



The Visitor Center and the Ozark Natural and Cultural Resource Center, (ONCRC) both provide tourist information that can be of use during your tour. They are located next door to each other at 200 and 202 S. Main St. or Hwy 19 in Salem, a few blocks north of the Jct of Hwy 32/72 and Hwy 19. www.salemmo.com or www.oncrc.org

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- 0.0 0** At the Jct. of Hwy. 32-72 and Hwy 19, go east on Hwy 32-72
- 0.50** On the left behind the retail businesses is **U.S. Food Service**, a division of the second largest food service distributor in the nation.
- 1.1** On the right is the **Master's Industrial Park**.
- 7.2** Crossing the upper end of **Meramec River**, At this point it has seasonal intermittent flow in a northeastern direction toward the Mississippi River just south of St Louis.

Entering Mark Twain National Forest

The forest straddles the history rich plateau & contains 1.5 million acres. It provides many recreational opportunities. The forest is not solid ownership of a land

area. Private lands are interspersed in the National Forest. Lands were acquired during the Depression from 1935-1940. People not able to pay their property taxes, sold their land to the government for \$1-\$3 per acre.

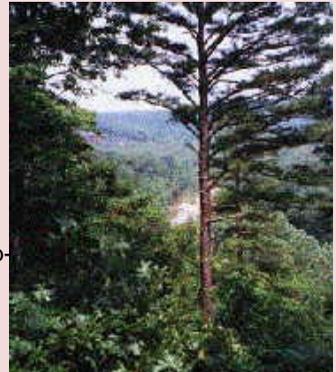


- 12.2** Continue on Hwy. 32 (leaving Hwy. 72) You may notice the pine trees with larger trunks along here, which were planted by the **CCC - Civilian Conservation Corps** in the 1930s. The U.S. Forest Service, with the assistance of the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, implemented intermittent pine conversions in the 1940s and 1950s. The oak and pine combined in the forest provide colorful spring and fall displays.
- 15.2** **Howes Mill, Mo**
- 16.3** **Huzzah (pronounced Hoo'-zah) Ponds-** Although there are no facilities, there is a nice picnic and fishing area. It is managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service.
- 17.5** The west fork of the **Huzzah River**, runs into the Courtois River and eventually into the Meramec River.
- 18.0** **Huzzah Ponds**-more fishing ponds, but not as developed as the first ones.
- 21.8** The east fork of **Huzzah River**
- 21.9** **Boss, MO**-Boss Assembly of God Church and the Boss Cemetery are important components of this tiny community. There are about 3,000 people buried in the Boss Cemetery.
- 24.1** Entering **Iron County**
- 24.4** To the right about 2 miles on Hwy KK is the **Doe Run Recycling Plant**. *Doe Run Recycling processes spent lead acid batteries and other lead-bearing waste. This state-of-the-art facility has proven to be the most advanced, environmentally sound, and safest of its kind in North America. It reclaims 90,000 tons of refined lead annually.*
- 26.2** **Bixby, MO**-Look for the little red caboose!

- 26.4** Jct. Hwy 49, continue on Hwy 32
- 26.6** Stop at the **Good Ole Days Country Store** (MFA Oil). This is a great stopping place for hand-dipped ice cream or lunch. Gas is also available here and you can eat inside the caboose-the entrance is inside the building and there is a working model train at ceiling height.
- 26.7** Turn around, return to Hwy. 49 and turn right
- 26.9** On the right is **Canoak USA** *Rough logs are purchased here from loggers by the pound. Saw logs are debarked and sawed into cants. The cants are then taken to Salem for flooring, cabinets, or grade material. Timber from here is shipped all over the world. The timber industry has an important economic impact to this area.*
- 30.3** **Viburnum, MO-** Fuel and food are available. Missouri has been the leading producer of lead since 1909. The "New Lead Belt" (also known as the Viburnum Trend) was discovered in 1955 near Viburnum. Seven mining companies operated a total of eleven mines during prime production. Full production capacity of one million tons per year was reached in 1971.
- 31.4** Continue on Hwy 49
- ** Side trip to Courtois, Mo: Turn right on Hwy Y** Courtois is about 5 miles. ***Murder in the Afternoon***, by Ella Jo Ban-Sadler, is a true story about the store in Courtois. The house and store where the murders of Ella's father and her girlfriend took place in 1959 still stands next to the new bridge at Courtois Creek. The motive for the murders was to "get a car."
- 32.0** Continue on Hwy. 49 entering **Crawford County**
- 35.0** Huzzah Valley
- 36.2** Turn left onto Dillard Mill Road
- 37.6** Entering **Dillard Mill State Historic Site**
- 37.8** Turn left into the parking lot. Park at the end by the cemetery. Take the path by the sign under the roof.
- Dillard Mill State Historic Site-** *It's advisable to call (573-244-3120) ahead & schedule a time for a short tour. It's about 1/4 mile walk to the old mill site. Hiking, picnicking, & fishing are permissible. Built in 1908, it is one of Missouri's best-preserved water-powered gristmills. The mill is located on the banks*

- of **Huzzah Creek**. The **Mill** included innovations such as steel roller mills for grinding the wheat.
- 39.7** Return to Hwy. 49 and turn left
- 45.0** Jct. of Hwy. 49 and Hwy V; Turn right
- 47.2** Turn left, Forest Rd. 2011 to **Red Bluff**

- 47.5** Turn right into the Pines Overlook Campground for a beautiful overlook of **Red Bluff**. Then go to the bottom of the valley.
- 47.6** Turn right out of Pines Overlook Campground.
- 48.3** Go straight. This is a beautiful picnic area on the Huzzah River, most are pine groves.



Red Bluff overlooking the Huzzah River.

Towering red bluffs along Huzzah Creek, carved out during the past 10,000 years (fishing, camping, hiking, picnicking, rock hounding, swimming, nature viewing). There is a small daily use fee. 573-743-06042

- 49.5** Return to Hwy. V, turn right onto Hwy. V.
- 49.8** **Pucky Huddle, MO.** The store has grocery supplies and hand crafted products from their community available.
- 51.8** At Jct. Hwy. 49 & V go straight onto Hwy 49
- 56.9** Hwy. 49 and 19—**Cherryville, MO.** The rock building is a small general store.
- OPTION 1:** Go left on Hwy.19 to Salem, 25miles
- OPTION 2:** Go left on Hwy. 19 to Hwy. TT-mile 76.4 Continue the trip from there to Indian Trails State Forest. Turn left into the park.
- 56.9** If you do not take option 1 or 2, continue on Hwy. 49 across Hwy.19 at the junction down Cherryville Rd.
- 61.8** Cherryville Road turns into AA Road.
- 64.0** Keep left to leave AA, turn on Keysville road. It is gravel and generally parallels the old railroad bed.. Keysville was named after descendants of Francis Scott Key.

- 65.9 Go left on Hwy Y
- 66.2 Go left on to Hwy M at the stop sign.
- 66.4 **Crooked Creek**
- 68.1 Stay on Hwy M at the jct. of Hwy. M & VV
- 70.5 Crossing the **Meramec River**
- 71.4 Stay on M at the junction of Hwy. M & YY
- 71.6 **Cook Station, MO** was founded by Captain Christopher Columbus Cook over 200 years ago. Located on the upper **Meramec River**, it served the St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad. Iron mines were the lifeblood of this tiny community. The hotel previously housed railroad families.
- 71.8 Go left between the buildings-the house and the mercantile-onto the gravel road.
- 72.0 Crossing the **Meramec River**. This is about as far up as you would want to float on the Meramec.
- 72.5 Keep straight on Old Mine Road at the junction.
- 73.4 **University of MO Wurdack Research Farm**-Brent Booker, Mgr.-573-743-6612 for reservations for tours.
- 76.1 Turn right on Hwy. 19
- 76.4 Turn left onto Hwy. TT
- 77.1 **Sligo, MO**- Remnants of the company store and furnace can be seen in the field.



- 77.4 Crossing **Crooked Creek** again. **Sligo** is the reason that charcoal production in Salem is such a huge operation. During the days that the Sligo furnace was operating for smelting iron, they used a very large amount of charcoal produced from the local forests to fire the furnaces.
- 81.8 Turn right onto Hwy. TT. TT ends and the pavement ends.
- 81.9 Turn right. (If you turn left, it is about 4-5 miles back to **Dillard**). Cross **Crooked Creek** (the center fork) again. Watch the mileage, if you miss the next turn, it is about 20 miles of gravel road.

- 82.6 Turn right, Mo Conservation Road 1017.



Indian Trail Park Entrance

- 83.1 Continue straight on Road 1017.
- 83.9 **Indian Trail State Forest**, (13 miles from Salem) contains over 13,503 acres. It was a camp for the **Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)** in the 1930s. The stone walls around the lake were built by the **CCC**. This area was formerly a state park. It is managed by the MO Department of Conservation.
- 84.0 Go left, then very left
- 84.8 Keep straight. If you go left here, there is a spring just past the low water bridge. You can walk. You have actually crossed the **White River Trace (Trail of Tears)**.

This is the route of the forced migration of the Cherokee Indians in 1837-1838.

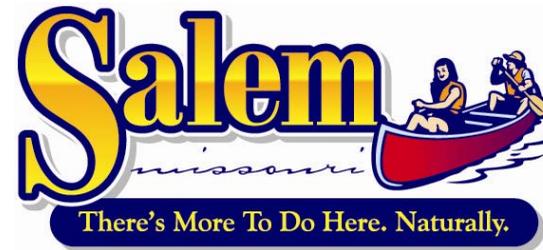
- 85.9 Go right
- 86.6 You can read the **Trail of Tears** marker here. Veer right
- 90.6 Entering Hwy. 117
- 90.9 Turn left onto Hwy 19 heading south
- 92.7 Crossing Meramec River
- 92.8 **Short Bend Access**-11 miles from Salem. On the north side of the road is a public access to the Meramec River.
- 98.8 On Hwy. JJ to the right about a mile, is **Royal Oak Charcoal** plant-one of the largest producing charcoal plants in the world.
- 99.4 On your left you will see **Salem Wood Products**, the largest stave company in the world, producing white oak staves for barrels for companies such as Jim Beam and many wineries in Europe and U.S.
- 100.0 **White River Trace** portion of the Trail of Tears Highway Marker is on the right.
- 103.0 **Entering Salem**
- 103.7 **Salem Historical Marker** is on the right.

- 103.9 On the left is the **Dent County Courthouse**.

The courthouse, a national historic site was built in 1870 for \$17,200. It is Missouri's oldest Courthouse of the 2nd Empire Architectural Style. It is on the National Registry of Historic Places.



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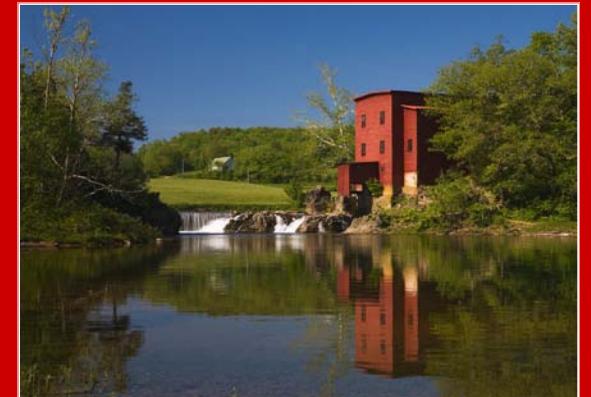
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