

Pickle Springs



Pickle Springs Conservation area is a geologic wonderland that is a National Natural landmark. Here you can view scenic waterfalls and cool box canyons that contain unusual plant life, more common to cooler environments. (Hwy 221 to Hwy 32 in Farmington, E. on Hwy 32 for 5 miles, R on Hwy AA for 1.7 mi. then Left on Dorlac Rd. for .4 miles – parking on right)



Marble Creek Recreation Area

Peaceful and beautiful area of Missouri. The Ozark Trail head for the marble creek section is located here. A serene one way 8

mile trek through beautiful forests, ending at Crane Lake. (15 miles on Hwy E)

Current River Conservation Area



This is predominantly a forest area, but includes a

trail from the Deer Run Fire Tower to Buford Pond (3 acres of fishing). The trail connecting the fire tower to the pond is a 1.5 mile trail. (Hwy 21 approx. 40 miles through Ellington, Hwy 106 for 3 miles)



Buford Mountain

Buford Mountain Conservation Area is located in the Belleview Valley. The 10.5 mile trail includes an interior loop, and boasts of a 1740 foot peak. Even a short hike on

this trail is rewarded with a beautiful glade. (Hwy 21 North to Route U on left for .4 miles – 8 miles from hotel)



Goggins Mountain

A 10 mile hiking/equestrian loop trail that gives a great view of the Taum Sauk Reservoir. The trailhead is located at the campground

for Johnson's Shut-Ins. (Hwy 21 to Hwy N for 15 mi.)

Black River Trail

The Black River trail is another trail located at Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park. It is primarily a paved trail, great for riding bikes on or walking. The trail connects the main shut-ins area with the campground, but also gives an up close view some of the variety plant life found throughout the Shut-Ins. The trail is 3.15 miles one way.



Blue Spring

A further drive, but well worth the effort. The Ozarks are full of springs and this is rightly named as one of the bluest. With 93 million gallons of water flow daily,

this is an amazing place to visit. Located near the Powder Mill Cave, consider hiking the 1.5 mile trail that connects the two places. (Hwy 21 to Hwy N (past shut-ins) for 19 miles, left onto Hwy 21 for 20 miles, to MO-106 for 13 miles to parking area)

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Hughes Mountain-Devils Honeycomb



This is a short hike with surprising views. The total distance to the top and back is 1.5 miles. Not only will you be greeted with a fantastic view, but the unusual rock formations, Devil's Honeycomb, is known as a geologic wonder in Missouri. The view is worth the short uphill trip and the total trip will take less than an hour, although you will want to take a little longer to enjoy the view and the interesting rock formations. *(5 mi. east on Hwy M from Hwy 21)*

Mina Sauk Trail



Climb to the top of Taum Sauk Mountain State Park and be on top of Missouri – literally. The park's glades provide a beautiful, solitary experience for hikers. There is a short paved trail leading to Missouri's highest point. From there, the Mina Sauk trail is a rugged 3 mile loop taking you to the states tallest waterfall. *(8 miles south on Hwy 21, then take Hwy CC)*

Ketcherside Mountain



A relatively new hiking trail in the area, Ketcherside Mountain is abundant with fantastic views. There is a special treat of walking alongside an active railroad track. This is a 2.3 mile loop trail rated moderate. This is a photographer's paradise with its natural rock bluffs and amazing views. *(7 miles south on Hwy 21)*

Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park Trails

Spend an afternoon or spend several days hiking at this great park. There are several trails to choose from at Johnson's Shut-Ins Park, of varying difficulty. The most popular is the 2.25 mile loop trail known as the Shut-Ins Trail. This is of moderate difficulty, and crosses with a portion of the Ozark Trail.



Also at Johnson's Shut-Ins is the Scour Trail. It is a 1.5 mile rugged loop hike that takes you to view the "scoured" landscape created by the Taum Sauk Power Plant breach. *(15 miles from Pilot Knob, on Hwy N)*

Millstream Gardens to Silver Mines

This 2.5 mile one-way trail takes you along the river bottoms and through the forests. The river portions are along the Tieman Shut-Ins. Once at Silver Mines you can view the mining remains of a large dam. This is a beautiful hike with many overlook areas and rock formations along the river. *(8 miles east on Hwy 72)*



Bell Mountain Overlook



You can get a spectacular view on a quiet trail! This is a 12 mile loop trail and been noted by many to be a favorite quiet spot. You can do the entire hike or take the trail to the left and head uphill 2 miles to the scenic overlook, then return by the same pathway. This is an alternative for those that aren't up for 12 miles but want to get the great view. *(Hwy 32 to Hwy A, approx. 20 miles from hotel)*

Crane Lake Trails



Crane Lake is a beautiful 100 acre lake with a 5 mile loop trail around the lake. This a moderate hike with some steep portions as you approach the dam. Most hikers cross below the dam, making this halfway point of the trail difficult. The views of the lake are stunning. *(9 miles on Hwy E to Right on Crane Pond Lake Road)*

Shepherd Mountain Hiking Trail



This trail begins with a STEEP 400 foot ascent! A 3.5 mile loop trail rated DIFFICULT, it gives you several great overlook points along the way to its 1608 ft. peak. This is also a historic hike as you pass canon encampments from the Civil War, evidence of mining days, and the remains of a ski lift from days gone by. *(Hwy 21, 1/4 mile north in Ironton)*

Council Bluff Lake



Another beautiful lake in the area, offers a 12 mile loop trail around the entire lake. This is a moderate hike with some rocky areas and other smooth trail areas. The trail winds up and down and through the trees, traveling along the lake shore for over 1/3 of the trail. There is no access from the other side of the lake, so be prepared for the full twelve miles. *(Hwy 32 to right on Hwy DD, approx. 20 miles from hotel)*