



# MONUMENT TRAILS

HOBBS STATE PARK - CONSERVATION AREA

## Parking/Trail Access

Monument Trails can be accessed from the visitor center, Huckleberry parking, or established Hidden Diversity Trailhead parking areas. For safety, we do not recommend parking along State Highway 12.

## 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.

## EASY

### ● TUNNEL CONNECTOR

**Length:** 2.1 miles one way  
**Trailhead:** Visitor Center, Monument Parking  
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, south of Highway 12, enjoy small springs and streams in Sycamore Springs Hollow.

## EASY

### ● KARST LOOP

**Length:** 7.8-mile loop  
**Trailheads:** Visitor Center, Huckleberry Road  
**Campsites:** Six bike-in or hike-in marked primitive sites with tent pad and fire ring are reservable.  
**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.

## EASY

### ● WOLF DEN LOOP

**Length:** 4.2-mile loop  
**Trailhead:** Visitor Center  
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; you once could have encountered a red wolf here. This endangered species no longer lives locally in the wild, their habitat once ranged into the Ozarks.

## EASY (Bike only, One-way)

### ● RETURN

**Length:** 1.05 miles, uphill only, bike only.

## INTERMEDIATE




### (Bike only, One-way)

#### ■ SAWTOOTH

**Length:** 1.2-miles of one-way downhill flow, for bikes only. Use Return Trail to reconnect to Tunnel Connector.

#### ■ TIMBERJACK

**Length:** 0.9-mile of one-way downhill flow, for bikes only. Use Return Trail to reconnect to Tunnel Connector.

**Hoofed animals, motorcycles, and ATVs are prohibited on all Monument Trails. Class 1 e-bicycles may be used on any trail where bicycle travel is authorized.**   

# HOBBS STATE PARK - CONSERVATION AREA TRAIL MAP

## HIKE ONLY TRAILS

(All hiking trails are marked with white blazes, spur trails to points of interest are marked with blue blazes.)

## EASY

### (ADA Accessible)

#### HISTORIC VAN WINKLE

**Length:** 0.5-mile loop  
**Trailhead:** Highway 12  
Park in the paved lot and access this trail via a tunnel under Hwy 12. This crushed stone trail takes you through Peter Van Winkle's Antebellum homestead. Interpretive panels provide information on the Van Winkle family's life during and after the American Civil War.

## EASY

### (ADA Accessible)

#### OZARK PLATEAU

**Length:** 0.75-mile loop  
**Trailhead:** Visitor Center  
Comprised of two loops - Inner loop (0.25 mile) concrete surface, and Outer "challenge" loop (0.5 mile) paved. This barrier-free trail provides benches and wide turnouts for viewing plants and animals along the ridge top and in the surrounding valleys. Ozark Plateau refers to the unique karst geology that encompasses the park and the surrounding Ozark region. What are commonly called "hills" or "mountains" are actually the remains of an eroded flat ocean floor. Through direct observation, interpretive hikes, interactive exhibits and panels, you can learn about many plateau concepts and features.

## EASY (Foot Traffic Only)

#### SINKING STREAM

**Length:** 0.5-mile loop  
**Trailhead:** Highway 12  
Park in the paved lot. This natural surface, single track loop, travels upstream from the tunnel under Hwy 12. A nice spring flows year-round on the west side of the trail. Large sycamore, oak, and hickory trees provide a cool habitat for birds, deer, and other wildlife, which may be seen if you are quiet.

## EASY to MODERATE

### (Foot Traffic Only)

#### SHADDOX HOLLOW

**Length:** 1.5-mile loop  
**Trailhead:** Highway 303  
This trail is recommended for school children and beginning hikers. Named after early pioneer Solomon Shaddox, this trail winds through a typical Ozark forest with disappearing and sinking streams and limestone bluffs, through a typical Ozark forest. A spur trail leads to the Beaver Lake shoreline.

## MODERATE to HARD

### (Foot Traffic Only)

#### PIGEON ROOST

**Length:** 8.4-mile loop  
**Trailhead:** Highway 12  
**Campsites:** Five hike-in marked primitive sites with tent pad and fire grill, are reservable.  
Pigeon Roost Trail is made up of two loops - Dry Creek Loop (4.1 miles) and Huckleberry Loop (4.3 miles). This trail is named for the now extinct passenger pigeon which once roosted here in the millions. The trail follows old logging roads on ridge tops, and contours around hillsides down into several hollows. Ozark mixed forests of oaks, hickories, and short-leaf pine dominate the canopy. Wildlife such as mammals are active at night, but may be seen if walking quietly. Karst topography is evident in numerous sinking or losing streams, sinkholes, crevices, pits and faults.

## MODERATE to HARD

### MULTI-USE TRAILS

#### HIDDEN DIVERSITY MULTI-USE TRAIL SYSTEM

**Length:** 24-mile loop  
**Trailheads:** Visitor Center, Highway 12, Townsend Ridge Road, Piney Road  
Hikers, bikers, and equestrians have the option of four trail loop sections - War Eagle Loop (6 miles), Little Clifty Creek Loop (9 miles), Dutton Hollow Loop (3 miles), and Bashore Ridge Loop (3 miles). This trail follows ridge tops and ridge rims, with only a half dozen hills to climb through the trail system.

## THINK SAFETY & PROTECT THE PARK

### ALL TRAIL USERS

- **Be alert!** Equestrian traffic has the right-of-way; hikers and bikers please step off the trail when encountering horses or pack animals. Bikers yield to hikers when possible. Bikers should signal with voice or bell when overtaking another trail user or approaching blind curves. Use caution when meeting and passing.
- **Carry plenty of water** for yourself and pets.
- **Stay on the trail.** Shortcuts and extra paths cause damage to the forest community. Staying on trails helps you avoid getting lost and protects delicate habitats.
- **Wear comfortable footwear** and appropriate gear.
- **Avoid trails** during severe weather.
- Insect repellent may be desirable. Check for ticks after every hike. Snakes may be seen on occasion. Let them be; all wildlife is protected within state parks.
- **Motorized vehicles are prohibited on all trails.**
- **Trails or sections of trails may be closed** due to: extreme weather, hazardous or emergency situations, hunting seasons, and maintenance.

### MOUNTAIN BIKERS

- **Ride safe!** Wear helmets at all times. Ensure your bike is in safe operating condition before riding. You are responsible for your speed and control.
- **Share the Trail** Mountain bikers yield to foot traffic, and descending riders yield to climbing riders. Announce yourself when passing.
- **Respect the Landscape** Keep single-track 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.

### EQUESTRIANS

- **Grazing is Prohibited;** many plant communities found here are both fragile and indigenous only to this area. Grazing may jeopardize this fragile environment.
- **Water** horses only at provided hydrants.
- **Respect the Landscape** Ride single-file staying on the trail. Do not ride muddy trails because it causes maintenance issues requiring trail closure. Ride through standing water, not around it.
- **Avoid damage to trees.** Use designated hitching rails, cross-ties or pickets; instead of tying a horse directly to a tree.
- **Manure:** It is the responsibility of each rider to remove manure deposited at parking lots.
- **Horses must** be under direct physical control at all times. This trail is designed for a pleasure pace. No running or galloping.
- **Equestrians,** when encountering hikers and bikers, pass slowly and safely. Never approach another horse, hiker or biker at a gait greater than a walk.



- Trails were built specifically for designated use. Incorrect use may result in trail closures.
- This is your park. Removing, defacing, or destroying plants, animals, fossils, or rocks is harmful to everyone and illegal.



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an enduring, outstanding, and memorable example of something great or notable

Thanks to the strength of public/private/non-profit partnerships, a shared vision brought Monument Trails to life. They are the result of generosity of the Walton Family Foundation in collaboration with the Arkansas Parks & Recreation Foundation and Arkansas State Parks.

Monument Trails are world-class destinations showcasing the natural scenic beauty of the State Parks they are within, while exemplifying the highest quality in trail craftsmanship, innovation, beauty, and sustainability. These multi-use trails offer enduring, memorable opportunities to trail riders, runners, and hikers of all skill levels.



# Trails of Hobbs State Park - Conservation Area



**Hike Only Trails**

The park's traditional trails are shown on map in the color of their trail blaze (marks on trees along trail) or are paved.

- Pigeon Roost Trail
- Shaddock Hollow Trail
- Sinking Stream Trail

**Accessible Hike Only Trails**

- Historic Van Winkle Trail
- Ozark Plateau Trail

**Multi-Use Trails**

- Hidden Diversity Multi-Use Trail

## MONUMENT TRAILS

Monument Trails are shown in the color of their modified IMBA\* difficulty rating.  
\*(International Mountain Bicycling Association)

Modified IMBA Ratings

- Easy
- Intermediate

**Multi-Use Monument Trails**

- Karst Loop
- Tunnel Connector
- Wolf Den Loop

**Bike Only**

- Sawtooth, downhill only
- Timberjack, downhill only
- Return, uphill only

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| Accessible         | Mountain Biking        |
| Canoe/Kayak Access | Parking                |
| Shooting Range     | Pavilion               |
| Hike-in Camping    | Restroom (No Water)    |
| Horseback Riding** | Trailhead              |
| No Hoofed Animals  | No Motorcycles or ATVs |

\*\* Horse rental not provided by Arkansas State Parks.  
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**VISITOR CENTER PHONE: (479) 789-5000**

**EMERGENCY CONTACT: 911 OR (479) 789-5000**

**CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS:** Scan this QR code with your mobile device camera.



**NOTICE:** To preserve scenic beauty and ecology, fences and warning signs have not been installed in some park locations. Caution and increased supervision of your children and others in your care are required when visiting these areas.