

WINTHROP P. ROCKEFELLER BOY SCOUT TRAIL

Length: 12 miles (8 hours)

Trailhead: Across from group camp at north end of Davies Bridge

Trail end: Trail loops back to beginning point

Difficulty: Moderate to Strenuous

Trail Blaze: White

The Winthrop P. Rockefeller Boy Scout Trail touches and connects all the trails previously discussed and follows large portions of some of them. This trail passes through many of the diverse plant and animal habitats of Petit Jean Mountain, from the lush vegetation of Cedar Creek Canyon to the desert-like conditions of Seven Hollows. All are represented on this trail. The trail is long and difficult. Be sure you are prepared with food, water, appropriate shoes and clothing, and first aid. Start this hike in the early morning so you can safely enjoy this all-day walk.



Lake Roosevelt

FACILITIES

- Lodging
- Mather Lodge offers hotel-style guest rooms, a swimming pool, gift shop, Wi-Fi, and full-service restaurant.
- Meeting or facility rentals
- Cabins
- Fully equipped cabins with fireplaces
- Honeymoon cabins with hot tubs
- Barrier-free and dog friendly cabin options
- Camping
- Reservable Class AAA and B campsites
- Rent-A-Yurts
- Fly-in campground at the airport
- Picnicking
- Picnic areas with tables, grills, water and restrooms
- Two group pavilions

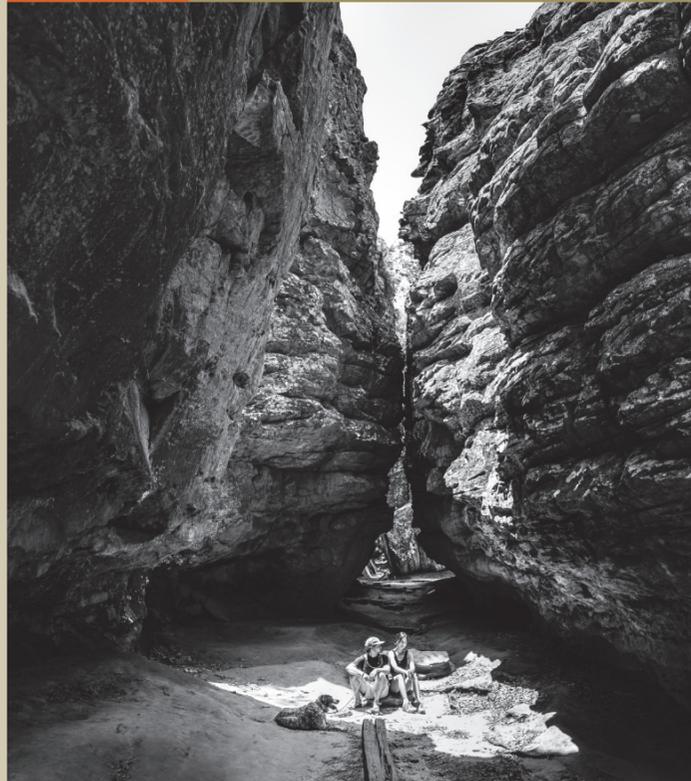
OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Fishing on Lake Bailey
- Pedal and fishing boat rentals
- Kayak and canoe rentals
- Rock climbing trail
- Cycling trails
- Birding/Wildlife Watching
- More than 20 miles of hiking trails
- Swimming pool
- Playgrounds
- Tennis courts

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES

- Guided hikes, outdoor recreation skills workshops, nature and history demonstrations and special events.
- Guide-led programs are offered daily during summer and on weekends year round.
- School and civic group programs available upon request.

PETIT JEAN STATE PARK



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PETIT JEAN STATE PARK, Arkansas' first state park, lies in a unique area between the Ozark and Ouachita mountain ranges in west-central Arkansas. Established in 1923, it includes over 2,700 acres of natural beauty on Petit Jean Mountain. An abundance of mixed hardwood forests, ravines, streams, waterfalls, spectacular views and remarkable geological formations make this an outdoor recreation destination. You'll also find cabins, a lodge, and other log and stone structures built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s that still seamlessly blend into the landscape.

BEAR CAVE TRAIL

Length: .25 mile (half-hour)

Trailhead: 1 mile west of Mather Lodge on Hwy. 154

Trail end: Trail loops back to beginning point

Difficulty: Easy

Trail Blaze: Green

Visitors to Bear Cave can walk under, around, through and over these gigantic rocks. Although there is no true cave, the huge rocks form several rock shelters and narrow passageways. The cathedral of rock running down the center of the trail loop is believed to have been cut by Cedar Creek long ago. This passageway is called the "Eye of the Needle." Wander through these sandstone monoliths and imagine the tremendous forces of wind and water that caused what you see today.

CANYON TRAIL

Length: 1 mile (1 hour) 2 miles if backtracking to Cedar Falls Trail (2 hours)

Trailhead: Cedar Falls Trail

Trail end: Junction of Winthrop P. Rockefeller Boy Scout Trail in Blue Hole Area

Difficulty: Strenuous

Trail Blaze: Yellow

This trail itself is one mile long but only accessed by starting on other trails. So, add mileage and difficulty due to extra mileage and level of difficulty of the trail used to access this trail. After crossing the bridge on the Cedar Falls Trail (Strenuous), turn left (west) to begin this beautiful hike into Cedar Creek Canyon. The trail follows Cedar Creek's many small splashing falls and deep emerald pools. You'll pass huge sycamore and pine trees and traverse stone slab bridges placed by the CCC. The Canyon Trail joins the Boy Scout Trail near a pool, named Blue Hole. From here, you may backtrack to Cedar Falls Trail and take the strenuous climb back to Mather Lodge (add one mile and increase level of hike to strenuous). To loop back to Mather Lodge on the Boy Scout Trail (via Seven Hollows and Bear Cave Trail) add 2-plus miles.

CEDAR CREEK TRAIL

Length: 1.25 miles (1.5 hours)

Trailhead: Pioneer Cabin, 1 mile west of visitor center on Highway 154

Trail end: Trail loops back to beginning point

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Blaze: Red

This trail winds along a scenic section of the Cedar Creek above Cedar Falls. Constructed by the CCC in the early 1930s, this trail's rock steps and bluffs create a few difficult hiking spots. The rocky mountain stream, high bluffs and thick vegetation make Cedar Creek Trail perfect for experiencing local bird and plant life.

CEDAR FALLS TRAIL

Length: 2 miles (2 hours)

Trailhead: Through Mather Lodge breezeway and to the left behind the swimming pool

Trail end: Backtrack to starting point

Difficulty: Strenuous

Trail Blaze: Orange

The most popular hiking trail at Petit Jean descends deep into Cedar Creek Canyon. This is a strenuous trail, and hikers should wear shoes or boots which provide ankle support and a firm grip. The first half mile descends more than 200 feet down steps cut from rock by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) over 90 years ago. The trail follows Cedar Creek for another half mile to the climax of the hike, Cedar Falls, which cascades more than 90 feet to the canyon floor.

CCC HIKE & BIKE TRAIL

Length: 1.75 miles

Trailheads: East-Camp Area B; West-CCC Water Tower near Mather Lodge

Difficulty: Easy

This asphalt-paved trail connects Mather Lodge to the park campgrounds and is named in honor of the CCC who constructed Mather Lodge and other structures that the trail passes. The winding trail offers access to the Cedar Falls Overlook, the Cedar Creek Trailhead at the Pioneer Cabin, the park swimming pool, tennis courts and the visitor center. This trail offers a safe and scenic alternative to traveling along Highway 154 while walking or cycling. Note: The trail allows eBikes, but no other motorized vehicles. Trail Motto: Use good trail manners. West of Mather Lodge the trail becomes gravel and continues for an additional 0.75 mile west to Bear Cave.

ROCK HOUSE CAVE TRAIL

Length: .25 mile (half-hour)

Trailhead: 1 mile west on Red Bluff Drive

Trail end: Backtrack to starting point

Difficulty: Easy

Trail Blaze: Purple

Rock House Cave is not a true cave, but a large rock shelter. It contains evidence that American Indians lived on or near Petit Jean Mountain many years ago. Look closely for the faint remains of pictographs on the ceiling towards the back of the cave and imagine what they might mean. We may never know for sure. As you return to the parking lot, notice the large "turtle rocks" on whose backs you are walking. Please do not disturb rock art.

SEVEN HOLLOW TRAIL

Length: 4.5 miles (4 hours); to Natural Bridge, 1.3 miles; to Grotto, 2.25 miles

Trailhead: 1 mile west of Mather Lodge on Highway 154

Trail end: Trail loops back to beginning point

Difficulty: Moderate to Strenuous

Trail Blaze: Blue

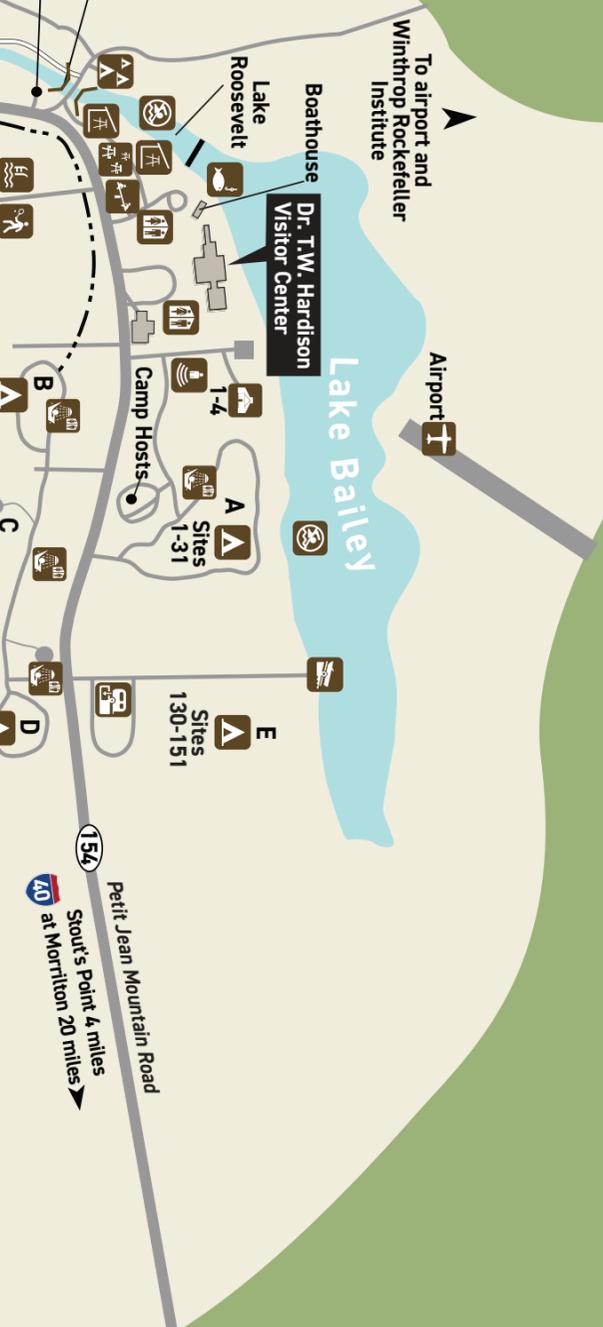
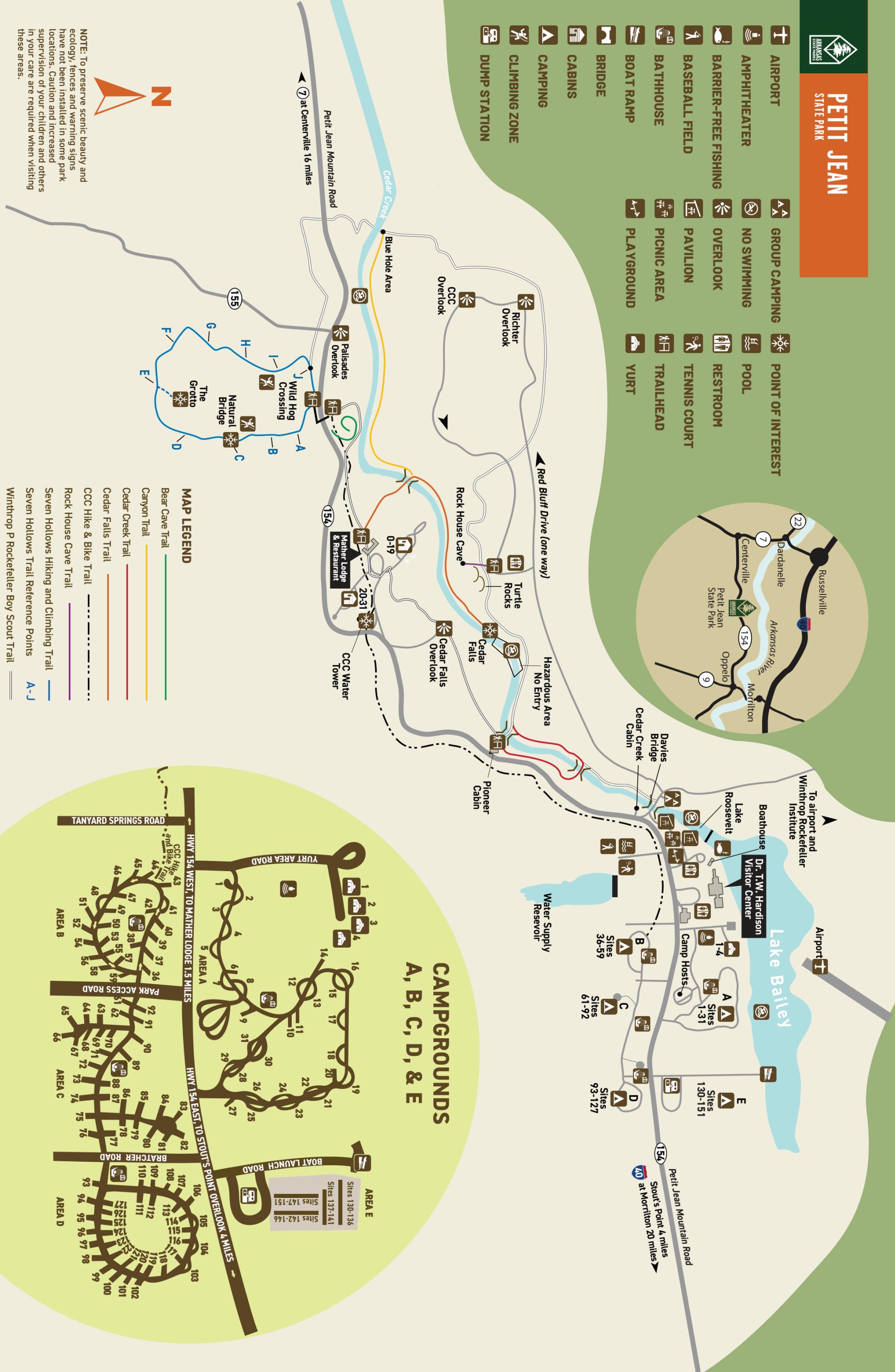
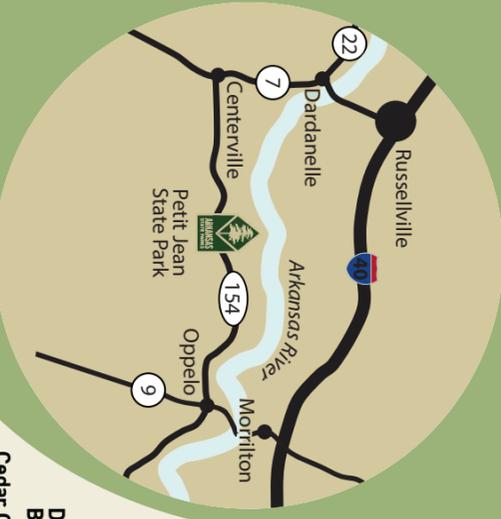
See some of the most diverse lands of Petit Jean State Park. Explore the lush moss and fern understory of the hardwood forest, immense rock formations created by centuries of erosion and the starkness of the rock glades supporting near desert-like conditions. Trail markers are approximately every half mile starting with A and going alphabetically to J. Marker C, which sits at the foot of the Natural Bridge. 2.5 miles into the trail you find marker E where you can take a short side trail to see the grotto. The last marker, J, is where the Wild Hog Crossing intersects with the trail. Allow plenty of time for this hike, as there is much to see and experience.

- Climbers must complete and sign the Rappelling and Rock Climbing Checklist and Liability Release at the Frontier Climbing Co outpost, inside Mather Lodge or at the Visitor Center.
- Follow leave-no-trace principles.
- Climbing is allowed in designated areas only.
- Stay on established trails and refrain from establishing social trails.
- Please remove all quickdraws from projects daily.
- Colored chalk is preferred.
- Chipping, gluing, or otherwise manufacturing holds is forbidden.
- Installing any fixed hardware or bolts without permission from ADPHT is forbidden.
- Climbers shall conduct themselves in a courteous and orderly manner and abide by local, state, and federal laws, as well as obey all park rules and regulations.



PETIT JEAN STATE PARK

- AIRPORT
- AMPHITHEATER
- BARRIER-FREE FISHING
- BASEBALL FIELD
- BATHHOUSE
- BOAT RAMP
- BRIDGE
- CABINS
- CAMPING
- CLIMBING ZONE
- DUMP STATION
- GROUP CAMPING
- NO SWIMMING
- OVERLOOK
- PAVILION
- PICNIC AREA
- PLAYGROUND
- POINT OF INTEREST
- POOL
- RESTROOM
- TENNIS COURT
- TRAILHEAD
- YURT



- ### MAP LEGEND
- Bear Cave Trail
 - Canyon Trail
 - Cedar Creek Trail
 - Cedar Falls Trail
 - CCC Hike & Bike Trail
 - Rock House Cave Trail
 - Seven Hollows Hiking and Climbing Trail
 - Seven Hollows Trail Reference Points
 - Winthrop P Rockefeller Boy Scout Trail

NOTE: To preserve scenic beauty and ecology, fences and warning signs have not been installed in some park locations. Caution and increased supervision of your children and others in your care are required when visiting these areas.



CAMPGROUNDS A, B, C, D, & E

