

Trail Advisory

The trails at the Mines of Spain were impacted by the heavy rains that occurred in July. 14.5 inches of rain fell in a 12 hour period.

The following conditions occur on parks trails:

- **Nature Center Trails-** (Lead Mine & Pine Chapel) – Open
- **Mesquakie Trail-** Open with possible mud on trails after rains, severe erosion on Calcite Trail (see Calcite Trail).
- **Calcite Trail-** Open with possible mud on trails, area along Catfish Creek severely eroded trees down on upper areas. Eroded areas on sloped sections. Not mowed or trimmed due to accessibility.
- **Catfish Trail-** Open with possible mud on trails after rain. Erosion on lower trail section. Upper section has not had damages.
- **Julien Dubuque Trail (south)-** Open with eroded area near the canoe launch. Accessible by hiking off trail around erosion site.
- **Julien Dubuque Trail (north) –** Open with eroded areas in trail.
- **Horseshoe Bluff-** Open with eroded areas on sloped portions of trail. Trail narrows on outside loop.
- **Sauk & Fox Trail-** Open with trees down in lower section with mud and eroded areas. Wetland bridges not in use.
- **Wetland Trail-** Closed with mud, floating bridges out. Wildlife Blind has mud inside and outside.
- **Prairie Ridge Trail-** Open
- **Cedar Ridge Trail-** Open
- **Cattesse Trail-** Open with severe erosion throughout. Some sections of trail covered with gravel/rock/silt. Trail not visible in sections.
- **Eagle Scout Trail-** Trees down in southern end, severe erosion in areas, and possible mud thru Cattesse Trail area. Not maintained in southern section due to accessibility.

The park staff is making repairs to the foot trails. Major repairs are planned for some areas in the near future. For updates on the trails in the Mines of Spain contact the park office at 563-556-0620.