




## Meramec State Park Accessibility Information

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

### **Visitor Center**

This building is fully accessible and offers two handicap parking spaces with a continuous paved pathway to power-operated entrance doors. The entrance path has a maximum slope of 3.9 percent without a level space before the doors. Accessible restrooms are to the right of the entrance where a water fountain is also located. The restrooms have power-operated doors and offer lever-handled faucets and side-transfer toilets.

The interpretation exhibit area provides plenty of maneuvering room. A flipbook on Fisher Cave is available for visitors not taking the tour.

### **Dining Lodge**

A mostly smooth flagstone path leads to the entrance from two handicap parking spaces. Inside is a spacious foyer and restrooms with front-transfer toilets and lever-handled faucets. A 34-inch wide entry accesses the large, rustic dining room. Outside dining on the patio is available by using the front pathway.

### **Hickory Ridge Motel**

Two accessible rooms are available with parking spaces provided adjacent to paved pathways equipped with handrails. The rooms have plenty of maneuvering room and have lowered closet rods and towel shelves. Side-transfer toilets, lever-handled faucets and a tub/shower with grab bars and adjustable hand-held showerhead make the bathrooms user-friendly.

### **Cabins**

Cabin 10A and 10B and family Cabin 11 are accessible.

### **Hickory Ridge Conference Center**

Handicap parking and pathways lead to the entrance of the conference center. Restrooms have side-transfer toilets and lever-handled faucets. The kitchen and coatroom have not been modified.

The playground, located between the conference center and motel, is accessible.

### **Store**

Two handicap parking spaces in the upper lot adjoin a pathway to the entrance. A public telephone is conveniently located near the handicap parking spaces. Accessible restrooms may be accessed from the lower parking lot and provide lever-handled faucets, front-transfer toilets and electric hand dryers.



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The large boat launch parking lot is mostly level with a paved one-lane launch at a maximum slope of 9 percent. At low levels, the launch becomes quite steep at 17 percent. A courtesy dock is not provided. The store's restrooms are located a short drive across the parking lot.

### **Day-Use Areas**

#### ***Hwy. 185 Day-Use Area***

This shady area's stonework is indicative of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Although accessibility was not thought of in the 1930s, modifications are continuing on this area to allow more users to experience it.

The shelter in this area has two handicap asphalt parking spaces; however, some users may need assistance with the asphalt pathway due to a slope of 7.3 percent for 20 feet. The shelter provides lights, electrical outlets and two fireplaces for up to 152 people. Group grills are located outside the shelter on gravel. An accessible water fountain is located along the path.

The individual picnic area has concrete pathways with one handicap parking space. At this time the picnic sites do not have extended-end tables.

Because the restrooms in this area were built in the 1930s and are historical, modifications are difficult and some users may need assistance. The closest accessible restrooms are in the visitor center or the River Day-Use Area.

#### ***River Day-Use Area***

This modern day-use area is in a grassy river bottom. At the end closest to the highway, three handicap parking spaces and a paved pathway lead to a shady individual picnic site with a pedestal grill, and to Shelter 2, which can accommodate 89 people and has a group grill, an electrical outlet and extended-end tables. An accessible water fountain and a vault toilet are conveniently located in the area.

Shelter 3 is located at the far end of the day-use area. This shady shelter can seat 81 people and has level parking with two handicap parking spaces adjacent to a paved pathway. A group grill, an electrical outlet and a water fountain are provided. Accessible restroom facilities are located midway through the day-use area, which has unmarked level parking. Currently, the entrance door handles are at 47 inches above the ground, a little higher than accessibility guidelines allow. Inside, toilets are front-transfer and faucets have lever handles.

A second accessible individual picnic site with a pedestal grill is located near the restroom.

The area's playground has not been modified.



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### ***Hickory Ridge Overlook Shelter***

Although parking is not accessible, the large lot is mostly level and a paved pathway is provided. The pathways have slopes of up to 7 percent without handrails. The shelter provides a group grill, electricity, lights and seating for 68 people. The nearby restrooms have front-transfer toilets and hand dryers. Faucet handles are of a design that should accommodate the majority of users.

### **Campground**

The campground is located in the river bottom so the terrain is quite level and shaded by large trees. Five electric sites, four basic sites and one sewer/electric/water site have been constructed to be accessible. These are scattered throughout the campground and offer a fire ring, extended-end table, pedestal grill and lantern post. At this time, the electrical outlets and water hydrants are accessed over natural turf.

The first showerhouse past the check station has been modified for all users and has two handicap asphalt parking spaces adjacent to a concrete pathway. Inside are lever-handled faucets, roll-in showers and side-transfer toilets. A public phone is located above the Fisher Cave parking lot and may be reached by car.

Two accessible vault toilets are also available and conveniently located.

The dump station is paved, however, the fresh water hydrant is located on gravel and has a pump-style handle.

Further camping is available in Section 3; but has few modifications for accessibility. This section has gravel-based sites with a table, lantern post and fire ring. A water hydrant has a paved pathway and a public phone is located near the showerhouse on the mostly level, paved parking lot. A paved path leads to the showerhouse, which has a 4-inch raised threshold and high door handles. Inside are lever-handled faucets and toilets with a grab-bar. The laundry has a 4-inch step and top-control machines. The showers have no modifications.

The group areas have no modifications.

### ***Campground Canoe Launch Area***

Level, paved parking is available, but is not signed as accessible. The area has deep sand and gravel.

### **Fisher Cave**

The cave is not accessible as it contains 2-foot wide paved pathways, low overhead passages and steps. A flipbook of the tour is available at the visitor center.



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### **Trails**

Due to topography, trails have not been modified.

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