

SAM A. BAKER STATE PARK MAP



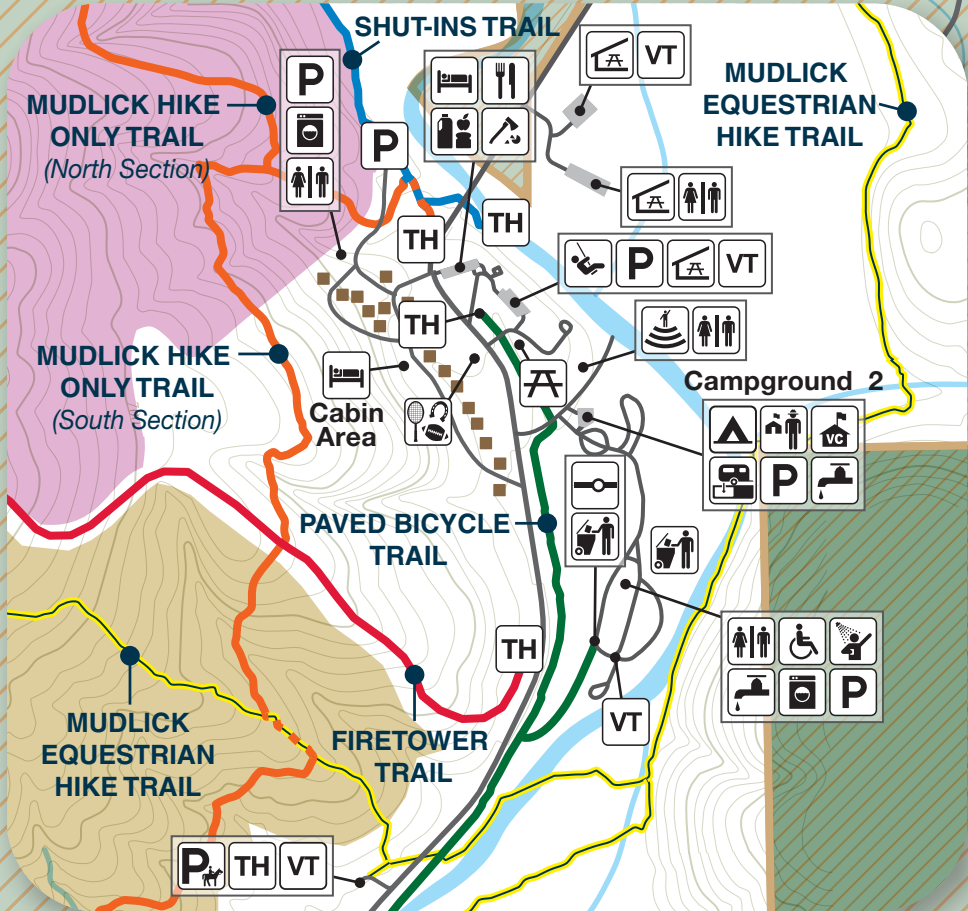
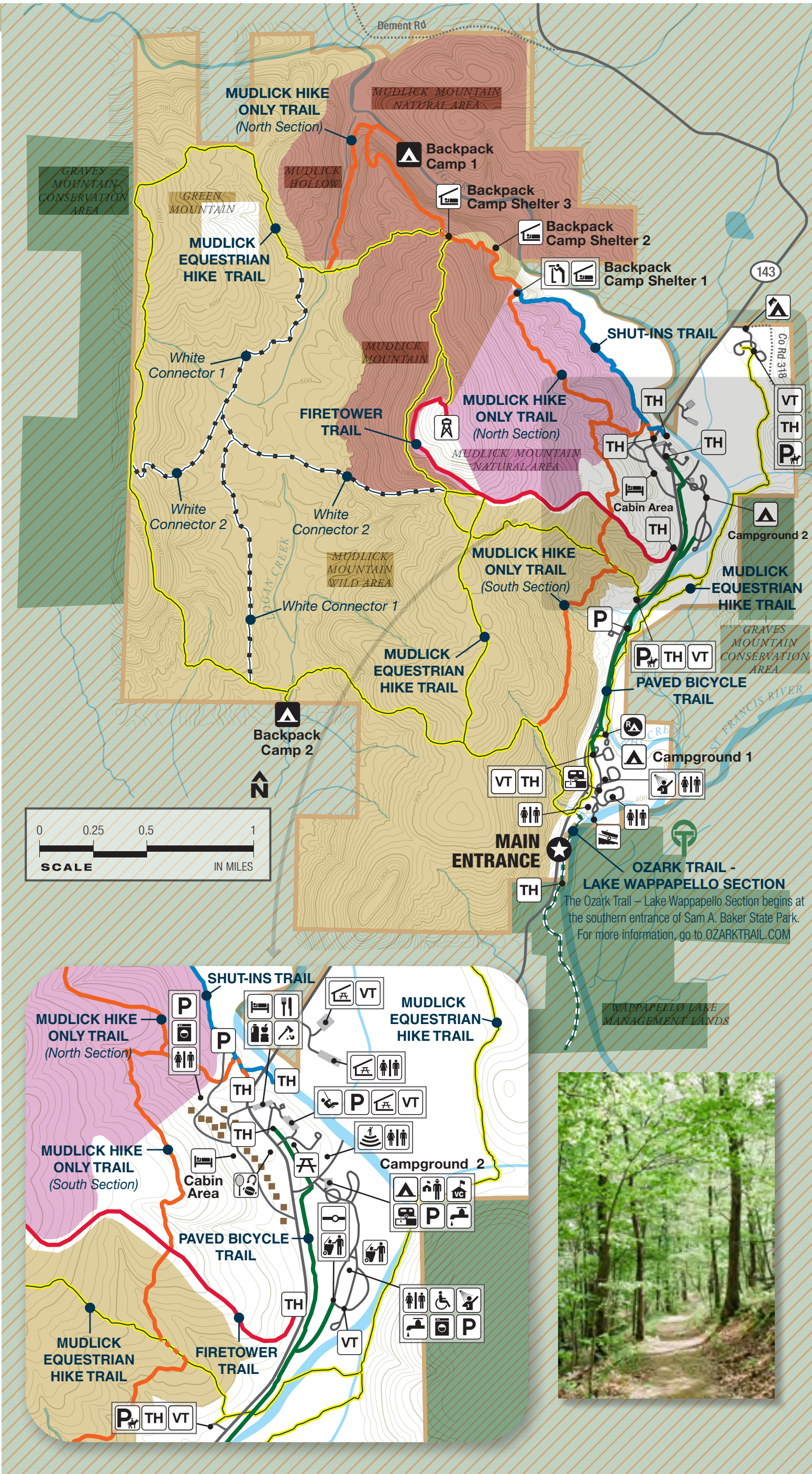
LEGEND

- Main entrance
- U.S. highway (two-lane)
- State route
- Gravel road
- Conservation area
- Land contour
- Park boundary
- Natural area
- Not state park property
- Stream or creek
- Trail blazed in red
- Trail blazed in orange
- Trail blazed in yellow
- Trail blazed in green
- Trail blazed in blue
- Trail (overlapping)
- Trail (connector)
- Ozark Trail
- Water
- Wild area
- Cabin
- Camping
- Backpack camp
- Lodging
- Park store
- Hiking trail
- Equestrian trail
- Backpacking trail
- Bicycling trail
- Mountain biking trail
- Picnicking
- Visitor center
- Accessibility
- Amphitheater
- Backpack camp shelter
- Boat ramp
- Dining
- Dump station
- Equestrian campground
- Equestrian parking
- Firetower
- Laundry
- Overlook
- Park office
- Parking
- Picnic shelter
- Playground
- Recreation feature
- Restroom
- Showerhouse
- Special-use camping area
- Trail access
- Trailhead
- Trash dumpster
- Vault toilet
- Water
- Woodlot

CONTACT INFORMATION

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TRAIL NAME	MILEAGE	BLAZE COLOR	APPROVED USAGE	RATING	TRAIL EXPERIENCE *
Fire Tower Trail	1.90	Red		Moderate	2, 3, 7
Mudlick Equestrian Hike Trail	16.30	Yellow		Rugged	2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12
Mudlick Hike Only Trail	5.80	Orange		Rugged	2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Paved Bicycle Trail	1.50	Green		Easy	1, 12
Shut-Ins Trail	1.10	Blue		Rugged	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Ozark Trail - Lake Wappapello Section	OZARKTRAIL.COM**	Green/white (OT)			OZARKTRAIL.COM**
Connector Trail ()		White		Connector trails are available on some trails, are numbered and will modify your hike. See map for more information.	
* YOU MAY EXPERIENCE: ① Slippery conditions and/or downed vegetation ② Natural surface: dirt, mud, gravel, loose rocks, slippery surface, etc. ③ Rocks, roots and/or downed vegetation on trail ④ Low-hanging vegetation ⑤ Physically challenging obstacles ⑥ Wood or stone steps ⑦ Steep grades and inclines over 10% ⑧ Bluffs or drop-offs next to trail ⑨ Bridges and/or structural crossings ⑩ Water/stream crossings without bridges ⑪ Occasional water over trail ⑫ Road/highway crossing ⑬ Emergency response signs ⑭ Narrow passages ⑮ Raised or protruding obstacles ⑯ Electric fence crossings ⑰ Bison ⑱ Rapidly changing weather conditions ⑲ Motorized boat traffic ⑳ Unexpected waves ㉑ Changing water levels ㉒ Surface or submerged objects					

FIRE TOWER TRAIL

1.90 miles one way TRAIL RATING: Moderate
ESTIMATED HIKE TIME: 1 hour, 25 minutes

Fire Tower Trail is a great trail to experience the vast vistas of the park and the St. Francois Mountains. The trail makes use of an old gravel road and intersects with Mudlick Trail in four places. The first intersection is with Mudlick Trail's hiking only section. The next two intersections are with two closely spaced access spurs for the Mudlick Equestrian Hike Trail. The first one goes south onto Miller's Ridge, which offers spectacular seasonal vistas of the area, and the second one leads to White Connector 2. A fourth intersection with Mudlick Trail, leading to trail shelter 3, is at the top of the trail just before it ends at Mudlick Fire Tower. The tower was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1936 at the highest point of Mudlick Mountain, 1,313 feet above sea level. The 85-foot-tall tower is closed to the general public but is still used to spot fires in the surrounding countryside.

MUDLICK EQUESTRIAN HIKE TRAIL

TRAIL RATING: Rugged
From Equestrian Campground: 16.30-mile loop
ESTIMATED HIKE TIME: 16 hours, 15 minutes
From Day-Use Area: 10.80-mile loop
ESTIMATED HIKE TIME: 10 hours, 45 minutes

MUDLICK HIKE ONLY TRAIL

TRAIL RATING: Rugged
North Section: 5.80-mile loop
ESTIMATED HIKE TIME: 5 hours, 45 minutes
South Section: 1.9 miles one way
ESTIMATED HIKE TIME: 2 hours

Mudlick Trail can be challenging as it climbs nearly 1,000 feet from Big Creek Valley to the top of Mudlick Mountain. Most of the trail is within the Mudlick Mountain Wild Area, one of the most significant undisturbed natural landscapes in Missouri. The trail includes rocky slopes and old-growth forest with virgin oaks and pines. Hikers pass three stone shelters with outstanding views of the countryside and have access to Mudlick Hollow, a shut-in with pools and small waterfalls. Mudlick Trail, at Sam A. Baker State Park, climbs from 415 feet above sea level to more than 1,300 feet above sea level over some of the most rugged terrain in the St. Francois Mountains. Two backpack camps on the trail help break up a rugged hike filled with spectacular vistas.



PAVED BICYCLE TRAIL

1.50 miles one way TRAIL RATING: Easy
ESTIMATED HIKE TIME: 45 minutes

This accessible paved path extends from Campground 1 to the park store. It was designed to give park users safe passage alongside State Highway 143. Bicyclists, hikers, walkers, joggers, skateboarders, roller skaters and persons in wheelchairs are permitted on the trail and may travel in both directions keeping to the right when they meet other users. Visitors use this trail to travel by the picturesque Big Creek and to access park amenities, such as the campgrounds, visitor center, park store, picnic areas, playgrounds and hiking trails.

SHUT-INS TRAIL

1.10 miles one way TRAIL RATING: Rugged
ESTIMATED HIKE TIME: 1 hour, 10 minutes

This trail immediately begins a steep descent down several steps, leading you across a footbridge and down a second staircase to the floodplain of Big Creek. From there, hikers explore the trail as it follows along the base of Mudlick Mountain. Majestic sweetgums, sycamores and cottonwoods border this scenic stretch of trail. Hikers also travel through areas of rich vegetation, rushing water cascading over dellinite boulders in the spring, and tallus hillsides that harbor the uncommon yellowwood tree. Close to the end of the trail, there is the option of stopping off at the Big Creek shut-in's bluff hole for a swim, turning around for the return trip, or heading up to shelter #1 where Shut-Ins Trail connects to Mudlick Trail.

OZARK TRAIL INFO

The Ozark Trail, a National Recreation Trail since 2008, is 400+ miles of trail that wind through the Missouri Ozarks. It is part of a more than 40-year-old concept to run a trail from St. Louis to the Arkansas border and eventually connect with the Ozark Highland Trail in Arkansas to create a 700-mile through-trail. **OZARKTRAIL.COM**

Try the **OZARK TRAIL TRIP PLANNER**, an online interactive tool that lets you create a trail trip based on hiking, horseback riding or mountain biking and then choose total miles and a starting trailhead with a difficulty rating. You get a customized itinererary including trailheads, highlights, parking and camping options, water sources and other information.

You can print a detailed topographical map of your trail trip with GPS waypoints to take along. Go to **OZARKTRAIL.COM** and click on Trip Planner.

SCAN HERE TO
PLAN YOUR ADVENTURE

ozarktrail.com/planner

OZARK TRAIL – LAKE WAPPAPELLO SECTION

Ozark Trail - Lake Wappapello Section begins at the southern entrance to Sam A. Baker State Park, and follows the St. Francis River south for 15 miles through woodlands and field bottoms until it reaches Lake Wappapello at Old Greenville National Historical Site. It then continues south another 15 miles through rolling oak and pine forest hill country and ends at the Black River 8 miles north of Poplar Bluff. Water is available at creeks along most of the trail.

Things to Know Before You Go

The trails in Sam A. Baker State Park are yours. Please help to maintain and preserve their beauty by following these rules:

- All backpackers must register at the trailhead, or online at mostateparks.com.
- Dispersed camping is allowed on Mudlick Trail. Two designated backcountry campsites are available for larger groups. Equestrian camping is not allowed on the trail.
- Campfires are prohibited. Stoves will be needed for cooking.
- Cutting implements such as saws and hatchets are not allowed on the trail.
- All pets must be leashed for their protection and that of other visitors and wildlife.
- All other rules and regulations pertaining to park use are applicable to trail users.

NOTE: Ticks, chiggers and mosquitoes are common in Missouri April through October. Be prepared with insect repellent.