




Arrow Rock State Historic Site Accessibility Information

The symbol  indicates that the specified area is fully compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG).

Visitor Center

When you pull into the historic site's parking lot, you'll find four handicap parking spaces near the pathway to the bridge. Just past the bridge is the visitor center. This attractive modern structure is built to fit into its surroundings. Entering the foyer, you'll find area information, a public telephone, a water fountain and fully accessible restrooms with side-transfer toilets and lever-handled faucets. Beyond the foyer are a staffed information desk and a museum with interpretive exhibits. An audio-visual room is used for video presentations and interpretive programs. Beyond the visitor center, the pathway continues to the historic village of Arrow Rock. Slopes can be excessive. Those wishing may drive through the village by leaving the parking lot and taking Van Buren or Main Street, the next two roads to the north.

Picnic Area

The picnic area sits among beautiful maple trees and offers a paved individual picnic site with a pedestal grill and extended-end table. Two accessible vault toilets and a water fountain are available nearby.

The picnic shelter is of the 1930s Works Progress Administration (WPA) craftsmanship and has a flagstone floor and pathway, which may prove to be a barrier to some users. It provides pedestal grills and an extended-end table and accommodates 50 people. This shelter can be reserved through the historic site office.

Big Soldier Lake

This beautiful little lake offers a paved fishing deck with benches and chair room. The deck is connected to a reserved parking space by a concrete pathway. No water or restroom facilities are provided.

Campground

As you enter the campground, you'll see the dumpstation, which has been modified for maximum accessibility. Parking for the woodlot, showerhouse and off-season vault toilet is directly in front of you. At this time, this parking lot has a 6.4 percent slope as you pull in. An information board, public phone and shady sitting area is provided next to the woodlot.

The showerhouse entry has a 4 foot, 6 inch turning radius, which may be a barrier for some users. Inside are lever-handle faucets, side-transfer toilets and a shower with grab bars. Some users may need assistance with the showers.

The electric loop is to the right and contains two accessible sites. Accessible water hydrants are nearby. The left loop has basic sites with one being accessible. This site is a pull-through site located under two huge oak trees. The showerhouse in this loop is of an older style and has not



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been modified. An accessible water hydrant is located at the showerhouse. All sites provide a fire ring, pedestal grill, extended-end table and lantern post.

Special-Use Area

This area can be reserved by organized youth groups. It is located on a hillside with natural turf and provides only fire rings, lantern posts and tables. The area can accommodate several large tents and about 40 people. It has not been modified for accessibility.

The Town of Arrow Rock

Arrow Rock State Historic Site manages several of the structures in the historic town of Arrow Rock, including the J. Huston Tavern, the old Courthouse and the George Caleb Bingham House. Most of the other structures in town are privately owned or else managed by the Friends of Arrow Rock, Inc. The paved roads traverse steep hills and some may find it easier to drive to their destination. Due to the historic nature of this town, there are stone gutters and curbs along several of the roads and pathways that are uneven and steep in some areas. The Friends of Arrow Rock offer guided tram tours of the town on a seasonal basis, which help provide greater access for the mobility impaired. Some portable ramps are available along the Main Street boardwalk for assistance.

The Bingham House may be approachable over natural turf as the land levels out in this area. Parking along High Street offers the gentlest slope.

The J. Huston Tavern can be accessed by a brick sidewalk on the west side of the building. This meets a ramp at the rear of the dining area. The ramp may require some assistance in getting up. Mobility within the tavern may be limited by numerous step-downs and stairs, which are typical of early 19th century structures.

Special activities are scheduled throughout the year. The people of Arrow Rock are friendly, accommodating and look forward to your visit.

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