

# Lusk Creek Wilderness Quest

## Quest Description:

Lusk Creek Wilderness is located in Pope County and was designated as a wilderness area by the Illinois Wilderness Act of 1990 and totals 6,298 acres. The wilderness features an outstanding scenic view called Indian Kitchen located in the Lusk Creek Canyon Nature Preserve.

Dedicated nature preserves are the last remaining remnants of our state's natural heritage and are almost all that is left of the way the state looked in the early 1800s. Today, less than 0.1% of the Illinois landscape remains as it did when first seen by Illinois' early settlers. Permanently protected by state law, nature preserves are private and public lands that have rare plants, animals, or other unique natural features.

During your hike you might feel like you are leaving civilization far behind. Perfect! Wilderness should offer outstanding opportunities for solitude and a physical and mental challenge.

Take time to immerse yourself in nature and capture this moment in time. Listen to the sounds around, breathe deeply, look closer and rejuvenate your spirit! To capture this experience, create a sound map or write a poem that reflects how and what you are feeling.

"For a time I rest in the grace of the world,  
and am free."

-Wendell Berry



**Trail Name and Marker:** Indian Kitchen TH (#433)

**Trail Difficulty:** Moderate to Difficult

**Trail Length:** 2.5 mile (one way)

**Travel Time:** 3 hours

**Trail Type:** Dirt trail

**Best Season:** Winter, Spring, Early Summer, Fall

**Possible Hazards:** Loose rocks, tree roots, poison ivy, poisonous snakes, and trail can be slippery when wet.

**Wilderness Ethics:** Plan ahead and prepare for your trip, Pack in/pack out, Travel on durable surfaces, Respect wildlife and other visitors, Take only picture and leave only footprints.

**Directions to Indian Kitchen Trailhead:**

From Route 145 in Eddyville, head east onto Eddyville Blacktop (the road just south of Shawnee Mart). Look for the directional sign for Indian Kitchen TH and turn left. Continue on the road until you come to the trailhead parking lot on your left. Trail begins across the road.

**In Case of Emergency:** 911

Harrisburg Medical Center  
100 Warren Tuttle Dr.  
Harrisburg, IL 62946  
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## Supplies

### Needed:

1. **Map**
2. **Water**
3. **Snack**
4. **Notebook**
5. **Pencil**

For More information:  
Hidden Spring Ranger  
District

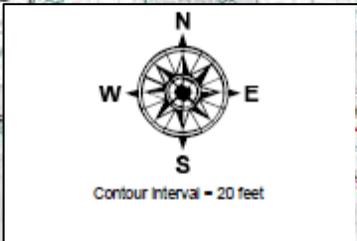
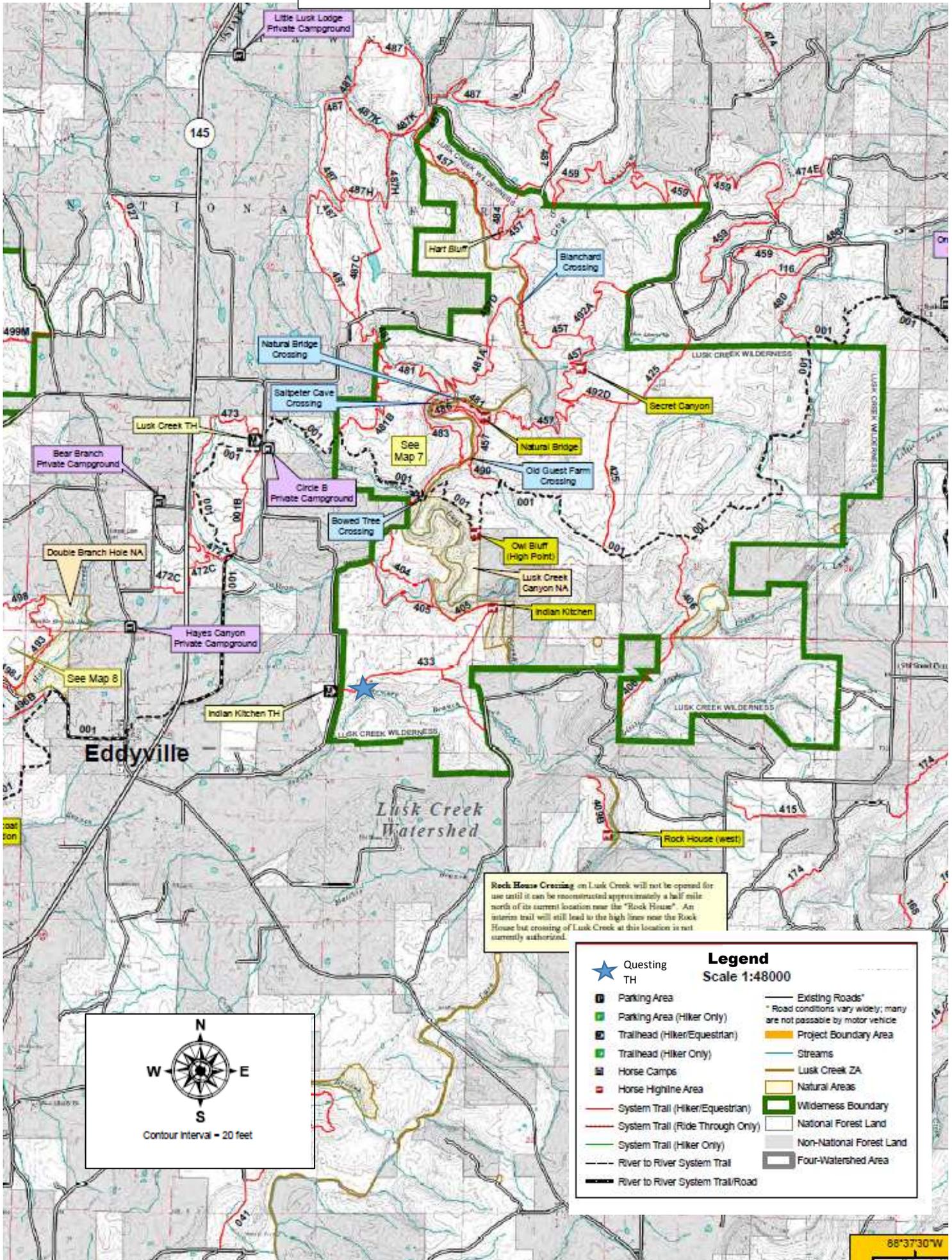
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**Legend**  
Scale 1:48000

★ Questioning TH	— Existing Roads*
Ⓚ Parking Area	* Road conditions vary widely; many are not passable by motor vehicle
Ⓚ Parking Area (Hiker Only)	▭ Project Boundary Area
Ⓚ Trailhead (Hiker/Equestrian)	— Streams
Ⓚ Trailhead (Hiker Only)	— Lusk Creek ZA
Ⓚ Horse Camps	▭ Natural Areas
Ⓚ Horse Highline Area	▭ Wilderness Boundary
— System Trail (Hiker/Equestrian)	▭ National Forest Land
— System Trail (Ride Through Only)	▭ Non-National Forest Land
— System Trail (Hiker Only)	▭ Four-Watershed Area
— River to River System Trail	
— River to River System Trail/Road	

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