

# Trails

You will encounter many 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.

All trails are accessed by traveling south from the campground and parking areas. The trail system can be accessed from two trailheads, one located west of Highway 7, and the other along the Treat road, which has a gravel-surfaced parking area large enough for 10 vehicles. Trails are marked in both directions with color-coded shapes marked in the color toward the loop you are riding. Junctions are also marked with letters on yellow posts indicating which junction you are at and directional arrows to assist you in following the trail.

**Stave Mill Falls Loop (Orange circle)** begins at the horse camp and meanders along Stave Mill Hollow past several beautiful waterfalls. This is a good route for beginner riders. Stave Mill Falls connects directly to **Gap Hollow Loop (blue)** and to **Black Oak Ridge Loop (pink)**.

**Black Oak Ridge Loop (Pink diamond)** consists of one large loop that connects directly to **Stave Mill Falls Loop (orange)** and **High Mountain Loop (yellow)**, with a couple of inner connecting loops. These trails are along closed forest roads and travel along the ridge between Moccasin Creek and Stave Mill Hollow providing a beautiful view.

**High Mountain Loop (Yellow square)** is the longest loop. It is made up by a series of trails which can be ridden in many combinations. It connects to both **Black Oak Ridge** and **Gap Hollow loops** to the east, connecting to either loop requires crossing Moccasin creek. The scenery is spectacular and includes waterfalls and overlooks. Much High Mountain Loop is located on old logging roads and is easily traveled by riders of all abilities.

**Gap Hollow Loop (Blue triangle)** is a combination of closed roads and trails. The trails offer secluded rustic riding opportunities. **Gap Hollow Loop** is a more challenging trail than **Stave Mills Falls**, yet is easy enough for a user of any ability to enjoy. It is the closest access to **High Mountain Loop** from the Campground.

# Remember!

1. In an emergency, dial 911. However, Cell service is spotty do not depend on it.
2. Uphill traffic has the right of way regardless of user.
3. Generally motorized vehicles yield to bikers, bikers yield to hikers. And all yield to equestrians. Share the trail and respect other users.
4. 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.
5. Stay on designated trails.
6. Use reflective devices and lights at night.
7. Be alert when approaching road and trail crossings.
8. The trails allow for two-way traffic. Pass on left. Go slow in crowded areas. Alert other users with your voice before passing.
9. Use care around horses and other animals. If unsure about approaching someone with a horse or a dog, ask the handler for guidance.
10. Equestrian users must maintain control of their animals at all times.
11. Speed endangers others and damages trail tread.
12. This is a large remote area. Each individual is responsible for his/her own safety and the safety of others.
13. You may encounter poisonous plants, insects or snakes, especially during summer.
14. Creek crossings are unpredictable in cold conditions. Exposure may result in hypothermic situations.
15. Ride within your ability. Emergency response time can take over an hour to reach the campground. Knowing your location will speed response from the campground.
16. Wear blaze orange during hunting seasons, especially deer gun season in mid-November, and during turkey season in April.

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# Moccasin Gap Recreation Area

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**P Location**  
From Dover, AR take Hwy 7 north for approximately 15 miles. Turn left at entrance to campground and day use parking.

Treat Road Access: From Dover, AR take Hwy 7 north for approximately 12 miles to Old Hwy 7. Turn left and follow pavement to intersection (T) of gravel. Take right on Treat Road for approximately one mile. Trailhead on right.

**Hours of Operation**  
Open year-round

**Facilities**

- Municipal Water
- Vault toilets
- Picnic tables
- Electricity
- Pavilion
- Trash pick-up
- Fire rings
- Lantern posts
- Horse pads

**Accessibility**  
The campground is accessible for persons with disabilities.

**GPS Coordinates**  
35° 34' 25.63" N  
-93° 04' 07.29" W

Trail improvements made possible via partnership between the National Forest Foundation, North American Trail Ride Conference, local businesses and the U.S. Forest Service.

## 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.

The Moccasin Gap Campground and Trail System is a great place to disconnect from daily life and reconnect with nature! Thirty-six miles of multiple use trails loop through this beautiful section of the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests 23 miles north of Russellville, AR. Remember that equestrians, motorized vehicle riders, mountain bikers and hikers share the trails. Please be courteous of other users.

The campground offers 13 campsites with electricity, picnic tables and a fire ring for cooking. Five of these campsites are handicapped accessible, and all but site one has a horse pad.

## Enjoying Moccasin Gap Recreation Area and Trails

This area is a fee area with fee collection stations located at the entrances to the Day Use parking area and the camping area. Fees for overnight camping are determined per animal (for equestrians) or per motorized vehicle when the trails are utilized for Day Use only. These fees help keep this popular area maintained for your use.

Trail loops are maintained and patrolled by volunteers. Please help us keep them clean by packing out what you pack in. Be respectful of improvements in appreciation of the hundreds of hours of volunteer labor to build and maintain these facilities.

## Surrounding Areas

The cities of Ft. Smith, Russellville (home to Arkansas Tech University), Dover and Harrison are nearby. Numerous dispersed areas are 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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