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Missouri State Parks offers 40 campgrounds, and many parks have traditional cabins, but there is an additional experience available for park visitors to enjoy alternative lodging that is economical and comfortable.

Camper cabins, which are a compromise between a housekeeping cabin and camping, are available at four state parks. Johnson’s Shut-Ins and Mark Twain state parks have six camper cabins, Stockton State Park has five and Lake Wappapello State Park has four. Lake of the Ozarks State Park also has eight Outpost Cabins, which are similar.

The camper cabins have electricity, heating and air conditioning, but do not include water or restrooms. A central shower house and restrooms are a short walk away.

Lake of the Ozarks and Pomme de Terre state parks both offer yurts for rent. Yurts are a cross between a tent and a traditional cabin or RV camper. A durable fabric is stretched over a wood frame that includes a lattice wall and rafters that resemble spokes. The structure has a wood floor and is fastened to a railed deck that sits on top of concrete footings.

The yurt has a front door that locks, and three mesh screened windows that can seal shut with clear vinyl framed in Velcro. The yurt has electricity, air conditioning and heat, a small refrigerator and a microwave. The furnishings include a log futon, futon bunk bed and coffee table. A concrete pad out front has parking space, a picnic table, pedestal grill, fire ring and lantern post. There is no running water, and guests bring their own linens and coffee maker.

Reservations for camping, camper cabins or yurts at state parks can be made online at mostateparks.com, or by calling 877-ICampMo (877-422-6766).

- A. Johnson’s Shut-Ins State Park offers six camper cabins that feature exterior amenities such as a campfire grill, providing the opportunity to enjoy s’mores right at your doorstep.** DNR photo by Scott Myers.
- B-C. Six camper cabins at Mark Twain State Park are located in the park’s Puma Campground. The wooded setting and lake views provide the perfect getaway for a quiet weekend or a week-long vacation.** DNR photos by Scott Myers.
- D. Pomme de Terre State Park is the latest to offer yurts as an alternative camping experience.** DNR photo by Tom Uhlenbrock.
- E. Yurts are circular structures with fabric covers, much like a tent. The wooden frame makes it strong and weather-tight.** DNR photo by Scott Myers.



Paddlers along the Stockton State Park Water Trail enjoy a day exploring the shoreline of Stockton Lake. The 6.65-mile trail offers views of limestone bluffs and wildlife such as beavers and bald eagles.

STOCKTON STATE PARK WATER TRAIL

photographs by Scott Myers

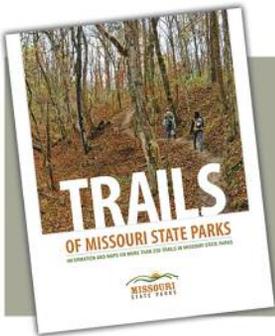
Hikers, bicyclists and other trail users typically think of trails being on land, but Stockton State Park’s newest trail provides the opportunity to experience the park on the water.

The water trail follows the shoreline of Stockton State Park and provides an opportunity to enjoy the park and Stockton Lake from a canoe or kayak. Along the 6.65-mile trail, paddlers

will see limestone bluffs cut by the Little Sac and Big Sac rivers and wildlife such as bald eagles and beavers. While on the trail, fishermen may be tempted by largemouth, spotted and smallmouth bass, crappie, walleye, catfish and bluegill. Green fish habitat signs indicate underwater fish structures for great fishing opportunities. The trail provides access to quiet coves for lunch and an island for exploring.

The two trailheads are only a little more than a mile apart by road and bicycle racks are located at each trailhead for easy bicycle shuttling. Kayaks are available for rent at Stockton State Park Marina.

Stockton State Park Water Trail is one of three in Missouri State Parks. Paddlers also can enjoy a water adventure at Finger Lakes and Lake of the Ozarks state parks. 



For more information on trails in Missouri’s state parks and historic sites, get your copy of *Trails of Missouri State Parks*. The 422-page, spiral-bound book is a comprehensive guide to more than 230 trails with detailed information for each trail including descriptions, maps and GPS coordinates.

