

Ozark - St. Francis National Forests

Arkansas

St. Francis Scenic Byway



Southern National Forests

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Attractions

The St. Francis Ranger District is located in the delta region of eastern Arkansas. The land is divided between fertile bottomlands along the St. Francis River where it joins the Mississippi River and Crowley's Ridge. Crowley's Ridge runs north and south for 200 miles from southern Missouri down to the Mississippi River at Helena.

The St. Francis Scenic Byway is located between the cities of Marianna and Helena/West Helena. This scenic byway travels along the crest of Crowley's Ridge for over 21 miles of mostly graveled Forest Service Road 1900. Designated as a portion of the Great River Road, this route passes two lakes, the 625-acre Bear Creek Lake and the 420-acre Storm Creek Lake. Significant landmarks along this road include views of the Mississippi and St. Francis River valleys.

Surrounding Areas

The nearby cities of Marianna and Helena/West Helena were centers of commerce in the last century and offer many historical attractions and structures. A state operated Tourist Information Center is located in West Helena.

Visitor Information: North end visitor information is available at the St. Francis Ranger District Headquarters in Marianna, AR and south end visitor information is available at the State of Arkansas operated Tourist Information Center in West Helena, AR.

Camping/Picnicking: Bear Creek Lake Recreation Area, Storm Creek Lake Recreation Area (pavilion available on a first come first served basis).

Restrooms: St. Francis Ranger District Headquarters, Bear Creek Lake Recreation Area, Storm Creek Lake Recreation Area, Arkansas Tourist Information Center.

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