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. Doer Run Recycling processes spent lead 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 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 Courtio, Mo: Turn right on Hwy Y Courtio is about 5 miles. Murder in the Afternoon, by Ella Jo Ban-Sadler, is a true story about the store in Courtio. 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 Courtio 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.

48.3 Go straight. This is a beautiful picnic area on the Huzzah River, most are pine groves.

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. 573-743-0642

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, 25 miles

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 parallel and generally parallels the old railroad bed. Keysville was named after descendants of Francis Scott Key.
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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Mark Twain National Forest
Dillard Mill
Red Bluff
Indian Trail Forest
White River Trace

AUTO TOUR
Half Day to Full Day

Indian Trail Park Entrance

82.6 Turn right, Mo Conservation Road 1017.

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.

103.9 On the left is the Dent County Courthouse.
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