

# Trails

You may encounter closed roads and unauthorized paths that leave or cross the marked trails. If they aren't marked, they are not part of the trail system. Please stay on the designated trails.

Information signs are located at each trail intersection to orient you to your location. Trails are signed to indicate the skill level recommended. (See below)

The bike trails that connect with Kapark Road are adjacent to the Upper Buffalo Wilderness. As a friendly reminder, bicycles are not allowed in the Wilderness Area. Non-motorized vehicles are also not allowed in the area adjacent to the Wilderness Area known as the Upper Buffalo Dispersed Recreation Area.

<b>Azalea Falls Trail</b>	<b>- 3.40 miles - Intermediate</b>
<b>Buffalo Creek Trail</b>	<b>- 4.78 miles - Intermediate</b>
<b>Cave Mountain Road Trail</b>	<b>- 4.27 miles - Beginners</b>
<b>Fire Tower Trail</b>	<b>- 2.13 miles - Intermediate</b>
<b>Fire Tower Loop Trail</b>	<b>- 1.30 miles - Beginners</b>
<b>Kapark Road Trail</b>	<b>- 1.56 miles - Intermediate</b>
<b>Knuckle Connect Trail</b>	<b>- 0.27 miles - Intermediate</b>
<b>Knucklehead Trail</b>	<b>- 3.67 miles - Intermediate</b>
<b>Knuckles Creek Road Trail</b>	<b>- 3.10 miles - Intermediate</b>
<b>Red Star Trail</b>	<b>- 0.92 miles - Intermediate</b>
<b>Sidewinder Trail</b>	<b>- 1.92 miles - Intermediate</b>
<b>Skyline Trail</b>	<b>- 1.01 miles - Beginners</b>
<b>South Bench Trail</b>	<b>- 3.96 miles - Beginners</b>
<b>Southern Slide Trail</b>	<b>- 0.44 miles - Intermediate</b>
<b>Trail of the Ancients</b>	<b>- 0.55 miles - Intermediate</b>
<b>Trail of the Ancients - One Way</b>	<b>- 0.54 miles - Difficult</b>
<b>Twisted Hickory Trail</b>	<b>- 1.20 miles - Intermediate</b>
<b>Wildcat Trail</b>	<b>- 0.99 miles - Difficult</b>
<b>Zeester Trail</b>	<b>- 0.92 miles - Intermediate</b>

**Beginner** - no sustained climbs over 150 feet in length

**Intermediate** - occasional steep pitches 150-300 feet in length and sustained climbs

**Difficult** - frequent steep pitches with large elevation changes and long difficult sustained climbs.

# Remember!

1. In an emergency, dial 911. However, cell service is spotty do not depend on it. There are a few key cellphone reception areas which are indicated on the maps at the trailhead kiosks, trail information portals, and the map on the other side.
2. Uphill traffic has the right of way regardless of user.
3. Leave no trace. Don't ride in conditions where you will leave evidence of your passing, especially when the trails are muddy. Stay on existing trails and don't create new ones.
4. Use reflective devices and lights at night.
5. Be alert when approaching road and trail crossings.
6. The trails allow for two-way traffic. Pass on left. Go slow in crowded areas. Alert other users with your voice before passing.
7. This is a large and very remote area. Each individual is responsible for his/her own safety and the safety of others.
8. You may encounter poisonous plants, insects or snakes, especially during summer.
9. Creek crossings are unpredictable in cold conditions. Exposure may result in hypothermic situations. In higher water, always carry bike on the downstream side of your body to avoid being swept over by your bike. When in doubt, turn around and be safe.
10. Hunting is a popular sport on the national forests. The heaviest hunting pressure occurs during modern gun deer season in mid-November, spring turkey season in April. Mountain biking is permitted year round, but riders are strongly encouraged to wear a blaze orange vest or jacket during naye hunting seasons.
11. Ride within your ability. Emergency response time can take over an hour to reach you and are very difficult.
12. Knowing your location will speed emergency response.

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# Upper Buffalo Bike Trail

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## Welcome to Big Piney Ranger District

The Big Piney Ranger District is located in the heart of the Ozark Mountains, where visitors can view picturesque rock bluffs and bike wooded hillsides.

Hit the trail to adventure along 35 miles of interconnecting mountain bike trails that loop through this scenic section of the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests. Primarily single track, these incredible mountain bike routes sport names that are descriptive of the trail's own personality and points of interest along the way.

While beautiful, these trails are remote and distances can be deceiving. Expect that traversing this terrain will be slow and difficult.

## Enjoying Upper Buffalo Bike Trails

This free area is maintained and patrolled by volunteers. Please help us keep it clean and free by packing out what you pack in.

The trails can be accessed from two different trailheads. The main access area is located on Knuckles Creek Road which has a gravel-surfaced parking area that will accommodate approximately 15 vehicles. The second trailhead is located on Cave Mountain Road. See map (inside) and sidebar (on this page) for more complete directions.

Cyclists should bring proper safety equipment, such as approved bike helmet and gloves. Padding on elbows and knees may help prevent injury.

## Surrounding Areas

The cities of Fayetteville, Clarksville and Harrison, AR are within an hours drive and the Buffalo National River is located just minutes away from the trail in Boxley Valley and Ponca, where visitors can enjoy float fishing and canoing. Numerous dispersed areas are also available for camping throughout the nearby general forest area. Log on to <http://fs.usda.gov/osfnf> to learn more about other recreation opportunities on the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests.



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**Location**  
From intersection of Hwy 21 and Hwy 16 at Fallsville, take Hwy 16 west for approx. 10 miles, turn right on Cave Mtn. Road (gravel), go 3.2 miles, turn right on Knuckles Creek Road/FS 1413 for 0.9 miles, then take left Y for 0.2 miles. Trailhead on left.

From intersection of Hwy 21 and Hwy 43 at Boxley, take Hwy 21 south for approx. 1.0 mile, then right on Cave Mtn. Road just before the Buffalo River. Go approx. 9.3 miles to Knuckles Creek Road/FS Road 1413. Turn left, go 0.9 miles then take left Y for 0.2 miles. Trailhead on left.



**Hours of Operation**  
Open year-round



**Facilities**

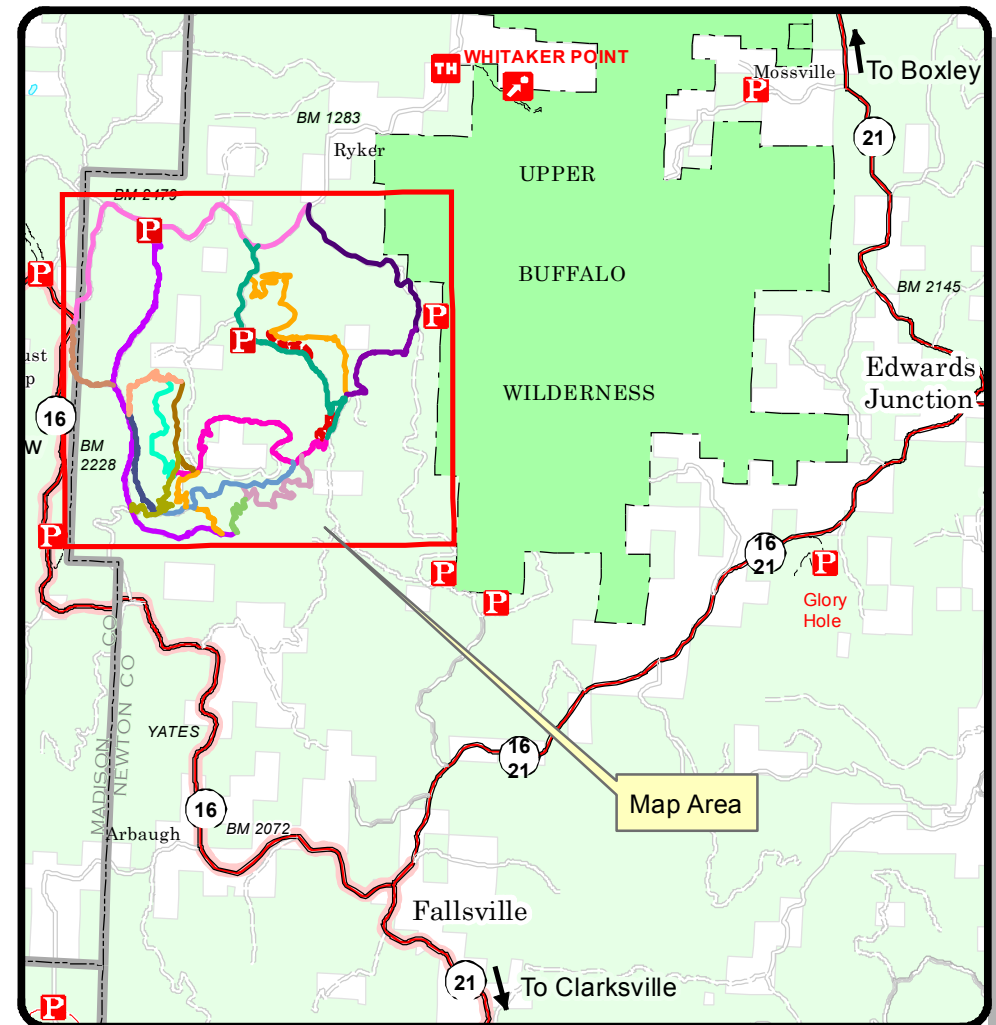
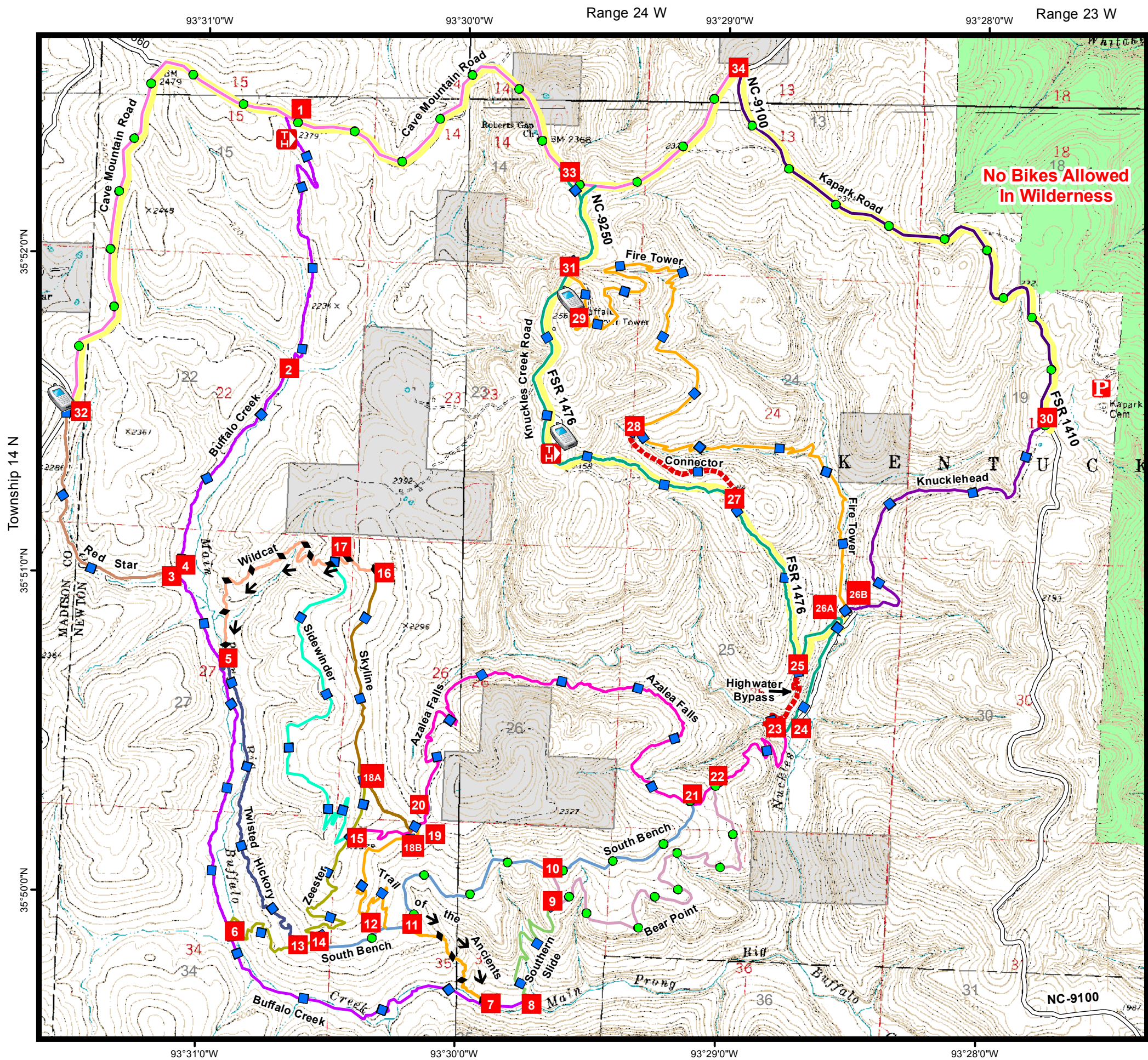
- 35 Miles of Trails
- 2 trailheads
- No restroom
- No trash pick-up

**GPS Coordinates**  
Knuckles Creek Road Trailhead  
35° 51' 23.151" N  
-93° 29' 40.056" W

Cave Mtn. Road Trailhead  
35° 52' 26.37" N  
-93° 30' 42.86" W

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## OZARK-ST. FRANCIS NATIONAL FORESTS



### Big Piney Ranger District Upper Buffalo Bike Trail



Parking



TrailHeads



Information  
Portals



Cell Phone  
Service Locations

### Trail Difficulty Rating



Beginners



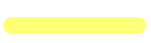
Intermediate



Difficult



Road



Trail and Road



Wilderness



Private Land

