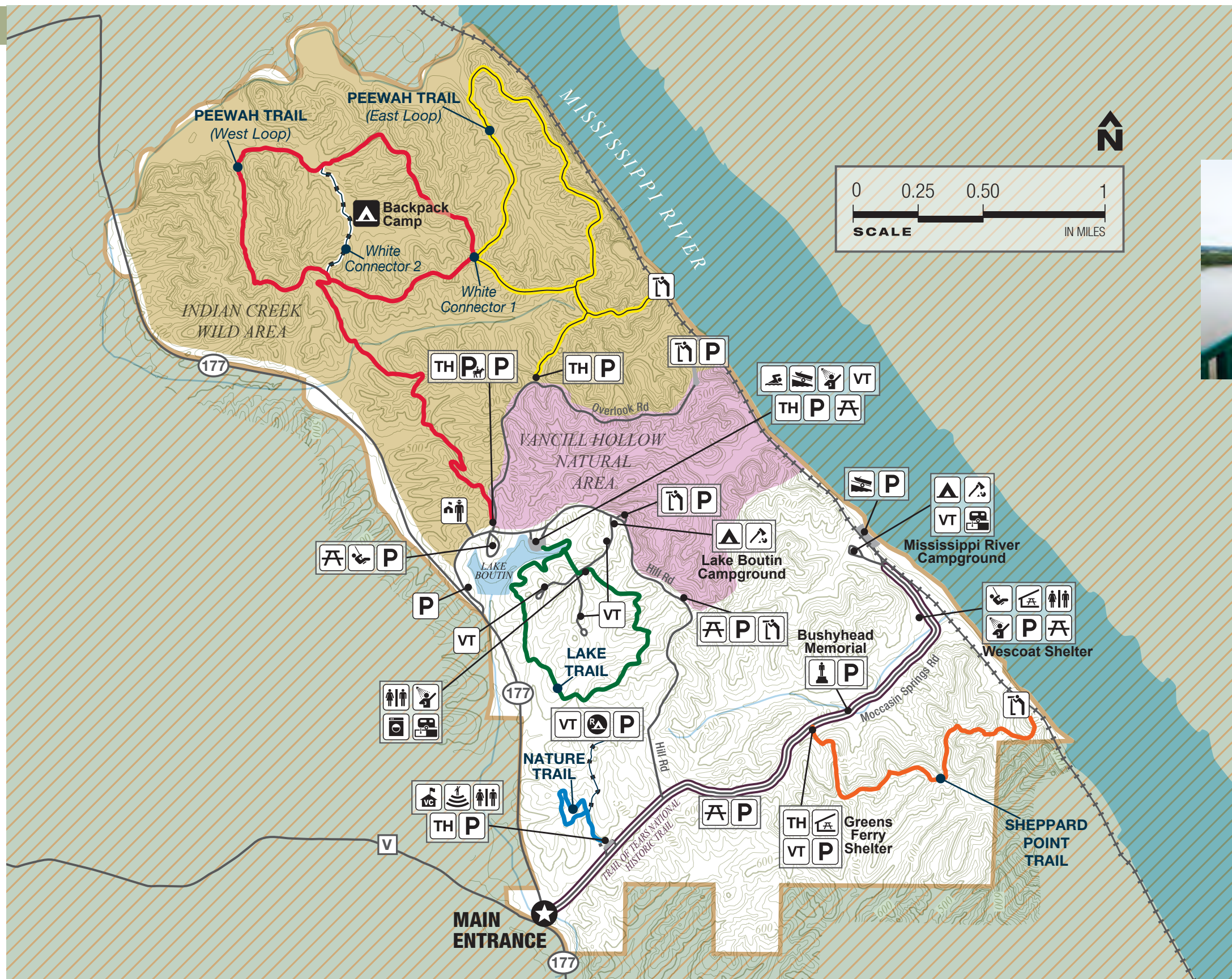


# TRAIL OF TEARS STATE PARK MAP

## LEGEND

- ★ Main entrance
- State route
- + Railroad
- Land contour
- Not state park property
- Natural area
- Park boundary
- Stream or creek
- Trail blazed in red
- Trail blazed in orange
- Trail blazed in yellow
- Trail blazed in green
- Trail blazed in blue
- Historic trail
- Trail (connector)
- Water
- Wild area
- Camping
- Backpacking camp
- Hiking trail
- Backpacking trail
- Equestrian trail
- Picnicking
- Visitor Center
- Amphitheater
- Boat ramp
- Dump station
- Equestrian parking
- Laundry
- Memorial
- Overlook
- Parking
- Park office
- Picnic shelter
- Playground
- Restroom
- Showerhouse
- Special-use area
- Swimming
- Trailhead
- Vault toilet
- Woodlot




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LAKE TRAIL

 **2.20-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 2 Hours, 15 Minutes

This picturesque trail runs along a portion of the shoreline of Lake Boutin then ascends to loop around the basic campground, crossing valleys and ridges. Remnants of old homesteads may be seen with evidence of clearings, old roadbeds, a man-made pond and barbed wire fencing through trees. In some places, there is evidence of rows of tulip poplars that were planted in the 1960s in an effort to reforest old farm fields. A rare native plant, the pennywort, may be found on this trail early in the spring. A short section of the Lake Boutin Campground road is used for the trail loop.





NATURE TRAIL


 **0.70-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Moderate  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 30 minutes

Nature Trail is the shortest trail in the park but is well worth the walk as it loops up the ridge behind the visitor center. Visitors have spotted whitetailed deer, cottontail rabbits, gray squirrels and box turtles while hiking along this trail. There are lots of tulip poplar and pawpaw trees located along the trail. The pawpaw is also known as the Missouri banana tree with small dark flowers blooming as early as February and the green, oblong fruits in the fall. Wildflowers such as pennywort are abundant in spring and large areas are covered by ferns.

PEEWAH TRAIL


 **8-mile loop** TRAIL RATING: Rugged  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 8 hours, 45 minutes

 **West Loop:** 5.6 Miles  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 5 hours, 35 minutes


 **East Loop:** 3.2 Miles  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 3 hours, 10 minutes

Peewah Trail explores the park’s remote Indian Creek Wild Area. The trail ascends and descends the maze of ravines in one of the most rugged portions of the Mississippi River hills. The east loop follows ridges to bluff tops overlooking the Mississippi River. A short spur of about .30 miles leads to an overlook of the river. After following the river bluffs, the trail drops into a valley with several creek crossings. White Connector 1 provides access to the west loop for a longer hike. On the west loop, White Connector 2 divides the loop and offers a primitive backpack camp.

Peewah Trail can be slippery during wet conditions. Equestrians with trailers may park on the grass outside the overlook gate at the entrance to the west (red) loop. Equestrians should take care not to travel on the trail when conditions are wet and use caution while riding on the bluffs above the river. Equestrian camping is not allowed.

 **Caution: Steep drop-offs along this trail. Adult supervision suggested.**


SHEPPARD POINT TRAIL

 **3 miles out-and-back** TRAIL RATING: Rugged  
ESTIMATED HIKING TIME: 3 Hours

Sheppard Point Trail is located in the southeast end of the park, which features sharp ridges, steep ravines and a distinctive woodland feel. Trees such as American beech, cucumber magnolia and tulip poplar envelop the hollows and valleys while oaks and hickories line the ridges. The understory has a rich growth of ferns and a rare parasitic plant called beech drops has been found in the area.

The trail ascends to the top of a ridge, ending near Sheppard Point. This spot is on top of a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River and is a great place to view eagles, especially in the winter.

The trail has rugged, steep terrain and is 3 miles round trip.

 **Caution: Steep drop-offs along this trail. Adult supervision suggested.**

TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	BLAZE COLOR	APPROVED USAGE	RATING	TRAIL EXPERIENCE *
Lake Trail	2.20	<div><div></div></div> Green	<div><div></div></div>	Rugged	2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12
Nature Trail	0.70	<div><div></div></div> Blue	<div><div></div></div>	Moderate	2, 3, 9, 11
Peewah Trail	8	<div><div></div><div></div></div> Red/Yellow	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	Rugged	2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11
Sheppard Point Trail	1.50	<div><div></div></div> Orange	<div><div></div></div>	Rugged	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
Connector Trail ( <div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> )		<div><div></div></div> White	Connector trails are available on some trails, are numbered and will modify your hike. See map for more information.		
<p><b>* YOU MAY EXPERIENCE:</b> ❶ Slippery conditions and/or downed vegetation ❷ Natural surface: dirt, mud, gravel, loose rocks, slippery surface, etc. ❸ Rocks, roots and/or downed vegetation on trail ❹ Low-hanging vegetation ❺ Physically challenging obstacles ❻ Wood or stone steps ❼ Steep grades and inclines over 10% ❽ Bluffs or drop-offs next to trail ❾ Bridges and/or structural crossings ❿ Water/stream crossings without bridges ⓫ Occasional water over trail ⓬ Road/highway crossing ⓭ Emergency response signs ⓮ Narrow passages ⓯ Raised or protruding obstacles ⓰ Electric fence crossings ⓱ Bison ⓲ Rapidly changing weather conditions ⓳ Motorized boat traffic ⓴ Unexpected waves ⓵ Changing water levels ⓶ Surface or submerged objects</p>					

The Ethics of Good Trail Use

- Carry out what you carry in. If the trail users before you have not done this, you can help by removing their trash too.
- Keep your group small. This is less likely to harm the native landscape.
- Dispose of human waste properly. The top six or eight inches of soil provide a system of biologic disposers that decompose organic material. Hikers should select a spot at least 100 feet from any open water; dig a small hole no deeper than six or eight inches; after use, fill the hole with loose soil and tramp in the sod. Nature will do the rest.
- Stay on the trail. Do not take shortcuts. The trail has been laid out to minimize destruction of vegetation and prevent erosion.

Rules of the Trail

- Only hikers are permitted on the park trails with the exception of Peewah Trail, which also allows backpacking and equestrian use.
- All trail users must register at the trailhead or park office before starting their trip. Registration can also be done online at mostateparks.com.
- Groups of seven or more persons are permitted to camp only in designated areas. They must camp at least 100 feet from the trail, 200 feet from any major public-use area, and at least one-fourth mile from the trail entry/exit point.
- Campfires are prohibited. Bring your own stove if necessary.
- Cutting implements (saws, hatchets, etc.) are not allowed.
- All other rules and regulations pertaining to park use are applicable.

NOTE: *Ticks and chiggers are abundant May through mid-October. Be prepared with insect repellent.*

