbs and descents on the east side. Along the lake on the west side, watch for unique rock formations and scenic views of Beaver Lake. Geologists call the water soluble limestone here "karst." Examine these rock outcrops and you may find they contain fossilized sea life from when this region was covered by the ocean.

As you explore this Ozark landscape, shaped by the forces of water through time, discover a sense of wonder.



Safety & Outdoor Ethics

ALL TRAIL USERS:

- Stay alert: These trails are open to mountain bikers, hikers, and trail runners. Use caution when meeting and passing. Foot traffic always has right-of-way.
- Stay on the trail. Shortcuts and extra paths cause damage to the forest community.
- Carry plenty of water for your journey.
-  This is your park. Removing, defacing, or destroying plants, animals, fossils, or rocks is harmful to everyone and illegal.

MOUNTAIN BIKERS:

- **Ride safe!** Wear helmets at all times.
- **Share the Trail** Mountain bikers yield to foot traffic, and descending riders yield to climbing riders.
- **Ride in Control** If you need to pass, slow down, ring a bell or verbally announce yourself, and wait until the other trail user is out of the path.
- **Respect the Landscape** Keep singletrack single by staying on the trail. Do not ride muddy trails because it causes rutting, widening, and maintenance issues requiring trail closure. Ride through standing water, not around it.
- **Not Sure?** It is OK to dismount your bike and walk when you encounter technical features or terrain you aren't comfortable riding.
- **Plan Ahead** Be prepared and self-sufficient. Carry what you need for the ride you are undertaking, and know how to fix a flat tire and make minor repairs.
- **Mind the Animals** Watch for wildlife on the trail and do your best not to disturb them.



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Monument Trails are world-class destinations showcasing the natural iconic beauty of the State Parks they are within, while exemplifying the highest quality in **craftsmanship, innovation, and sustainability**. These multi-use trails offer enduring outdoor experiences and connect you to a **sense of place and history**.

Monument Trails are created through a partnership with the **Arkansas Parks and Recreation Foundation** which is dedicated to enhancing parks and recreational opportunities throughout the Natural State. A grant from the **Walton Family Foundation** supported the development of this first Monument Trail project at Hobbs State Park – Conservation Area.

OUR MISSION: Hobbs State Park-Conservation Area provides enriching educational and recreational experiences in harmony with resource stewardship.



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