Trail Highlights: This trail winds along a portion of the Little Missouri River, a designated wild and scenic river. Cascading waterfalls, stately hardwoods, old-growth pine stands, wildlife, and seasonal leaf colors are just a few of the natural delights awaiting hikers. One of the most scenic areas, the “Winding Stairs” area, offers breathtaking views of the forest, river, and large novaculite rock outcrops.

This trail is fairly level with a few steep inclines. It crosses the Little Missouri River eight times and Crooked, Brier, Long, and Blaylock creeks once. Hikers should be careful when crossing streams. Rocks in streams can be slick and high water is dangerous after rain storms.

Surrounding Areas:
• Picnic, and swim at Albert Pike Recreation Area.
• Enjoy the solitude and the hunting opportunities of the Caney Creek Wilderness Area.
• For more trail adventure try Athens-Big Fork or Eagle Rock Loop Hiking Trails.

For More Information:
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Length: 16 miles, one-way.
Directions: The trail may be accessed at the Little Missouri Falls Recreation Area and Albert Pike Recreation Area. Developed trailheads are located at Forest Service Roads 25 or 106.

Trail Information: Unsurfaced, with a few steep changes in grade.

Difficulty Level: More difficult.
Recommended season: Autumn through spring.

Safety: Treat all stream water before drinking.

Restrictions: This trail is restricted to foot traffic and mountain bikes.

Horses, pack animals, and vehicles are prohibited.

Horses are welcome on the Viles Branch Equestrian Trail.

Trail markings: White rectangles