

Montauk State Park, Missouri

Montauk State Park is located 21 miles southwest of Salem, Missouri, in the heart of the Ozarks. The seven crystal clear springs within Montauk State Park combine with Pigeon Creek to form the headwaters of the Current River. Though the Montauk State Park is famous for fishing, outdoor enthusiasts have the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful variety of activities in the park, including hiking, camping and picnicking.



For more information on Montauk State Park, please visit their website at <http://mostateparks.com/park/montauk-state-park>

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Tan Vat? What is Tan Vat?

The Tan Vat access point is the upper-most access point of the Current River below Montauk State Park within the Ozark National Scenic Riverways.

In the early 1800's, settlers brought animal hides to the river to process them into leather. The hides were soaked in a "tan-vat" filled with tannic acid. Later, the hides were removed from the vat and submerged in the deep water that is known to this day as Tan Vat Hole.

Today the Tan Vat Hole is a popular gathering place and swimming hole.



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