




## Trail of Tears State Park Accessibility Information

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

### **Visitor Center**

A level, paved parking lot provides three handicap spaces with nearby access to a railed ramp leading to the building entrance. Just inside is an accessible water fountain and restrooms with front-transfer toilets and accessible lavatories. The staffed information desk offers books, postcards and mementos. Park and area information are within easy reach on a nearby brochure rack. The excellent museum offers freestanding and glassed-in exhibits, many interactive. A park video is available for all visitors to enjoy. Various interpretative programs are held from Memorial Day to Labor Day, with additional programs done by appointment. For those with special needs, please contact the office in advance and they'll be happy to accommodate you.

### **Amphitheater**

The amphitheater is located just behind the visitor center with boardwalk seating for wheelchairs.

### **The Bushyhead Memorial**

A level, paved handicap parking space is located adjacent to the concrete pathway that leads to the memorial. An interpretive panel and a shady sitting area are provided.

### **Picnic Areas**

#### **Greensferry Shelter**

Paved parking has a slight slope. A concrete pathway leads to a vault toilet that has not been modified for accessibility. The shelter is approached over natural grass turf and provides a group grill and seating for 40 people. Several unmodified picnic sites are also in this area.

#### **Wescoat Shelter**

Located adjacent to the lower campground, this shelter provides a gravel parking space adjacent to a paved access aisle and pathway. The path, in one direction, leads past a water fountain to the



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shelter, which has two group grills, extended-end tables, electric service, lighting and accommodates 100 people. Going the other direction on the path takes you past the playground to the showerhouse. The showerhouse provides accessible lavatories for the shelter's use.

Also connected to the pathway is an accessible picnic site, which has an extended-end table and a pedestal grill. Parking is located in a roadside lot, where one handicap space, with a slight slope, is available.

### **Scenic Overlook**

The overlook provides a level, paved parking lot with RV parking and two handicap parking spaces. A railed pathway leads down to the overlook, which provides a view of the towering bluffs along the Mississippi River and a view across the river into Illinois. The overlook has four glass viewing panels for wheelchair access.

### **Campgrounds**

#### **Mississippi River Campground**

This campground has one accessible electric site, which offers an extended-end table, pedestal grill, fire ring and lantern post. An accessible water hydrant and water fountain are conveniently located.

The showerhouse provides a paved pathway from the parking lot with one handicap space. Inside, you'll find a roll-in shower and an accessible lavatory for each gender. Electric hand dryers are also provided.

The dump station is barrier-free, however, the fresh water hydrant has a pump-style handle.

An accessible vault toilet is located near the entrance of the campground, where you'll also find a drive-up information board.



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### Lake Boutin Campground

No campsites or vault toilets have been modified in this area. The showerhouse is approached over a 6 percent sloped gravel path and provides front-transfer toilets, lowered mirrors and lavatories. The lavatory handles may be difficult for some users. The showers contain a grab bar and lever-operated handles.

The dump station is barrier-free, however, the fresh water hydrant has a round handle.

### Boat Ramp

A boat ramp for the Mississippi River has level gravel parking and a concrete ramp with a 7 percent slope. No other amenities are provided. This is located near the Mississippi River Campground entrance.

### Lake Boutin Area

#### Beach

The beach is located down a steep slope from the paved parking lot, which is itself, on a slope. The area's vault toilet is located above the parking lot and is unmodified.

#### Boat Ramp

Parking for the boat ramp is paved; but steep with a 6.2 percent average slope. The one-lane boat ramp is paved with an average slope of 8.9 percent.

#### Picnic Area

A shady picnic site overlooking the lake provides a parking space, a paved area, group and pedestal grills, an accessible table and a water fountain.

#### Restroom

This restroom has not been modified for accessibility. The closest accessible restroom is located at the visitor center.



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### Special-Use Area

This is a mostly level hilltop with one-inch gravel and provides fire rings, lantern posts, tables, benches and a vault toilet allowing side-transfers.

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