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# recreation directory



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# recreation areas

	Page Number	Map Coordinate	Cabins	Picnic Areas	Campsites	Drinking Water	Sanitary	Showers	Hiking	Swimming	Boating	Fishing	Shelter	Accessible	Open All Year	Designated Fee
<b>At Ozark National Forest</b>																
Alum Cove	4	G5	■	■	V	■					■		■	■	■	■
Barkshed	5	K4	■	■	V	■					■	■	■	■	■	■
Bayou Bluff	5	H7	■	■	V	■					■	■	■	■	■	■
Blanchard Springs	6	L4	■	■	F	■					■	■	■	■	■	■
Brock Creek	4	17	■	■	V	■				■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Cove Lake	8	E9	■	■	F	■				■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Fairview	9	G6	■	■	V	■							■	■	■	■
Gray's Spring	9	D6	■										■	■	■	■
Gunner Pool	5	K4		■	V	■					■	■	■	■	■	■
Haw Creek Falls	8	G6		■	V	■					■	■	■	■	■	■
Horsehead Lake	9	E6	■	■	F	■					■	■	■	■	■	■
Lake Wedington	10	B3	■	■	F	■				■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Long Pool	10	G7	■	■	F	■				■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Moccasin Gap	21	G7		■	V	■							■	■	■	■
Mount Magazine State Park	11	E9	■	■	V	■							■	■	■	■
Natural Dam	12	B6	■								■	■	■	■	■	■
Ozone	12	F6	■	■	V	■					■	■	■	■	■	■
Pleasant Hill Shooting Range	11	F6														■
Redding	12	D6		■	F	■				■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Richland Creek	13	H5	■	■	V	■					■	■	■	■	■	■
Rotary Ann	13	G6	■	■	F	■							■	■	■	■
Sam's Throne	14			■	V	■							■	■	■	■
Shelton Point	15	K5											■	■	■	■
Shores Lake	14	D6	■	■	F	■					■	■	■	■	■	■
Sorghum Hollow	20	F8		■	V	■							■	■	■	■
Spring Lake	15	F9	■	■	F	■				■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Sylamore Shooting Range	15	L4			V	■							■	■	■	■
White Rock	16	D6	■	■	V	■							■	■	■	■
Wolf Pen	16	E6	■	■	V	■					■	■	■	■	■	■

<b>At St. Francis National Forest and Mississippi River State Park</b>																
Bear Creek Lake	17	N4	■	■	F	■				■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Horner's Neck Lake	17								■	■					■	■
Storm Creek Lake	17	P7	■	■	F	■				■	■	■	■	■	■	■

V = vault toilet F = flush toilet



Welcome to the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests of central and northwest Arkansas. As public lands, these forests are managed by the U.S. Forest Service for a variety of shared uses. In addition to being great destinations for recreation, national forests also provide habitat for animals,   and birds; supply clean water to nearby communities; and create jobs.

Developed recreation areas are sprinkled throughout the national forest—across 1.2 million acres. Enjoy camping and picnicking, underground caverns, swimming, beaches, wilderness areas, scenic byways, wild and scenic rivers, lakes and streams, over 300 miles of hiking and biking trails and over 1,000 miles of designated routes to ride an off-highway vehicle (OHV).

You can plan a perfect day trip or an extended vacation     with fun and relaxation. To complement your visit, forest maps are available for purchase at the forest supervisor's    in Russellville and at each of the ranger district   , along with many free brochures. You can also learn about the forest online at [www.fs.usda.gov/osfnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/osfnf).

Always remember your safety is your own responsibility when enjoying the great outdoors. Be sure to plan ahead and prepare for your visit.

## DEVELOPED RECREATION AREAS

Several recreation areas on this forest offer a full range of facilities and amenities. Smaller sites tend to be more individualized. Use the chart to compare destinations. Most are open from mid spring to late fall.

However, some sites stay open all year. Contact a rang                      and closing dates at that location.

## FEES

Most national forests charge fees to use their recreation areas. The pay-as-you-go fee system helps defray the cost of developing and maintaining public recreation sites. You can pay by cash, check or show an interagency pass for a reduced rate. America the Beautiful Senior and Access Passes are valid at Forest Service recreation areas.



Trailers and motorhomes are permitted in the general forest area and at developed recreation sites; however, water and electrical hookups are limited to certain areas. In general, recreation areas can accommodate trailers up to 22 feet long.

### CAMPING

While camping is restricted at wildlife openings and near developed sites, it is allowed almost everywhere else in the forest unless posted otherwise. Campfires are allowed without permits, but occasionally dry weather conditions can result in burn bans. Check campground bulletin boards for specific guidance if there is any uncertainty. You are responsible for your fire and any wildfire that may result from a spreading campfire. Remember to keep your campfire small and leave your campfire “dead out.”

These campsites can be reserved: Cove, Lake Wedington and White Rock. Others are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Stop at a ranger station or call a ranger for more information. Nearby campsites are also available.

### HUNTING

Arkansas state licenses are required to fish, hunt and trap in the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests. For further information about seasons and limits, contact the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission at [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com) or call 800-364-4263.

### SWIMMING

Swimming is allowed anywhere in the forest. Cove Lake, Shores Lake, Spring Lake and Lake Wedington have developed swim sites.

### OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

OHVs are permitted on designated routes only. Drivers must be licensed and conform to all state laws. To ensure you are riding legally and responsibly, you must obtain a copy of the Motor Vehicle Use Map from the ranger district office or print it online at: [fs.usda.gov/main/osfnf/maps-pubs](http://fs.usda.gov/main/osfnf/maps-pubs). The map is also available in the Avenza app to download and save to your mobile device.

### PASSES

America the Beautiful Senior Passes and Access Passes are valid in Arkansas. Check the local ranger district office to ensure the pass is accepted at the area you plan to visit. Camping fees usually include swimming and picnicking privileges. At Blanchard Springs Caverns, pass holders pay half the tour fee. Passes are available at the forest supervisor’s office in Russellville and at ranger district offices.

Additionally, the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests sells an annual day-use pass specifically for year-round entry on this forest. The annual pass is available at each ranger district office and will admit all passengers in a vehicle to the fee areas.

### SCENIC BYWAYS

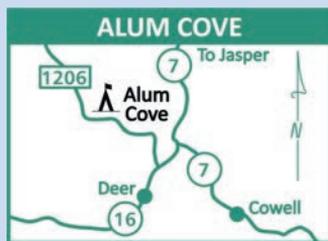
From the peacefulness of dogwood blossoms in the spring to the brilliance of fall colors, seven scenic byways take you on a journey through the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests. Take a spin on Mulberry River Road, Arkansas Scenic 7, Ozark Highlands, Sylamore, Pig Trail, Mt. Magazine, or St. Francis.

# recreation areas

## ALUM COVE NATURAL BRIDGE

The one-mile Alum Cove National Recreation Trail leads to a 130-foot length of natural bridge carved from solid rock by a small stream. Large cave-like rooms weathered out of rock bluffs can be seen on the lower portions of the trail. Enjoy picnicking (7 units with picnic tables), 1 pavilion, vault toilets, drinking water and a 1.1-mile nature trail. Water is available April through September. From Jasper take Arkansas 7 south for 15 miles, then turn right (west) on Arkansas 16 and go 1 mile. Turn right (northwest) on Forest Service Road 1206 (paved) and go 3 miles.

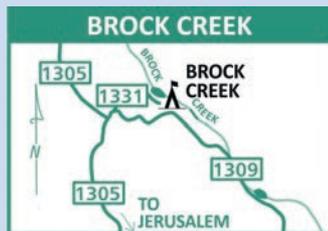
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Ranger  
District**



## BROCK CREEK

Brock Creek Recreation Area is located near the 35-acre Brock Creek Lake. Enjoy camping (6 family units), vault toilet, picnicking, and boating. Primitive campground: pack-it-in, pack-it-out for trash. From Jerusalem take Forest Service Road 1305 (gravel) north for 5 miles. Turn right (east) on Forest Service Road 1309 (gravel) and go 0.1 mile then turn left on Forest Service Road 1331 (gravel) and go 1 mile.

Located in:  
**Big Piney  
Ranger  
District**



## BAYOU BLUFF

Located near the Illinois Bayou River, the area exhibits picturesque bluffs and breathtaking scenery. Enjoy hiking, camping (7 family units, 3 with historic Civilian Conservation Corps rock wall shelters), drinking water, vault toilets, picnicking (the pavilion seats 30 and may be reserved), and wading. From Hector take Arkansas 27 north for 6 miles.



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## BARKSHED

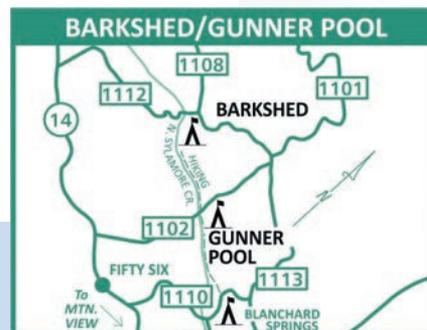
This primitive camp is near a clear mountain stream. The site has one family camp, four picnicking units and a shelter, vault toilets, hiking and fishing. From Mountain View take Arkansas 14 west for 17.3 miles, turn right (north) on Forest Service Road 1115 (gravel), go 2.1 miles and then turn right on Forest Service Road 1112 and go 1.4 miles. Not recommended for large trailers or recreational vehicles (RVs).



## GUNNER POOL



A clear mountain stream with a small pool and high picturesque bluffs can be found here with camping (29 family units), vault toilets, drinking water and fishing. A hiking trail is available along North Sylamore Creek to Blanchard Springs and Barkshed Recreation Areas. From Mountain View take Arkansas 14 west for 14.2 miles then right on Forest Service Road 1102 (gravel) for 3 miles. Not recommended for large trailers or RVs.



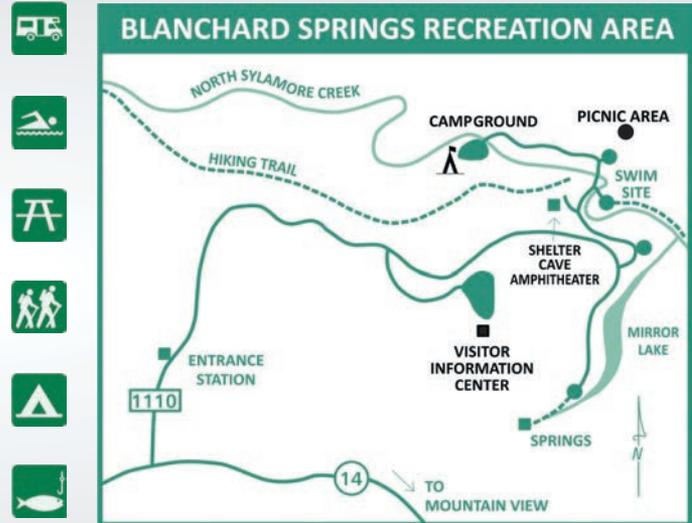
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## BLANCHARD SPRINGS RECREATION AREA

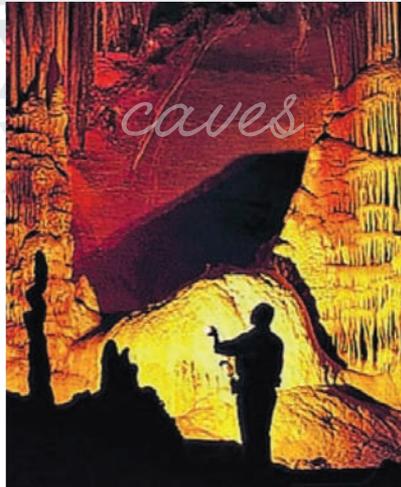
The site is near beautiful North Sylamore Creek, a National Scenic River, and has 18 family units, ☐ ☐ ☐ toilets, drinking water and hot showers. A trailer sewage dump station is available. No electric, water or sewage hookups. Two group campsites are available by reservation only. Visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or call 877-444-6777 to make a reservation.

## BLANCHARD SPRINGS DAY USE AREA

Enjoy 21 family picnic sites, two pavilions for groups from 30-150 persons (for reservations, call 870-269-3228), hiking, trout ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ in Mirror Lake and a large open play area adjacent to the picnic sites. A large bathhouse is also located here. From Mountain View, take Arkansas Hwy 14 west for 12.1 miles and turn right (north) at the Blanchard Springs Caverns sign. Follow signs to the different facilities.



Located in:  
**Sylamore  
Ranger  
District**



## BLANCHARD SPRINGS CAVERN



Explore an ever-changing underground world of stalactites and stalagmites below the forest. Cavern tours depart from the Visitor Information Center seven days a week during peak visitor season and on a limited schedule the rest of the year. Three different tours are available. The caverns are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. An exhibit at the Visitor Information Center shares the intriguing story of life in the underground world. A movie vividly presents the geological history of the caverns. The schedule varies by season. Call 870-757-2211 for details or visit [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/Blanchard](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/Blanchard).

### CAVERN TOURS

#### “Dripstone Tour” (all year)

Take a one-hour tour through the caves' incredibly decorated upper level. The 0.4-mile trail is wheelchair accessible with two strong assistants.

#### “The Wild Cave Tour” (all year)

This tour takes 3.5 to 5 hours, through the caves' middle level. Reservations are required. This is a strenuous journey through undeveloped sections of the cave. Participants should be in good physical condition and be prepared to climb and crawl. Minimum 3 people to maximum of 12. Each must be at least 10 years of age; 10-12 year olds must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

#### “Discovery Tour” (summer only)

Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, this tour is approximately 1.2 miles in length and requires 1 hour and 35 minutes. The trail has approximately 700 steps to climb or descend and is NOT recommended for persons with walking ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ heart or respiratory ailments.

Cavern tour schedules and prices are subject to change. For current information call 870-757-2211 or visit [www.fs.usda.gov/osfnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/osfnf). Persons traveling long distances to visit Blanchard Springs Caverns are advised to make reservations. America the Beautiful Senior and Access Passes entitle bearers to a 50 percent discount on the admission price.

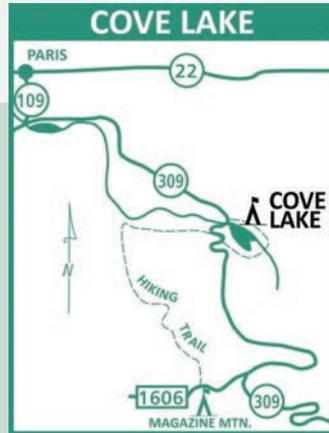
Only  
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animals are  
allowed in  
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Make reservations:  
[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

## COVE LAKE

A 160-acre mountain lake near Mt. Magazine and the highest point in Arkansas with an elevation of 2,753 feet provides a great summer getaway for many. Enjoy camping (28 family units), picnicking (24 family units), vault toilets, drinking water, bathhouse, pavilion with electricity (can be reserved), swimming, hiking, boating and a boat launching ramp. There is a “no wake” restriction in place. Camp trailers are allowed but no special facilities are available. Concessionaire offers boat rentals and food service. Services are reduced in winter. From Paris take Arkansas 109/309 south then turn southwest on Arkansas 309 and go 9 miles. Roads are negotiable with camp trailers.

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Mt.  
Magazine  
Ranger  
District



## GRAY'S SPRING

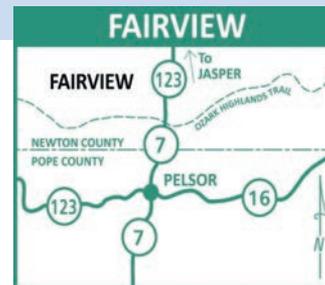
Scenic vistas and fall colors draw visitors to this area. Dogwood, redbud and spring flowering plants are beautiful also. Picnicking (4 family units) and a sheltered vista are available. From Ozark, take Arkansas 23 north for 17 miles then turn left (west) on Forest Service Road 1003 (gravel) and go 4 miles. Forest Service Road 1003 is one mile south of Cass.



Located in:  
Boston Mtn.  
Ranger  
District

## FAIRVIEW

This area is situated on Arkansas 7, which is noted as one of the 10 most scenic highways in the United States. Gorgeous fall colors can be seen in October and November. Dogwood and Redbud blossoms are abundant in early spring. The Ozark Highlands Trail is accessible from here. Picnic areas, drinking water and vault toilets are provided. From Jasper, take Arkansas 7 (paved) south for 28 miles. Roads are negotiable with camp trailers.



Located in:  
Big Piney  
Ranger  
District

## HAW CREEK FALLS

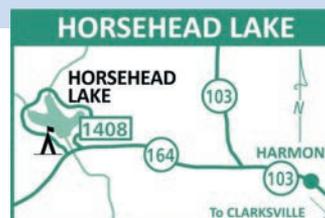
Surrounded by a beautiful mature hardwood forest, this campground is located on a small mountain stream with picturesque falls, rocks and a bluff. Big Piney Wild and Scenic River is nearby. There is an accessible trail to the Haw Creek Falls; also camping (9 family units), vault toilets, picnicking, wading, and hiking (access to the Ozark Highlands Trail). Camping trailers are allowed but no special facilities are available. From Hagarville take Arkansas 123 (paved) north for 14 miles. Or take Arkansas 123 (paved west from the Pelsor intersection of Arkansas 123 and Arkansas 7 and go 12 miles.

Located in:  
Big Piney  
Ranger  
District



## HORSEHEAD LAKE

This 98-acre mountain lake near Clarksville has camping (10 units), vault toilets, drinking water, picnicking (12 units), playground, bathhouse, boating (maximum 10 hp) and boat ramp. Camp trailers are allowed. From Clarksville take Arkansas 103 northwest for 8 miles, turn left (west) on Arkansas 164 and go 4 miles, turn right (north) on Forest Service Road 1408 (paved) and go 3 miles.



Located in:  
Pleasant Hill  
Ranger  
District



## LAKE WEDINGTON

This 102-acre lake serves as a beautiful backdrop for historic cabins, a campground and day-use facilities with partial accessibility for the physically challenged. Amenities include camping (18 family units), flush toilets, showers, drinking water, picnicking (19 family units), swimming, hiking (7-mile trail), boating (maximum 10 hp) and a boat launch ramp. Cabins, lodge, pavilion, canoe, paddle boat rental and a snack bar are available through concessionaire; (phone 479-442-3527). Bathhouse is on site. Camp trailers are allowed but no special facilities available. Groceries, ice and gasoline are available on Highway 16. Laundry and other supplies are available in Fayetteville. From Fayetteville, take Arkansas 16 west for 13 miles. Roads are negotiable with camp trailers.

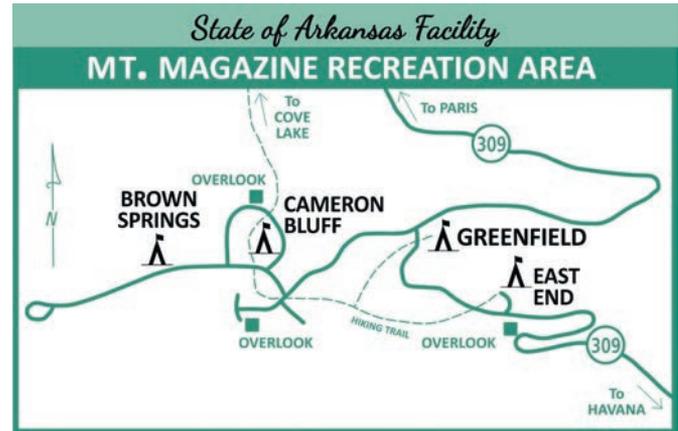
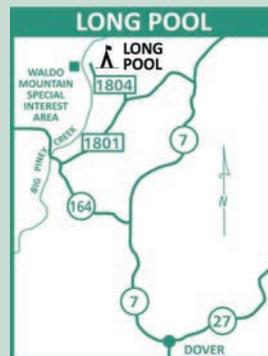
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## LONG POOL

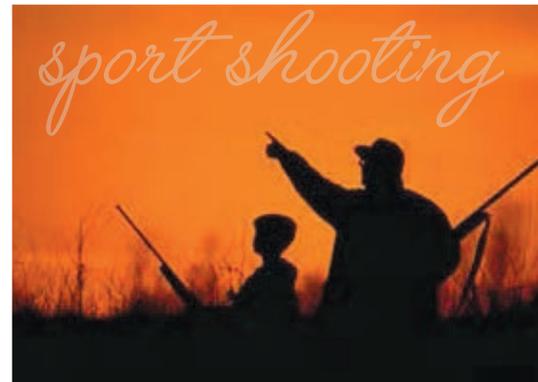
Located on Big Piney Wild and Scenic River, this large natural pool and nearby picturesque bluffs attract visitors. The campground is in a mature pine forest with hardwood forest nearby. Camping (40 family units, 20 with water and electric hookups), picnicking (13 units), kayaking, canoeing and hiking are available. From Dover take Arkansas 7 north for 6 miles, turn left (west) on Arkansas 164 and go 3 miles, turn right (northeast) on Forest Service Road 1801 and go 3 miles, then turn left (northwest) on Forest Service Road 1804 and go 2 miles.

Located in:  
**Big Piney  
Ranger  
District**



## MT. MAGAZINE RECREATION AREA

Through a partnership with the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, the Mt. Magazine Recreation Area is managed as a State Park. The park offers 18 campsites with water, electric and sewer hookups. The park also has hiking trails, overlooks, a pavilion, picnic area with restrooms, visitor center with exhibit gallery and gift shop. Enjoy rock climbing, hang-gliding, biking and horseback riding. Call 479-963-8502 for details. From Paris, take Arkansas 109/309 south for 1 mile then turn left (southeast) on Arkansas 309 and go 17 miles. From Havana take Arkansas 309 north for 12 miles.



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Hill  
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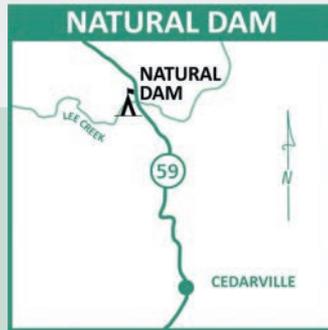
## PLEASANT HILL SHOOTING RANGE

Two ranges are available. The 100-yard range is designed for rifle while the 50-yard range is for pistols. Each has six benches and is open during daylight hours except Wednesday mornings. Users need to bring their own targets and paper clips or clothespins to attach targets to the target holder. No restroom facilities are available. Alcohol is prohibited. From Clarksville take Arkansas 21 north for 7 miles then turn right at the Scenic Byway sign and go 0.25 mile to the parking area.

## NATURAL DAM

This picnic spot is located on Lee Creek and features a sparkling waterfall, picnicking and a scenic view of Mountain Fork Creek as it enters Lee Creek. This unique feature also bisects the Trail of Tears. From Van Buren take Arkansas 59 north for 16 miles then left on County Road 252.

Located in:  
**Boston  
 Mountain  
 Ranger  
 District**

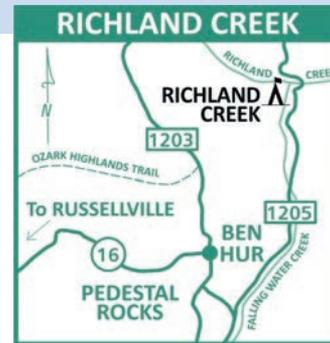


Twin Falls are located at Richland Creek Wilderness Area.

## RICHLAND CREEK

This area has a small picturesque mountain stream with waterfalls, rocks and bluffs. There is access to the Richland Creek Wilderness Area plus camping (14 family units), water, vault toilets, picnicking, hiking and   . From Russellville, take Arkansas 7 north for 37 miles to Pelsor, then turn right (east) on Arkansas 16 and go 10 miles, then turn left (north) on Forest Service Road 1205 (gravel), which is located 1.5 miles south of Ben Hur. Take Forest Service Road 1205 (gravel) north 9 miles to Richland Creek. Caution: Because of very rough roads, visitors are not encouraged to take camp trailers to Richland Creek.

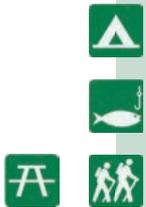
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## OZONE

This is the site of the historic Ozone Civilian Conservation Corps Camp. Enjoy camping (8 family units), vault toilets, pavilion rental, picnicking and hiking. Camping trailers are allowed but no special facilities are available. From Clarksville take Arkansas 21 north for 18 miles. Roads are negotiable with camp trailers.

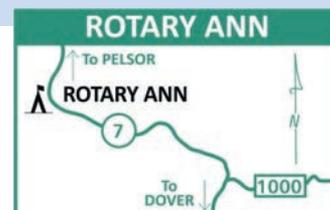
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## ROTARY ANN ROADSIDE REST AREA

This unique roadside rest area offers several informational bulletin boards about the Ozark National Forest and interesting things to do and see on Arkansas Scenic 7. The area offers travelers a spectacular panoramic view of spring and fall colors. This is Arkansas'   roadside rest area. Flush toilets, picnic tables and a viewing deck are available. From Dover take Arkansas 7 north for 25 miles. From Pelsor take Arkansas 7 south for 3 miles.

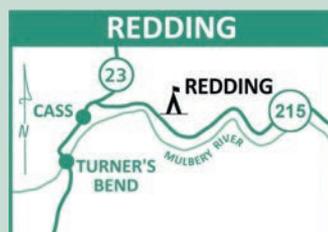
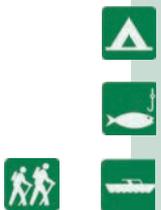
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## REDDING

This campground on the Mulberry Wild and Scenic River is an access point to the Ozark Highlands Trail. Enjoy camping (27 family units),   toilets, showers, drinking water,   and canoe launch. From Ozark take Arkansas 23 north for 18 miles then turn right (east) on Forest Service Road 1003 for 3 miles.

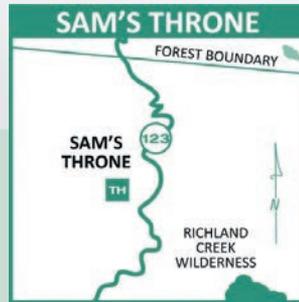
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## SAM'S THRONE

This 2-mile, moderately    out-and-back trail is located near Mt. Judea and features beautiful    views. The trail is moderately    and is accessible all year. Dogs are allowed on the trail, but must be on a leash. Nearby trails: Dog Trot, Catacombs and Chicken Head Access, with numerous climbing opportunities. The campground is basic (no grills), but scenic. It has stone   rings, lantern posts, two pit toilets, RV parking and no camping fees. From Mt. Judea at the intersection of state routes 74 and 123, take route 123 south 4.1 miles to Sam's Throne campground sign. Turn right into campground. Turn left into campground.

Located in:  
**Big Piney  
Ranger  
District**



## SPRING LAKE

This 80-acre lake is situated in a mountain setting popular for a summer picnic or    excursion. It has camping (13 family units), picnicking (19 family units), two vault toilets, drinking water, picnic shelters, swimming (beach, bathhouse, diving dock) and boating (boat launching ramp) with a "no wake" restriction at all times. Camping trailers are allowed but no special facilities. Site is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. From Dardanelle, take Arkansas 27 southwest for 9 miles, then turn right (west) on Arkansas 307 and go 3 miles to Forest Service road 1602 (gravel) and continue for 4 miles to Spring Lake. From Belleville, take Arkansas 307 north for 4 miles to Forest Service Road 1602 (gravel) and go 3 miles. Site is negotiable with a camping trailer.

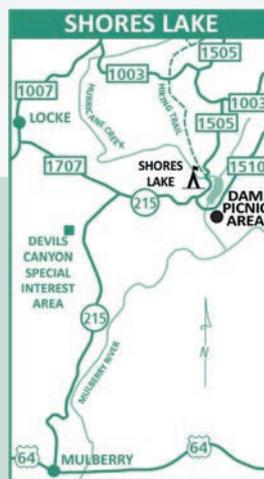
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Magazine  
Ranger  
District**



## SHORES LAKE

Here is an 82-acre lake in a mountain setting with a fully accessible facility for the physically challenged. Camping (19 single, 4 multiple units), showers,   toilets, drinking water, picnicking (28 family units and group picnic facilities), swimming, (dressing rooms), boating (boat launching ramp), hiking and    are available. Maximum boat motor size is 10 hp. A picnic area is nearby. Camping trailers are allowed but no special facilities. The pavilion can be reserved by calling 479-667-2191. From Mulberry, take Arkansas 215 north for 15 miles, then follow Forest Service Road 1505 for 0.5 mile.

Located in:  
**Boston Mt.  
Ranger  
District**



## sport shooting

### SHELTON POINT SHOOTING RANGE

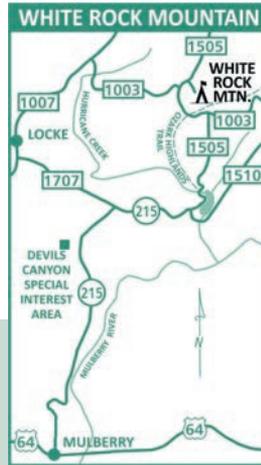
The site has 25, 50 and 100 yard ranges,   benches and is open during daylight hours. Periodic closures will occur for cleaning. Users need to bring their own targets. No restroom facilities are available. Alcohol is prohibited. From Jasper, take Arkansas Highway 7 for 15 miles, turn west on Arkansas 16 and go 1 mile, turn northwest on Newton County Road NC8766 and go 4.2 miles, turn east on Forest Service Road 1206D and proceed approximately 1 mile to parking area.

### SYLAMORE SHOOTING RANGE

Two ranges with covered   lines are available. The   range has 12 shooting benches with target stations at 25, 50, 75, 100 and 200 yards. Targets out to 100 yards are accessible. The accessible handgun range has 8   lanes and one shooting bench with target stations at 7, 15, 25 and 50 yards. A vault toilet is available. Alcohol is prohibited. Ranges are open year round during daylight hours only. Visitors need to bring their own targets plus tape, thumbtacks or staples to hang targets. This is a pack it in/pack it out facility. No trash receptacles are available. From Mountain View, take Arkansas 5 north 13.5 miles, turn right (east) at the shooting range sign and go 0.1 mile to the parking area.

## WHITE ROCK MOUNTAIN

This area features rugged mountain scenery and spectacular bluffs. Rim trails offer panoramic views but also require safety precautions. The summer climate is cool. Camping (8 family units), vault toilets, drinking water, picnicking (8 family units) and hiking are available. There are three cabins and a handicap accessible lodge available for rent. For reservations call 479-369-4128. Take Arkansas 215 north from Mulberry for 15 miles, then follow Forest Service Road 1505 (paved for 0.5 mile, then gravel) for 8 miles, then turn left (west) on Forest Service Road 1003 (gravel) for 2.5 miles.

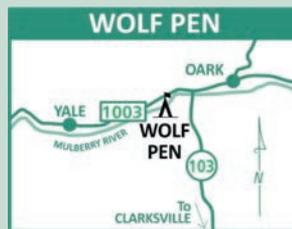


Located in:  
**Boston Mt.  
Ranger  
District**



## WOLF PEN

This area is on the Mulberry Wild and Scenic River and displays scenic rock bluffs. Camping (6 primitive units), picnicking (5 family units), canoe access and vault toilets are available. From Ozark, take Arkansas 23 north for 18 miles, then turn right (east) on Arkansas 215 and go 13 miles. From Clarksville, take Arkansas 103 north for 22 miles then turn left (west) on Arkansas 215 and go 2 miles.



Located in:  
**Pleasant Hill  
Ranger  
District**



# State parks and campgrounds

Through a special use permit, the Forest Service allows the State of Arkansas to develop and manage these recreation sites as part of Mississippi River State Park. The land is within the St. Francis National Forest.

## BEAR CREEK LAKE

This 625-acre lake is at the top of Crowley's Ridge. The site offers camping (31 family units plus 1 group site), picnicking (14 family units), vault toilets, boating (maximum 10 hp motors), boat launching ramp,    accessible    pier, hiking, swimming and drinking water. Camping trailers are allowed but no special facilities are available. From Marianna take Arkansas 44 southeast for 7 miles.



## HORNOR'S NECK LAKE

Visitors can go hiking,    boating (maximum 10 hp motors) and use the handicap accessible boat launching ramp. From Storm Creek Lake Recreation Area take Forest Service Road 1909 0.25 mile south, then take Forest Service Road 1901 south for 0.125 mile, then take Forest Service Road 1921A east to Hornor's Neck.

## STORM CREEK LAKE

This 420-acre lake is located at the top of Crowley's Ridge. The site has camping (14 family units),   toilets, drinking water, picnicking, swimming beach, bathhouse, boating (maximum 10 hp motors), a boat launching ramp and an accessible    pier. The group pavilion with electricity and water can be reserved. From West Helena take Arkansas 242 northwest for 1 mile and turn right (east) on Forest Service Road 1900 (gravel) and go 3 miles.





## trails

When visiting the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests you can find trails for hiking, mountain biking, off-highway-vehicle (OHV) riding and equestrian use. The trails have varying degrees of difficulty. Lengths range from interpretive trails that can be less than a mile to the 240-mile Ozark Highlands Recreation Trail.

Trailheads provide entry to trails and access to wilderness areas. Trailheads are usually adjacent to parking areas, trail registers and bulletin boards. Some have parking for horse trailers and easy access for horse riding. In general, camping is not permitted at a trailhead.

## hiking trails

### BASELINE TRAIL

This 1.7-mile trail is built on the original survey of the 1815 Louisiana Purchase Survey. The trail offers a unique experience—tracing the footsteps of the original surveyors as they recorded the boundary of the Louisiana Purchase. From Marianna, take Hwy 44 east for 5 miles. Turn right past the dam on Road 221 (FS 1900). Go approximately 7 miles. Parking is on the left.

### BAYOU BLUFF TRAIL

This 1.2-mile loop trail overlooks the Illinois Bayou and features spectacular views. From Hector take Arkansas 27 north for 6 miles. Parking is available at Bayou Bluff Campground.

### BEAR CREEK LAKE NATURE TRAIL

The trail is located 5 miles southeast of Marianna. This 0.8-mile trail takes hikers across wooden bridges and through the beautiful and unique Mississippi plain hardwoods of the St. Francis National Forest.

### OZARK HIGHLANDS NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL

The Ozark Highlands Trail (OHT) is a 240-mile hiking trail that crosses the Ozark National Forest and is recognized as one of the most scenic trails in the United States. Starting at Lake Ft. Smith State Park on Arkansas 71, the trail crosses the forest to Woolum near the Buffalo National River and into the Sylamore Ranger District. Trailhead access points are located along its entirety. The

trail travels through a variety of forest landscapes ranging from lower streamside elevations to high ridges. Scenic bluff and rock formations along with high vistas are evident along most sections of the trail. Forest cover varies from newly established stands of pine and hardwood trees to older, mature stands. Hiking the trail, you will see evidence of numerous management activities including wildlife openings and food plots, livestock improvements, timber harvesting and reforestation. Other activities may include oil or gas exploration and production. Each of these activities plays an important role in the management of the national forest for a full range of resource uses.

### PEDESTAL ROCKS SCENIC AREA

This scenic area consists of two hiking trails—Pedestal Rocks and Kings Bluff. Pedestal Rocks is 2.2 miles and Kings Bluff is 1.7 miles long. This unique area offers a good look at Ozark Mountain geology. The views are some of the most spectacular in Arkansas. Both trails feature easy hiking but traverse high cliffs with steep drop-offs and require safety precautions. Parking for large vehicles, picnicking (3 units) and vault toilets are available. Take Arkansas 7 to Pelsor, turn right (east) on Arkansas 16 and go 6 miles. The scenic area is located on the right (south) side of the highway.

### SHORES LAKE/WHITE ROCK LOOP TRAIL

This loop trail connects two of the more popular Forest Service recreation areas: Shores Lake and White Rock Mountain. It offers an excellent weekend hike up a beautiful creek to the top of spectacular White Rock Mountain, and returns via another creek. A portion of the trail follows the Ozark Highlands Trail. Camping is allowed along the trail and campgrounds are available at each end. Three cabins and a handicap-accessible lodge are available for rent at White Rock. For reservations, call (479) 369-4128. From Mulberry, take Arkansas 215 north for 15 miles, then follow Forest Service Road 1505 for 0.5 mile.

### NORTH SYLAMORE CREEK HIKING TRAIL

The trail follows North Sylamore Creek, a National Wild and Scenic River. You will encounter open forest, high ridges and bluffs. Trailheads are located at Allison, Blanchard Springs, Gunner Pool and Barkshed recreation areas. All are developed campgrounds with fees, except Allison, where dispersed camping is allowed. Dispersed camping is also allowed along the trail. The trail is 13.75 miles long with no loops. It is unsurfaced and marked with international hiker symbols. Directional signs are located at road crossings and access points. From Mountain View take Arkansas 14 west 5.5 miles to Allison. Turn left and continue west 0.5 mile on Arkansas 14. Look for a small hiking trail sign and turn right on the gravel road for 0.5 mile to Allison trailhead. For more information contact the Sylamore Ranger District.





Wilderness is a special place where people with an appetite for adventure can explore habitat that is completely natural, unaltered by human activity. A designated wilderness area receives the government's highest level of preservation. On the Ozark National Forest, you can explore five designated wilderness areas. Wilderness is a place to hike, backpack, hunt, fish and seek solitude in nature. Special restrictions apply and are posted at each site.

## wilderness areas

### EAST FORK WILDERNESS

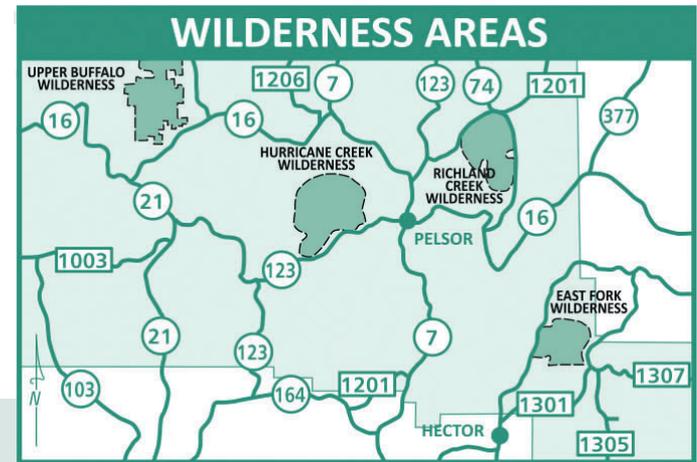
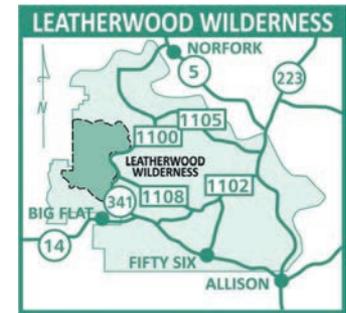
There are 10,688 acres featuring upland swamps, waterfalls and rugged country. Several old roads offer access into the heart of the wilderness, but no developed trails. For more information contact the Big Piney Ranger District. Driving from the junction of Arkansas 27 and 105 at Hector, follow Arkansas 27 north for 13 miles. The wilderness area is on the east side of the highway.

### HURRICANE CREEK WILDERNESS

This 15,307-acre wilderness has the Ozark Highlands Trail and the Hurricane Creek Wild and Scenic River running through the middle of it. The area features a natural bridge. Contact the Big Piney Ranger District for more information. When driving, Arkansas 7 and Arkansas 123 join at Pelsor. Turn left (west) on Arkansas 123 and go 14 miles to Piney Creek. Parking is available at the Fort Douglas trailhead for the Ozark Highlands Trail.

### LEATHERWOOD WILDERNESS

Sprinkled throughout 16,838 acres are clear streams, springs, caves and bluffs. Several old roads offer access into the wilderness but no developed trails. Contact the Sylamore Ranger District for more information. When driving from Big Flat, go east on Arkansas 14 for 3.8 miles, then turn left (north) on Forest Service Road 1110 (gravel). The wilderness lies northwest between Forest Service Roads 1118 (gravel) and 1116 (gravel).

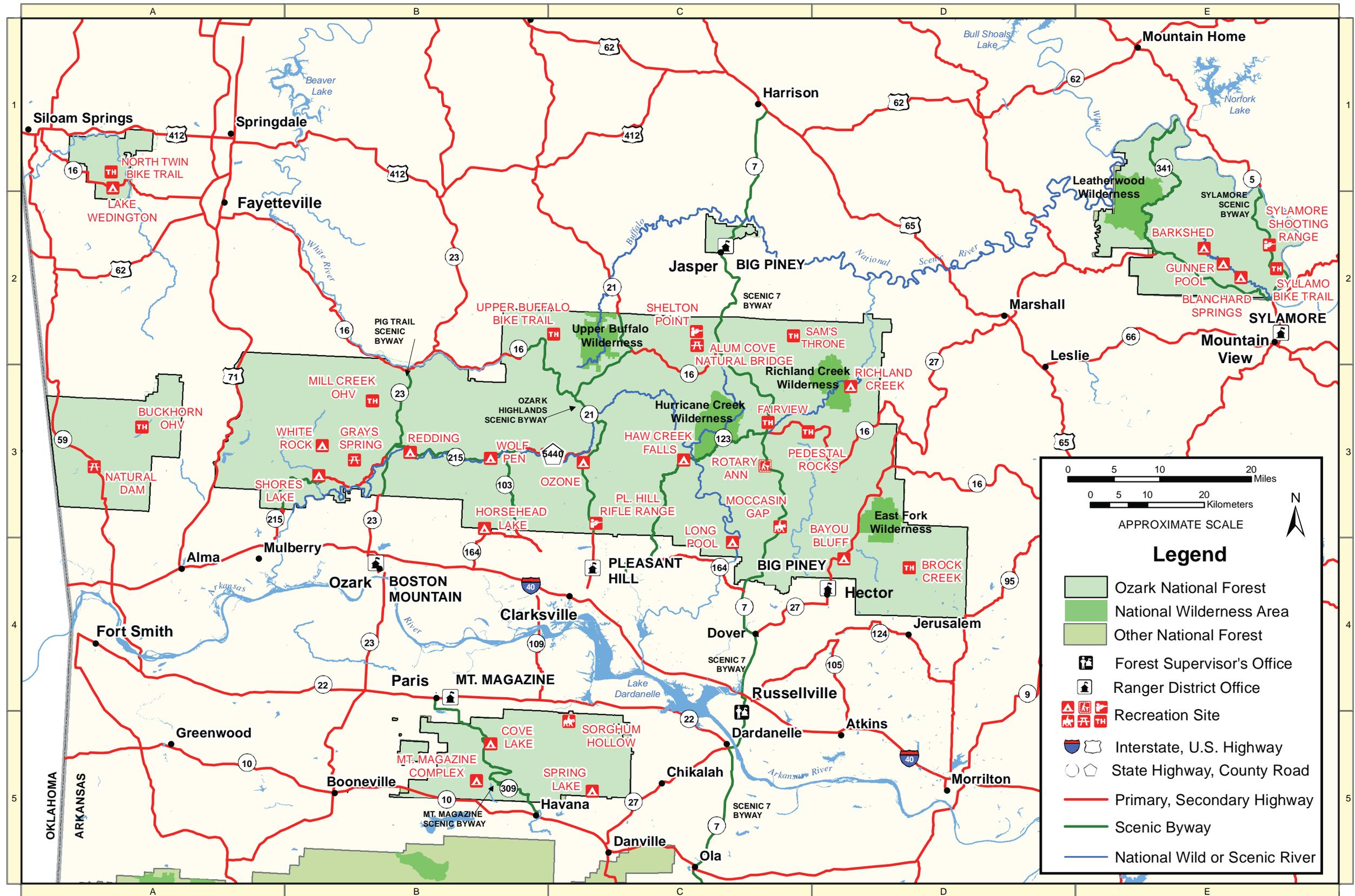


### RICHLAND CREEK WILDERNESS

There are 11,801 acres to explore but no developed trails. The Richland Creek Wild and Scenic River and two waterfalls—Richland Creek Falls and Twin Falls—attract visitors. Contact Big Piney Ranger District for more information. When driving, take Arkansas 7 north from Russellville for 37 miles to Pelsor. Turn right (east) on Arkansas 16 and go 10 miles, then turn left (north) on Forest Service Road 1205 (gravel), which is located about 1.5 miles south of Ben Hur. Take Forest Service Road 1205 (gravel) north 9 miles to Richland Creek campground, which provides access to the wilderness area. Caution: Because of very rough roads, visitors are not encouraged to take camping trailers to Richland Creek.

### UPPER BUFFALO WILDERNESS

The headwaters of the Buffalo Wild and Scenic River run through the heart of these 12,018 acres. Hawksbill Crag, commonly referred to as Whitaker Point, is one of the most highly recognized places in Arkansas and is located in the Upper Buffalo Wilderness Area. This wilderness features caves, bluffs and dramatic scenery. Contact the Big Piney Ranger District for more information. When driving from Jasper, take Arkansas 7 south for 15 miles, then turn right (west) on Arkansas 16 and go 8 miles to Edwards Junction. Turn left (southwest) for 7.5 miles on Arkansas 16/21, then turn right (west) on Forest Service Road 1463 (gravel) and go 2 miles.



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APPROXIMATE SCALE

**Legend**

- Ozark National Forest
- National Wilderness Area
- Other National Forest
- Forest Supervisor's Office
- Ranger District Office
- Recreation Site
- Interstate, U.S. Highway
- State Highway, County Road
- Primary, Secondary Highway
- Scenic Byway
- National Wild or Scenic River

*be a good neighbor*

Always leave the forests cleaner than you found them, and respect private property bordering the forests. To keep special places available for future generations....

1. In developed recreation areas park your vehicles, tents and trailers only in places provided.
2. Occupy your campsite the night you arrive; then don't leave it unoccupied for more than 24 hours at a time.
3. Camping is not permitted in day-use areas such as picnicking sites, swimming areas and scenic areas.
4. Length of stay cannot exceed 14 consecutive days.
5. Only campers are permitted inside campgrounds during established night hours (usually posted).
6. Yes, grills.
7. Help preserve all facilities and vegetation. Protect recreation areas for future generations.
8. Follow all forest-wide prohibitions and guidelines.
9. The National Weather Service is the nation's exclusive and trusted source for weather forecasts and warnings. Before you visit an outdoor location, check with the National Weather Service for weather updates and prepare accordingly for your journey.

### Water Sports

1. Keep glass away from beaches and swimming areas.
2. Keep pets away from beaches and swimming areas. Licensed service animals are allowed in all areas (such as seeing-eye dogs).
3. Motorboat operators, please obey posted limits or signs.

### Hiking and Primitive Camping

1. Be sure that you have a lightweight raincoat, a lightweight tent, a small kit, a warm sleeping bag in winter months, a reliable way to start a fire, an accurate map and compass and sufficient food and water to last your entire trip.
2. Register at trailheads and let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. It's a good idea to leave your name, address and vehicle information at the nearest Forest Service office. Obtain the latest weather information before setting out.
3. Please carry out what you take in. Buried trash may be dug up and scattered by animals in the forest.

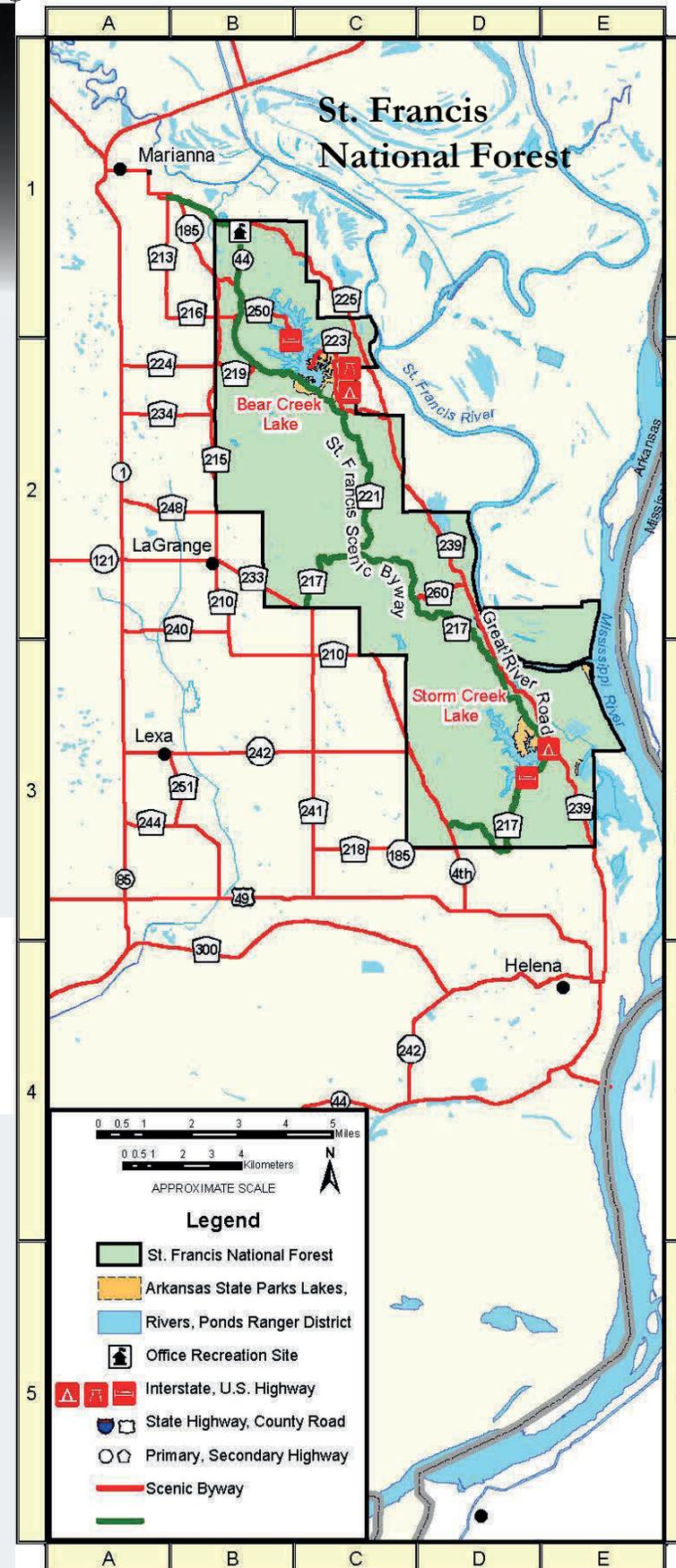


### Camping at Developed Sites

1. Leave your campsite cleaner than you found it.
2. Use containers provided for garbage and unburnable trash.
3. Use recycling bins, if provided. Follow instructions on bin.
4. Use grill or stove to burn paper and cardboard trash if recycling bins are not provided for either of these items.
5. Put nothing in the toilets that might damage or clog them.
6. Keep your pets quiet and on a leash.
7. Please respect quiet time hours: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
8. Keep radios, TVs and musical instruments at a low volume.
9. Fireworks and the shooting of firearms are prohibited.
10. Observe speed limits and drive carefully. Keep all vehicles on roads and spurs. Park only in designated parking spots.
11. Ensure that only the designated number of people use a camp or picnic site.
12. Place camping equipment in your campsite when you register. Leaving personal items or camping equipment to attempt to hold a site, when not registered, is prohibited. Campsites must be actively and continuously occupied from the time of registration to the day of departure.

*have fun be prepared*

4. Bury your body waste in a shallow hole, 4-6 inches deep in a location no closer than 100 feet to the nearest water.
5. Don't underestimate the ruggedness of the terrain and the physical exertion it will require. Be aware of the symptoms of heat exhaustion and hypothermia.
6. Bring with you a means to purify water if you intend to use "natural" water for cooking or drinking. During dry periods, you may need to carry water with you. Higher elevations do not have frequent water supply sources during dry weather.
7. Take bug repellent for ticks and insects.



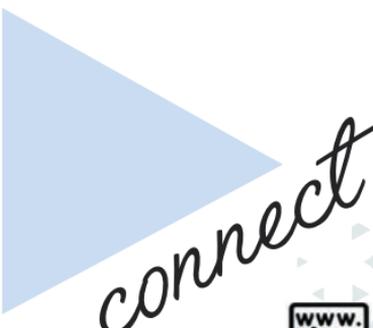
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