

*The Visitor Center and the Ozark Natural and Cultural 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](http://www.salemmo.com) or [www.oncrc.org](http://www.oncrc.org)*

#### Mileage

- 0.0** From the junction of Hwy. 32-72 and Hwy. 19, travel south on Hwy. 19
- 4.5** Continue south on Hwy. 19 past the Jct. of Hwy. K and Hwy. B
- 7.4** Jct. Hwy. N & Hwy. 19—(Hwy. N goes to **Turtle, Mo.**)
- 9.8** **Gladden Creek Bridge**
- 11.3** **Gladden, Mo**—No facilities
- 16.1** **Silver Arrow Canoe Rental**
- 16.3** Jct. Hwy. WW and Hwy. 19. To the right is **Persimmon Pond** - a natural sinkhole
- 16.4** Entering **Shannon County**
- 18.3** Continue south on Hwy. 19
- 20.8** **Shannondale, Mo** - church & craft store
- 23.0** **Timber, Mo**—No facilities
- 23.4** Jct. of Hwy. A and Hwy 19
- 25.2** Turn right onto Hwy. EE to **Pulltite Visitor Center**, part of the beautiful

## Ozark National Scenic Riverways (ONSR) 28.2 Entering the ONSR

**ONSR** was designated in 1964 by Congress, and includes the Current and Jacks Fork rivers—the first rivers to receive national protection. 134 miles of rivers provide year-round canoeing and john-boating as well as many other recreational activities. It has over 300 recorded caves within the boundaries. The rivers are considered class one streams. The **Current River**, the most spring-fed of all the Ozark Rivers, can be floated most any time of the year.



- 28.7** **Weese Cemetery**
- 28.9** Left into the **Pulltite Campground**. You can access the river ahead. It has a boat ramp and is a popular place to put canoes in the river.
- 29.2** **Amphitheater** used for ONSR programs
- 29.6** Park at Group I campsite. There is a trail to the river to cross it in low water. The crossing is actually an old roadbed, so it is very visible from the shoreline. After crossing, walk up to the spring. There are many great walking trails and campgrounds. **Pulltite Spring** is beautiful. The name was changed from "Pulltight" from having to "pull tight" on the reins when a guide would cross the river with his team of horses and his wagon.
- 29.8** Group II campsite. If you walk to the river from here, you can see **Fire Hydrant Spring** gushing from the bluff.
- 29.9** Group III campsite leads to Pulltite Trail, a 1.5 mile nature trail with exhibits that parallels the river.
- 34.5** Return to Hwy. 19, turn right

- 35.3** **Future Current River State Park**
- 37.6** **Sinking Creek** and **Current River** are accessible on the right.

◆◆ Side trip to **Sinking Creek**, on the right is a great access to Sinking Creek flowing into the **Current River**. There is a pit latrine, great gravel bars for picnicking and rock skipping.

**37.7** Crossing **Sinking Creek Bridge**. If you look to the right from the bridge, you can see where **Sinking Creek** flows into the **Current River**.

- 38.7** River access to the **Current River**
- 38.9** **Current River Bridge**
- 39.3** **Spring Valley Bridge**

**39.4** Turn left at the entrance to **Round Spring Campground and Cave**. Turn left again, then right and park at the spring. Then either drive or walk to the cave (open Memorial Day through Labor Day). Signs are very clear for the spring and cave. **Round Spring** is one of the most majestic springs on the **ONSR**. The spring is beautiful and has an average output of 26.5 million gallons of water per day—Missouri's 14<sup>th</sup> largest.

- 40.4** Return to Hwy. 19, turn left
- 42.3** **Pioneer Forest** includes a Virgin Pine Forest and is privately owned.

◆◆ Side trip to **Virgin Pine Walk and Pioneer Forest Interpretive Drive**, Turn left to enter the forest. Very close to the beginning of the drive is a brochure describing the drive or walk, an excellent source of information about the forest. The drive is about eight miles in length on a rough road, so we recommend turning around after three miles. Return to Hwy. 19, turn left.

- 46.9** Entering **Angeline Conservation Area**
- 47.7** The Road to the left goes to **Jerktail Landing**. It is a beautiful river access & worth the seven miles of gravel road.
- 52.1** **Eminence, Mo**, population 548, has great canoeing and camping facilities. Notice the Akers Road just below the

bridge over the **Jacks Fork River** is named for astronaut Tom Akers, native to Eminence.

## 52.4 Crossing Jacks Fork River



◆◆ Side Trip to **Rocky Falls, Powder Mill Campground, Blue Spring, Klepzig Mill** Head east on to Hwy. 106 make a right on Hwy. H, head South to Hwy. NN, go 5 miles until you see the turn off for Rocky Falls Shut-In on your right. Klepzig Mill is a few miles further down Hwy. NN on the left. Return to Hwy. 106, going east. Powder Mill campground is on the right after crossing the River Bridge. The Blue Spring turn off is 2 miles east, turn off on the right. Blue Spring is the 9<sup>th</sup> largest spring in Missouri.

- 52.6** Turn right onto Hwy. 106
- 54.0** Crossing **Mahan Creek**
- 58.2** Crossing **Jacks Fork River**
- 58.3** **Alley Spring** - Turn right to see the spring and mill and then immediately left. Park and walk about one half mile. **Alley Spring** is Missouri's seventh largest spring with an average output of 81 million gallons of water per day flowing into the **Jacks Fork River**. An old red mill built in 1894 was vital to community life, where grain was ground to produce flour. (photo on the cover)
- 58.7** Returning to the highway, turn left back to Hwy. 106
- 58.9** Crossing **Jacks Fork River** again
- 64.3** Turn right on Hwy. 19 to visit Eminence
- 64.5** **Shannon County Courthouse**—Park here to walk around the historic downtown area of **Eminence**. The public

library on the south side of the courthouse has tourist information. Across the street from the courthouse are some eateries, the **Shannon County Museum/ Art Gallery**, a few antique shops and an old-fashioned soda fountain. Return to Hwy. 19 and go north.

- 65.3 Crossing **Jacks Fork River**
- 77.2 **Round Spring and Cave** entrance
- 83.8 Jct. of Hwy. A and Hwy. 19

**OPTION 1:** Return to **Salem** on Hwy.19, It is 24 miles.

**OPTION 2:** Turn right onto Hwy. A for alternate route to **Salem**. This is a beautiful drive through national forest and undeveloped land. Much of it parallels **Sinking Creek**. This is one of the most beautiful and cleanest streams in the Ozarks. You will cross it several times.

- 84.3 **Barren Fork**
- 86.4 **Barren Fork** access and **Chrisco Cemetery**



- ◆◆ Side trip to **Barren Fork / Chrisco Cemetery**

The road to the right has small springs and crosses **Barren Fork** to get to the Cemetery. The cemetery has a covered picnic area. It's about .1 of a mile. **Barren Fork** has 'catch and release' trout fishing.

- 88.7 **Sinking Creek** has river access on the west. A great place for skipping rocks or wading.
- 89.5 **Sinking Creek** has another small area for river access.
- 89.7 **Delmar Cemetery**
- 91.8 Entering **Mark Twain National Forest**

**The National Forest** straddles the history rich Ozark plateau & contains 1.5 million acres to provide many recreational opportunities. An area of diverse landscape, it has granite knobs, rolling

hills, open glades, clear-cool streams, springs and caves, and sinkholes. There are seven wilderness areas in southern Missouri in the Mark Twain National Forest and it includes 742 miles of hiking, biking, equestrian, and ATV trails. Hunting and fishing are allowed in most of the National Forest. Mark Twain National Forest is also intertwined with private properties. Lands were acquired during the 1935-40 Depression.



- 92.4 **Bay Cemetery** on the left
- 93.2 **Sinking Creek**
- 93.7 **Swiney Cemetery** on the left
- 98.9 **Bunker, Mo** is a typical, small Ozark town relying heavily on the wood industry. It includes several sawmills, a pallet manufacturing operation, and some charcoal kilns. From the Jct. of MO Hwy A and Hwy 72 on the edge of Bunker, take a right on Dent County Rd 5650 (Lincoln Ave). Go south on 5650, 6 miles to Forest Service Rd 2193. Turn left on 2193 for one mile to Loggers Lake. You will see a sign on your left for **Loggers Lake**. The 22 acre lake offers swimming, fishing, camping, and hiking. The lake was constructed by the CCC in 1939-1940. Return to Hwy. A, making a right to Bunker and Hwy.72 Jct.
- 99.6 Turn left onto Hwy. 72
- 111.1 On the right is the entrance to the **Karkaghne Drive**
- 114.7 **Stone Hill Branch**—a tributary to the **Meramec River**
- 116.2 Turn left at the Jct. of Hwy. 72 & 32
- 118.8 Leaving **Mark Twain National Forest**.
- 121.1 Crossing the very upper end of **Meramec River**, at this point has seasonal intermittent flow in a northeasterly direction. It flows into the **Mississippi River** just south of St. Louis.
- 127.2 On the left is the **Master's Industrial Park**.

- 127.4 On the right is U.S. Food Service, a division of the second largest food service distributor in the nation.
- 128.3 Jct. of Hwy. 32-72 & Hwy. 19

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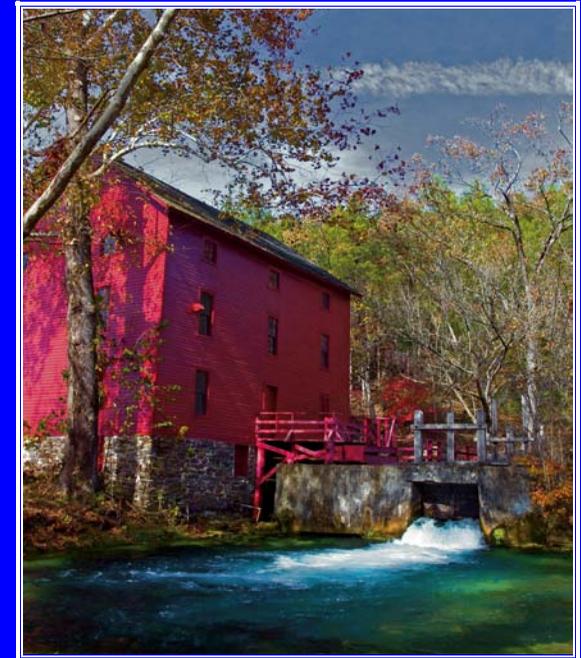


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**Springs**  
 Southeast from Salem, MO

# AUTO TOUR

Half Day To Full Day



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- Round Spring
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- Alley Spring
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