MAQUOKETA CAVES STATE PARK

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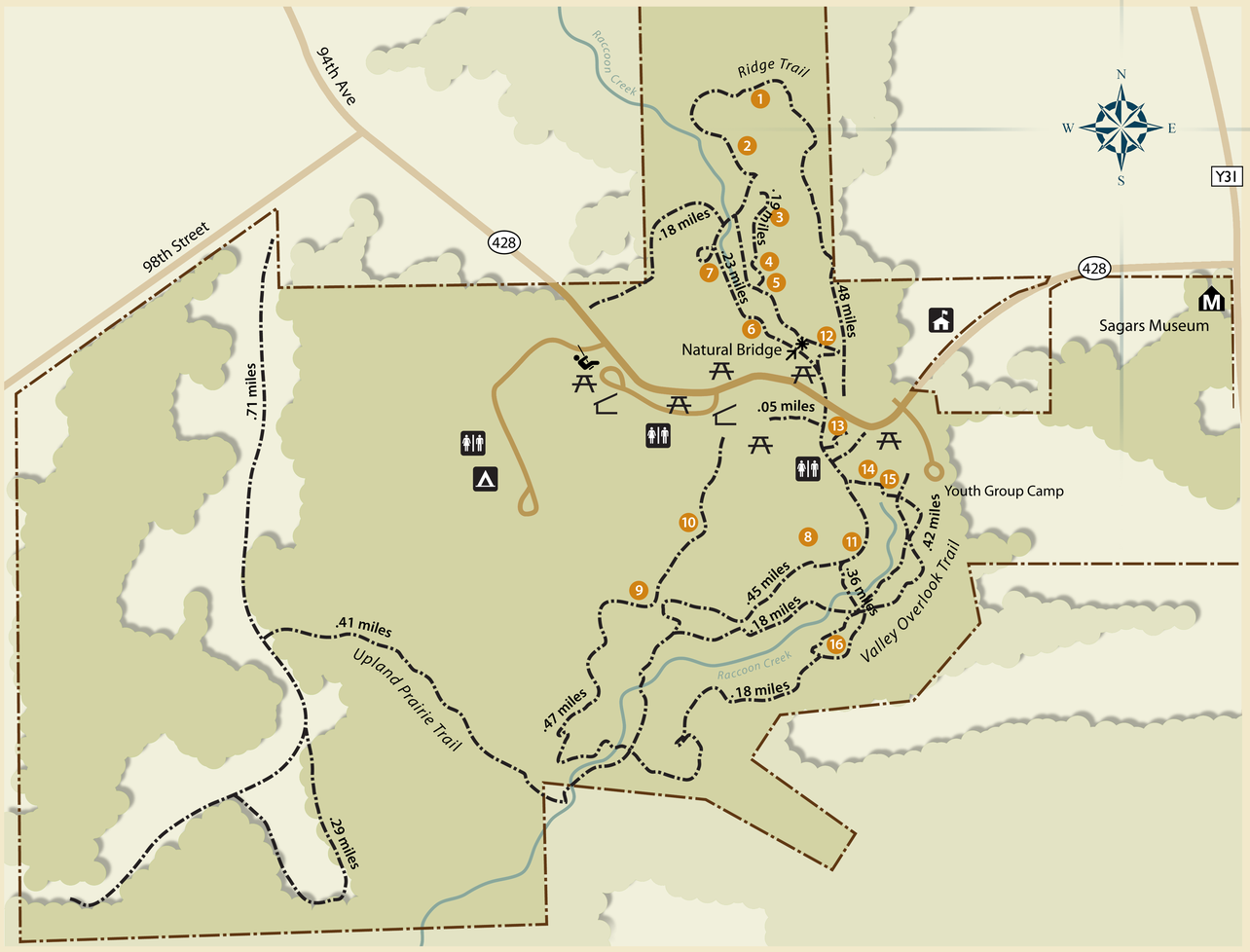
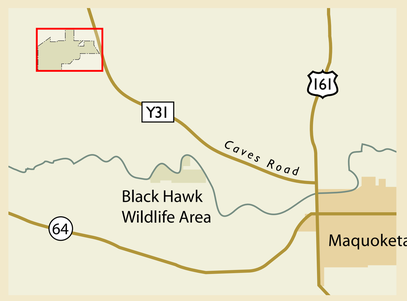


Hernando's Hideaway, Shinbone, Dug Out, and Rainy Day are just a few of the 13 caves to explore at Maquoketa Caves State Park. For adventurous visitors, don't forget the flashlight, helmet, and old clothes. Prepare to get dirty while wriggling your way into the smaller caves. Wind your way through Dancehall Cave, the scene of community dances in olden days.

Natural beauty surrounds visitors as they hike the shady trails and pause at highlights such as the "Natural Bridge", standing nearly 50 feet over Raccoon Creek and the 17-ton "Balanced Rock". Each season brings exceptional beauty from spring wildflowers to the lush greenery of summer. Fall's dramatic golds and crimsons give way to a peaceful winter beauty decorated with snow and icicles.



- Boat Ramp
- Park Office / Residence
- Lodge
- Nature Center/Museum
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Point of Interest
- Shelter
- Restroom - Modern
- Restroom - Non-Modern
- Hiking Trail
- Roads
- Park Boundary

1. Wide Mouth Cave
2. Dug Out Cave
3. Twin Arch Cave
4. Hernando's Hideaway
5. Up-N-Down Cave
6. Window Cave
7. Match Cave
8. Barbell Cave
9. Shinbone Cave
10. Wye Cave
11. Balanced Rock
12. Upper Dancehall Cave
13. Middle Dancehall / Steelgate Cave
14. Lower Dancehall Cave
15. Rainy Day Cave
16. Ice Cave

Be considerate of other visitors –
Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.
Be courteous and yield to others using the trail.

Plan ahead and prepare –
Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you're visiting.
Make sure that you prepare for the day by bringing plenty of water, sunscreen, bug spray, and comfortable walking/hiking shoes.
Always make sure someone knows you are out on the trail.

Leave what you find –
Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.
Take photos of memorable sightings and family experiences.

Dispose of waste properly –
Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter.
Pick up any litter you find on the trail and make the place better for the next visitor who comes along.

Respect Wildlife –
Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them. Leave all young wildlife as you find them and don't assume they've been abandoned. Many adults hide young to keep them safe while they are out feeding or leading predators away.

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