

Mark Twain National Forest

Missouri

Silver Mines Recreation Area



Eastern Region, USDA Forest Service

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Highlights Located along the St. Francis River, Silver Mines offers a variety of recreational opportunities and is abundant with historic and geological wonders. It is located at the site of a historic mining operation. The St. Francis River is the only river in Missouri classified as “white water”. The spring high waters attract kayakers and other white water enthusiasts from around the nation. Annual kayak races occur in March or April when the water is high.

Camping: 3 campgrounds with 66 single sites, 11 sites with electric hookup, 9 double sites, and 1 group site, each with table, fire ring, lantern post and a parking spur. Some sites will accommodate RVs up to 40 feet. Drinking water and vault toilets are conveniently located. No water hookups, showers or dump station facilities. On-site host will assist you. Open March 1 through October 30. Nightly fees for single sites are \$8; double sites are \$16; Electric sites are \$15/\$30; group site is \$25-\$50.

Picnicking There are two picnic areas available. All areas are open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Day use fee \$2 per vehicle.

Trails The 2-mile long Silver Mines Trail follows both sides of the river. West Section leads to Riverside Picnic Area. East Section (1 mile) leads to Turkey Creek Picnic Area. From there, a 1.2 mile trail leads to Mill Stream Gardens Conservation Area, managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

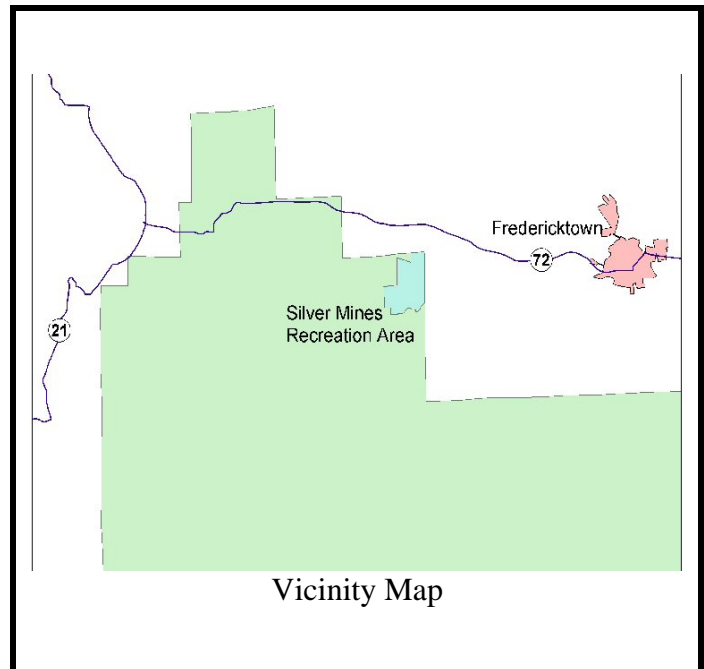
Boating/Canoeing The St. Francis is a “pool-drop” type of river, with several stretches of swift water separated by placid calm pools.

For More Information

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Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm*

Directions: From the Fredericktown, MO exit on Hwy 67, take Hwy 72 west 4 miles to Hwy D. Go about 3 miles south on D to paved Forest Road 2510

Safety: During temperate months, be prepared for biting insects, poison ivy and high temperatures. Be advised of hunting seasons. Avoid using the trail during excessively wet periods and be cautious during high water.



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