

# Roaring River State Park

Informational Meeting – June 30, 2022



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# Roaring River/Big Sugar Creek State Park

Acres-4820.68

Stewardship acres-2173

Full time staff-12

Part time staff-9

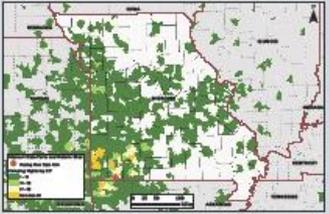
Volunteer hour-6596

2021 attendance- 1,901,243 a increase  
of 30%

Miles of trails is 11.5



## Roaring River State Park

BY THE NUMBERS	<b>LOCATION:</b> Barry County <b>NUMBER OF ACRES:</b> 4,820.68 <b>ACRES IN ACTIVE STEWARDSHIP:</b> 2,173 <b>NUMBER OF FULL-TIME STAFF:</b> 12 <b>NUMBER OF PART-TIME STAFF:</b> 12 <b>VOLUNTEER HOURS:</b> * 6,596 <b>2020 ATTENDANCE:</b> * 1,461,576 <b>MILES OF TRAIL:</b> 10.8	<b>NUMBER OF STRUCTURES:</b> 65 <b>MILES OF ROADWAYS:</b> 5.55 <b>NUMBER OF PROGRAMS PRESENTED:</b> * 31 <b>STATE SALES TAX PAID:</b> ** \$111,478.11 <b>LOCAL SALES TAX PAID:</b> ** \$39,578.03 <b>TOTAL SALES TAX:</b> \$151,056.14
BUDGET	<b>SMALL MAINTENANCE &amp; REPAIR BUDGET:</b> \$55,700.00 <b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:</b> * 2 <b>ANNUAL BUDGET:</b> \$774,924.00	
CAMPING & LODGING	<b>NUMBER OF CAMPING NIGHTS SOLD:</b> ** 22,630 <b>NUMBER OF LODGING NIGHTS SOLD:</b> * † 5,852 <b>NUMBER OF CAMPSITES:</b> 171 <b>NUMBER OF LODGING UNITS:</b> † 52 <b>NUMBER OF GROUP CAMPS:</b> 1 <b>NUMBER OF OVERNIGHT GUESTS:</b> * † 74,591 <b>CAMPING NIGHTS SOLD BY ZIP CODE:</b> >>>>>>	
SPECIAL EVENTS	<b>MISSOURI STATE PARK EVENTS:</b> 11 <b>SIGNATURE EVENT:</b> Summer Bluegrass Concert Series, WOW, Kids Free Fishing, Free Fishing Weekend, Veterans Free Fishing	
PHOTO ALBUM	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; color: #1a3d4d;">                 Making                  Missouri                  MEMORIES             </p>	
* All numbers through December 2020. † Information includes park and concession-run operations. ** Estimated park and concession sales tax paid.		

# Roaring River/Big Sugar Creek State Park

Acres-2082.54

Stewardship acres-1,945

2021 attendance- 35,587 a increase of  
19%

Miles of trails is 4.4



## Big Sugar Creek State Park

Managed by Roaring River State Park

BY THE NUMBERS	<b>LOCATION:</b> McDonald County	<b>NUMBER OF STRUCTURES:</b> 2	
	<b>NUMBER OF ACRES:</b> 2,082.54	<b>MILES OF ROADWAYS:</b> 0.07	
	<b>ACRES IN ACTIVE STEWARDSHIP:</b> 1,945	<b>NUMBER OF PROGRAMS PRESENTED:**</b> 1	
	<b>2020 ATTENDANCE**</b> 29,934		
	<b>MILES OF TRAIL:</b> 4.4		
BUDGET	<b>SMALL MAINTENANCE &amp; REPAIR BUDGET:</b> \$750.00		
	<b>ANNUAL BUDGET:</b> \$23,440.00		
SPECIAL EVENTS	<b>MISSOURI STATE PARK EVENTS:</b> 1		
	<b>SIGNATURE EVENT:</b> First Day Hike		
PHOTO ALBUM			
	<i>Making Missouri MEMORIES</i>		
	<small>* All numbers through December 2021. ** Information includes park and concession-stand operations. ** Estimated park and concession sales tax paid.</small>		

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# Staff

- Park /Historic Site Manager –Joel Topham
  - Park/Historic State Supervisor-Carrie Byron
  - Administrative Support Assistant-Elise Buchman
  - Environmental Program Analyst- Taylor Steinfeldt
  - Park/Historic Site Specialist-Anna Skalicky
  - Specialized Trades Worker Construction Worker -Dustin Hall
  - Specialized Trades Worker Water/ Water water-Sebastian Carter
  - Specialized Trades Worker Maintenance III Lead-Fred Kyte
  - Maintenance Worker II-Rocky Hill
  - Maintenance Worker II-Sean Maloney
  - Maintenance Worker II-Nick Martgan
  - Maintenance Worker II-John Mitchell
  - Park Ranger is Corp. Steve Jabben
- We currently have 12 staff positions.



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# Accomplishments

- Emory Melton Inn 101-118 room renovations were completed. This included painting of bathrooms, fixing bathroom fans, rewiring of room 202, installing six P-tack units, and fixing ceiling in great room.
- Building of new fish cleaning station at the end of Campground 3. Gave us some insight on how to improve on the design. We added single point water points for fisherman to use like we had at old station.
- Set boundary for new pollinator area in Campground 3. We were able to burn this area in winter to help with weeds. Currently we are selecting and trimming out the weeds, looking to promote the natural flowers to grow.
- Pot holes through-out park continue to be a problem. We are filling in and repairing them as problems arise.
- Installation of new memorial picnic tables in day use area. Added another six this past year.
- With the help of MODOT, we reclaimed the view along the River Road.
- We have cleared out and grinded out 5 tree stumps
- We have trimmed out about 20 trees through-out the park.



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# Accomplishments

- Cabin 7: put in new flooring and completely redid the bathroom.
- Emory Melton Inn had all air ducts cleaned and sanitized.
- Shower House 3 electric panels were upgraded, along with installing new hot water heaters. Both bathrooms floors were painted and exhaust fans replaced.
- Painted all the satellite bathrooms
- Installed hallway lights in the Emory Melton Inn
- Concrete pad has been poured for the Donor wall.
- Replaced a 7ton HVAC unit at Emory Melton Inn; with two more set to be replaced this year.
- Power wash all of Deer leap walkway, and replaced the informational Kiosk on the overlook.



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# Flooding Events

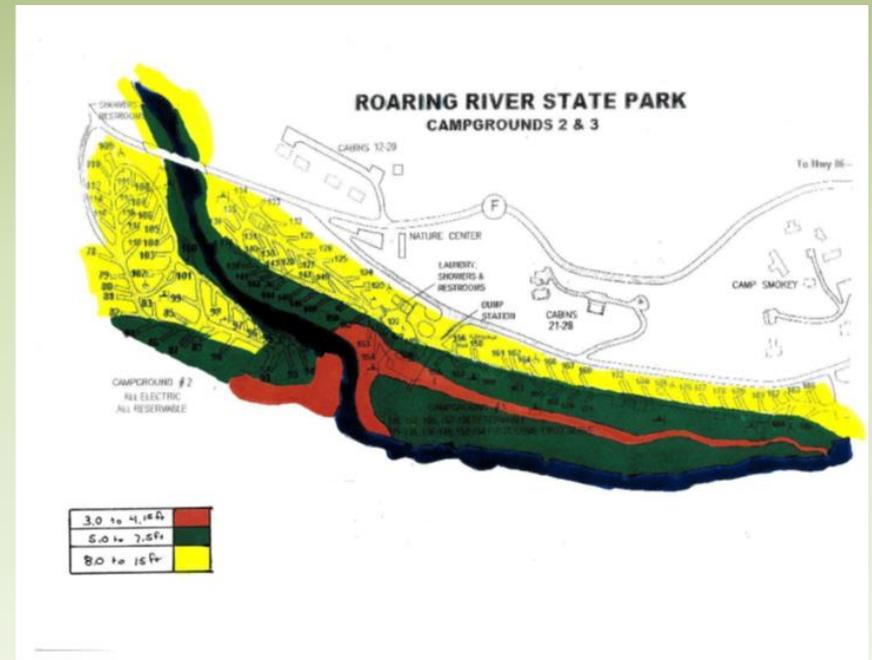
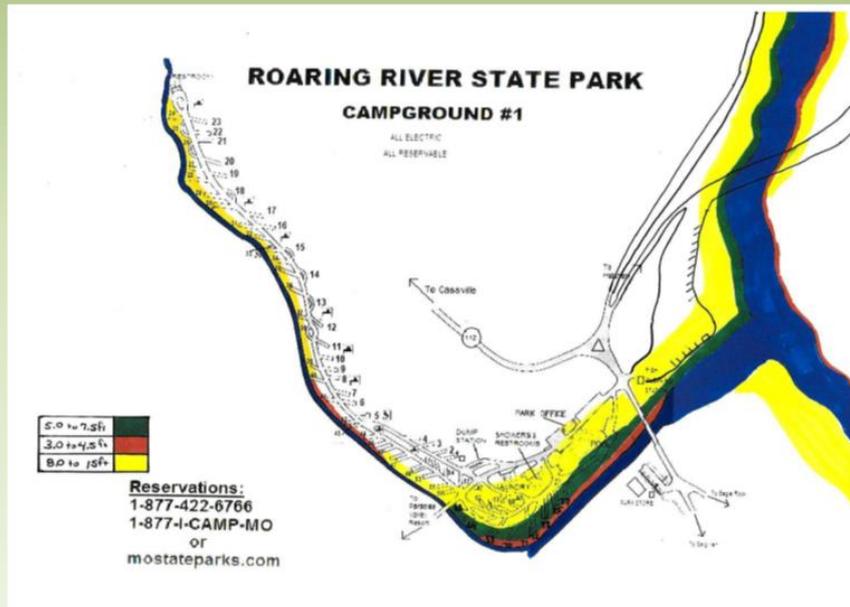
- Four flooding events since our last public meeting.
  - Each one of these floods brought with it clean up and repair.
- April 13<sup>th</sup> 7.28ft.
  - April 21<sup>th</sup> 3.09ft
  - May 05<sup>th</sup> 7.55ft
  - May 06<sup>th</sup> 3.85ft



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# Roaring River Flood Map



# Looking Ahead

- Fish Cleaning Station donor wall to be finished.
- In our day use area the Play ground structure was shut down for safety issues. We have got a new one coming from Power Play. The new equipment is being paid for by grants from the Ozark Community Foundation.
- Replacing Deer Leap boardwalk sections. along the west section by Devils Icebox.
- Apply another coat of paint to Shower house 3 bathroom floors.
- MODOT Repaving of Park will start in September of 2022.
- This winter we will work with MDC to stabilize the river bank along campground 2. We will be adding riprap to help hold the soil in place and help stop erosion in this spot.



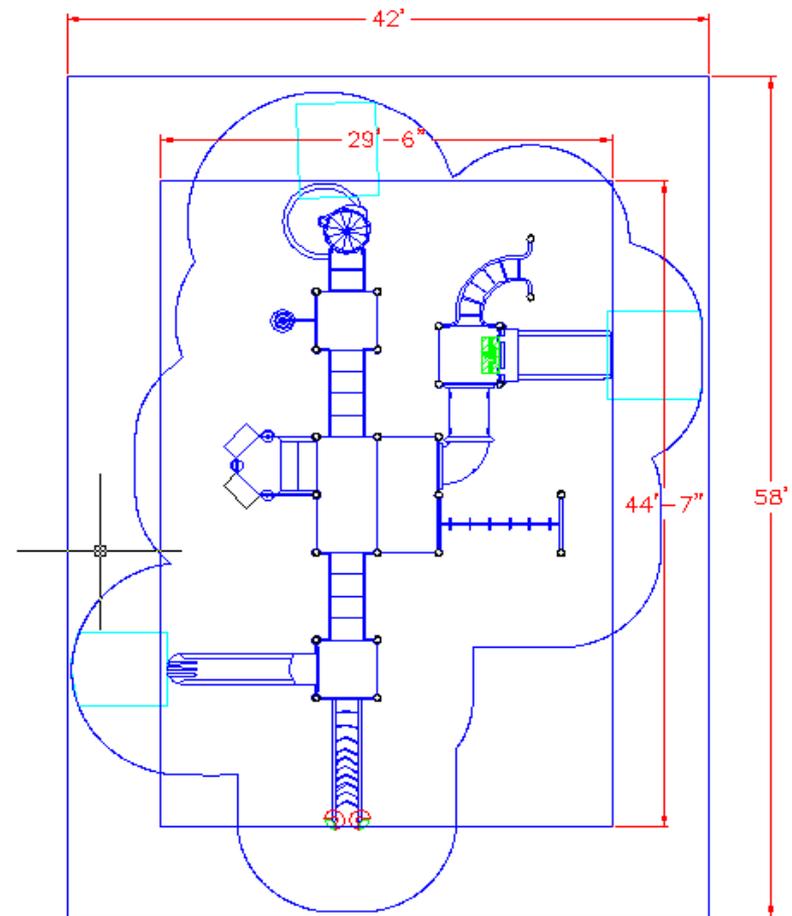
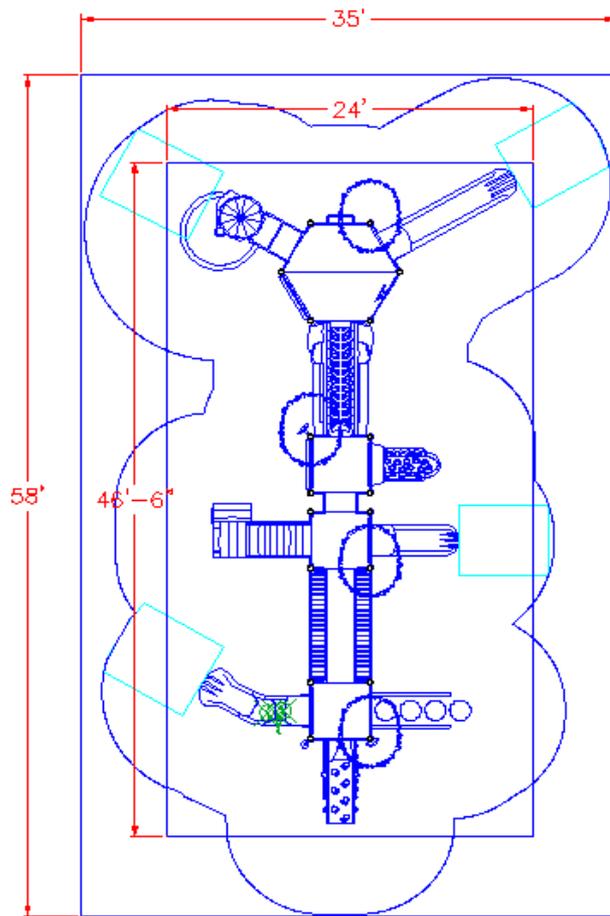
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# New Playground for Day Use



# New Playground For Day Use



# Looking Ahead

- Campground 3: lower end Revenue Bond Project set to start in October. This will upgrade 32 sites to full hook-up and will add a two room bathroom as well.
- Campground 2: 13 sites are to be redone to help with the holding of water. This CI project is set to happen fall of 2023.
- The Public swimming pool has been closed for two seasons. With the repair costs being very high, Roaring River is on the list to convert this space into a Splash pad zone for guests. We are still waiting on a start date to be given for this project.
- Campground 3 Pollinator area:
  - We will be looking to seed in wildflowers to promote local pollinators to visit this site.



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# Fish Cleaning Station

- We had a ribbon cutting for the FCS on June 4<sup>th</sup> 2021
- Currently the station is running like it should with no problems. It has helped to serve the park well with disposal of fish remains.
- We took the suggestion of some people and added water station faucets. This way, people will be able to use the water and not get the person across from them wet.

# Fish Cleaning Station

- The next phase is the Donor Wall.
- Work scheduling became a problem during COVID.
- Now we have poured the concrete pad.
- We also have the 6x4 donor sign.
- We are now fixed to finish up the project by the end of July.

# Donor Wall Sign

## FISH CLEANING STATION DONOR RECOGNITION

Money was raised from December of 2020 until June of 2021 to fund this fish cleaning station, a much-needed amenity for Roaring River State Park visitors. Without the help of these generous donors, this project would not have been completed.

### Rainbow Trout Donation Level: \$1,000 and Up

- In honor of Whitney Snyder
- Oak Hill Court & RV Park
- In honor of the Dover family: Dustin, Tera, Aubree, Lyla and Kinsley
- Phil and Valarie Hutchens and family

### Brown Trout Donation Level: \$500 – \$999

- Schroeder Foundation
- Charlie Hughes, State Farm Insurance
- In honor of the Nieman family of Ralston, OK
- A. Crawford, Andy Strope, Greg Strope, Dustin Strope and Bryant Strope
- Paul and Sandra Winfield

### Brook Trout Donation Level: \$100 – \$499

- O.B. and Cynthia Johnston, Jr.
- Joseph Kennedy
- Brian Lyon
- Richard Bisby
- Dave Nichols
- Kathy Rosenblad
- Debra J. Berger
- Susan Hardgrave
- In honor of Gary D. Warner
- In honor of Curtis Junior Gregory
- Joseph Rickabaugh
- Ike Schevers
- In honor of Jed, Susan, Jake and Jenni Ginter
- In honor of Janice and Dennis Tyson
- In honor of J.R. and Clarice Stephens
- Jonathan Parker
- David Waller
- In honor of the Baucom family
- In honor of the Moller/Mayfield/LaConner family
- In honor of Richard and Eleanor Peacock
- In honor of David Cusick
- Jed Ginter
- James and Edie Burnett
- In honor of Gene Cusick
- In memory of Mark and Lora Reed
- In honor of Richard Stecklin
- In memory of James and Gloria Moles
- In memory of Kent Cantrell
- In honor of Richard Stecklin
- Bear Crossing Cabin
- Angler's Lodge
- Donald Willis
- Daniel and Andrea Kristek
- In honor of Norman Charleville
- In honor of Lawrence and Agnes Fenske
- In honor of Russow family tradition
- In honor of James Leslie West
- In honor of Charles R. Harrison
- In honor of Barbara A. Harrison
- Wayne Tirtilli
- Diane Light
- In honor of the Mileynek family
- Mark Hromek
- Michelle Kee
- Brett Hopkins
- Philip Hixson
- In honor of Dwaine Folsom
- In honor of Banitley Folsom
- In honor of Gary Folsom
- Steven Runge
- John Runge
- In honor of Ashley K. Howard
- James Mealey
- In honor of Norman McCalip
- In honor of Larry G. Salyers
- In honor of George W. Henry, Sr.
- David Knight
- In honor of Max Norma Struble
- In honor of Danny Oliver
- Bruce Richards
- In honor of Harold Schalue
- In honor of Tom Schalue
- In honor of Gene Mudd, Sr.
- In honor of Steve Gaines
- In memory of Jack R. Wimer, Sr.
- In honor of Ray and Diana Barker
- Jeff Shields
- Robert, Ashley, Daniel and Eliana Hopkins
- Amanda Delana
- Gals Go Fish
- The Kee family
- The Chia family
- Johnnie Hillery
- In honor of Vance Carey
- In memory of Bob and Claire Buchman

### Cutthroat Trout Donation Level: \$25 – \$99

- Richard Peacock - wish to remain anonymous?
- Justin Adams
- H. and S. Richardson
- Gary Swenson
- Howard Alderman
- Eugene Grimes
- Judy Bell
- Harold Blair
- In honor of Floyd Reed
- In honor of Milton Krause
- Whitney Spencer
- In honor of Jim and Selma Mansfield
- Donna Wheeler
- In honor of David Propes
- Troy Kent
- Bradley Hanson
- In honor of Danny Stephens
- In honor of Mathew Placzek
- In honor of Orvil L. Maples
- In honor of Bob and Lou Ginter
- In honor of Paul "Mutt" and Ilean Robertson
- In honor of Jeff Madden
- Megan Iir
- In honor of Steven M. Walker
- In honor of Mary and Debby Baker
- In memory of the Rev. Bill and Jean Moss
- In memory of Albert and Mildred Baker
- In honor of Harold E. Rabe
- In honor of Neil R. Rusch
- In honor of Lem and Lillie Smallwood
- In honor of first name? Van Mease
- Tom Koob
- The Veenstra family
- Philip Gripka
- Tim Scharr
- Pam Brown
- In memory of Arlo Swaggerty
- Tina Kissane
- John Rumans
- In honor of the Ferguson family
- Ashley Fenn
- Melissa Davis
- In honor of Reid Hughes
- In honor of Jeff Ginter and family
- In honor of the Ray, Bill and Jean Moss
- In honor of Griz, P.J. and Rocky
- Fishers of Men Resort
- In honor of Jonathan Thomas Koob
- In memory of Paulette Cooper
- Eugene Blackford
- Richard Shultz
- Jolyn Hay
- Shelby Linder
- In memory of Julie Dorris
- Laura Brenton
- Mike Young
- Mark Classen
- Roger Marney
- Gary Hunter
- Glen Roark
- Larry Cunningham
- John Jones
- In honor of Don and Linda Simmons
- In honor of the Gary Hunter family
- In honor of the Jeff Campbell family
- Betsy Krusson
- In honor of Leramy Kizziar
- Frank Peterson
- Leah Ellis
- Daniel Kalkhoff
- James Finney
- In honor of Owen Rivch
- Bill Gracy
- In honor of Brian Redmond
- Kimberley Penney
- Ronald Lemons
- Dean Knoll
- In honor of Victor and Eileen Wirtz of Kansas City, MO
- In memory of Larry Clifford
- Daniel Quinn
- Zackery Quinn
- In honor of R.L. and Mary Slape
- Clayton Parker
- Johnnie Hillery



This was a cooperative project between the Cassville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks and Missouri State Parks.



Roaring River State Park staff: Joel Topham, Brian Hunter, Dustin Hall, Sebastian Carter, Fred Kyte, Rocky Hill, Timothy Wolfe, Sean Maloney, Aaron Stensrud, Kelly Koch and Elise Buchman

# Cave Dive

- We have NWA Adventure Dive and
- KISS Rebreathers dive team
- This group is remapping our cave spring.
- In July of 2021 the dive team was able to go past the flow restriction. We are now the deepest cave spring in Missouri and the USA. The new depth is 472ft.
- We have the team returning in July, Aug , Sept and Oct.
- We are very excited about this new discovery.

# Natural Resource Stewardship

We burned unit Ketchum  
Hollow west 232 unit and  
Roark 380 acres. For 612  
total  
Exotic Species  
Management At ROA and  
BSC  
Cedar removal on Glade 7.



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# Interpretation

- First Day Hikes BSC/ ROA January was cancelled due to extreme cold
- Eagle Viewing
- Opening Day sold 1807 total tags
- Birding Boot Camp
- Wildflower Workshop
- Earth Day Events
- Kids fishing gave out 715 total tags
- Missouri Free Fishing weekend



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# Memorials

- Roaring River is now offering Memorial picnic tables.
- The Tables will be installed in day use areas only.
- 10 yr. table -\$1000.00
- Lifetime table -\$2500.00
- Can add a grill- \$500.00
- Please talk to Carrie about this option if you would like to install a memorial picnic table.



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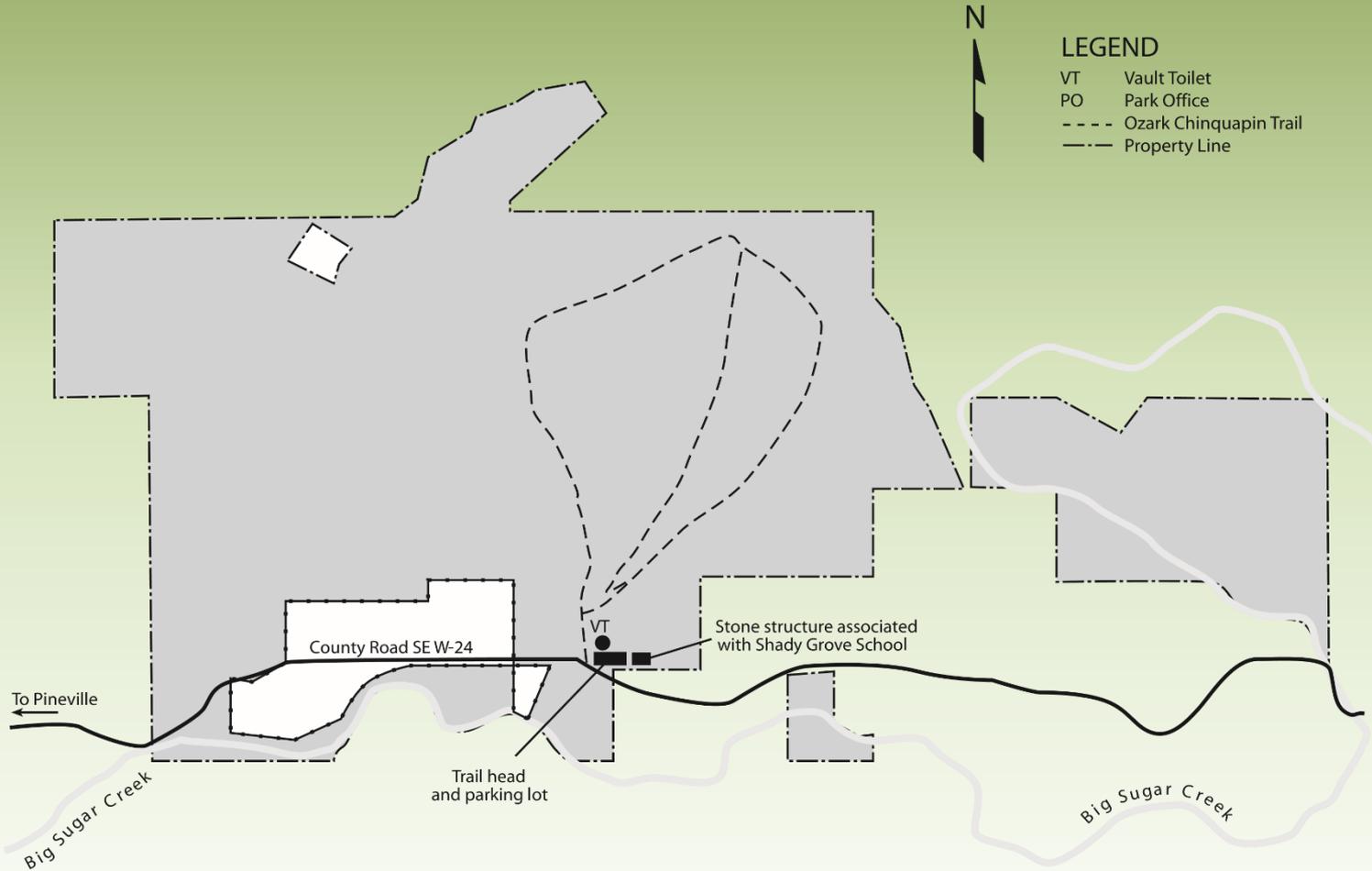
## **Events from last year**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Day Hike at ROA and BSC Cancelled
- Eagle Viewing
- Opening Day
- Bluegrass in the Park every Friday night
- Kids Free Fishing
- Movie under the Stars
- Veterans Free Fishing
- Operation Roaring River with Charlie-22
- WOW

# BSC

- Will be looking to add an additional new parking lot that will allow park goers to park closer to the water. It will give the public access to a spring-fed pond and floating access to Big Sugar Creek.

# Big Sugar Creek Map



# Roaring River State Park

- Above all we want you to make great memories here at your State Park.
- Questions?

Missouri State Parks is supported by the parks, soils and water sales tax.



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