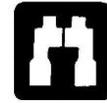




Buttermilk Hill Trail



Shawnee National Forest

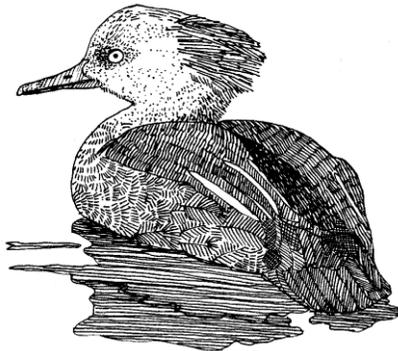
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Buttermilk Hill Trail offers nice views of Kinkaid Lake as it meanders along the side of Buttermilk Hill above the Lake. In autumn, the hills surrounding Kinkaid Lake are alive with color as the maples, hickories and oak trees change to brilliant red, orange and yellow. Part of the larger Kinkaid Lake Trail System, Buttermilk Hill Trail is not a loop trail and portions of the trail are narrow and steep. A destination along the trail is Buttermilk Hill picnic area, which is only accessed via the trail or by boat. Serving as a scenic resting spot along the trail, the picnic area has been a favorite of boaters for many years.

Know before you go:

- Carry plenty of water or boil/treat water before drinking.
- Cell phone reception may be weak or non-existent.
- Be aware of hunters during hunting season.
- Be aware of changing weather conditions.
- Poisonous snakes and poison ivy are present in the area.
- The trail tread may become slick when wet, especially rock surfaces.



Surrounding Areas:

Johnson Creek Recreation Area, Kinkaid Lake Trail System and Murphysboro State Park.

Emergencies:

The nearest hospital is St. Joseph's in Murphysboro.

Length: 7.9 miles

Travel Time: 4 hours

Surface Type: Dirt/Natural

Difficulty Level: Moderate to difficult

Recommended Season: Early spring and fall

Facilities at Buttermilk Hill Picnic Area:

Picnic tables, grills, vault toilet and boat dock.

Parking: Most trailheads have limited parking space. Crisenberry Dam access has a large parking lot along North Spillway Road (about ½ mile from the trail access point).

Directions to Trailheads-From Murphysboro:

Buttermilk Hill Trailhead: Take Hwy 149 west 7 miles to Hwy 3, then north 2.75 miles on Hwy 3 to Buttermilk Hill Rd. Turn north on Buttermilk Hill Rd. then east on Taylor Rd.

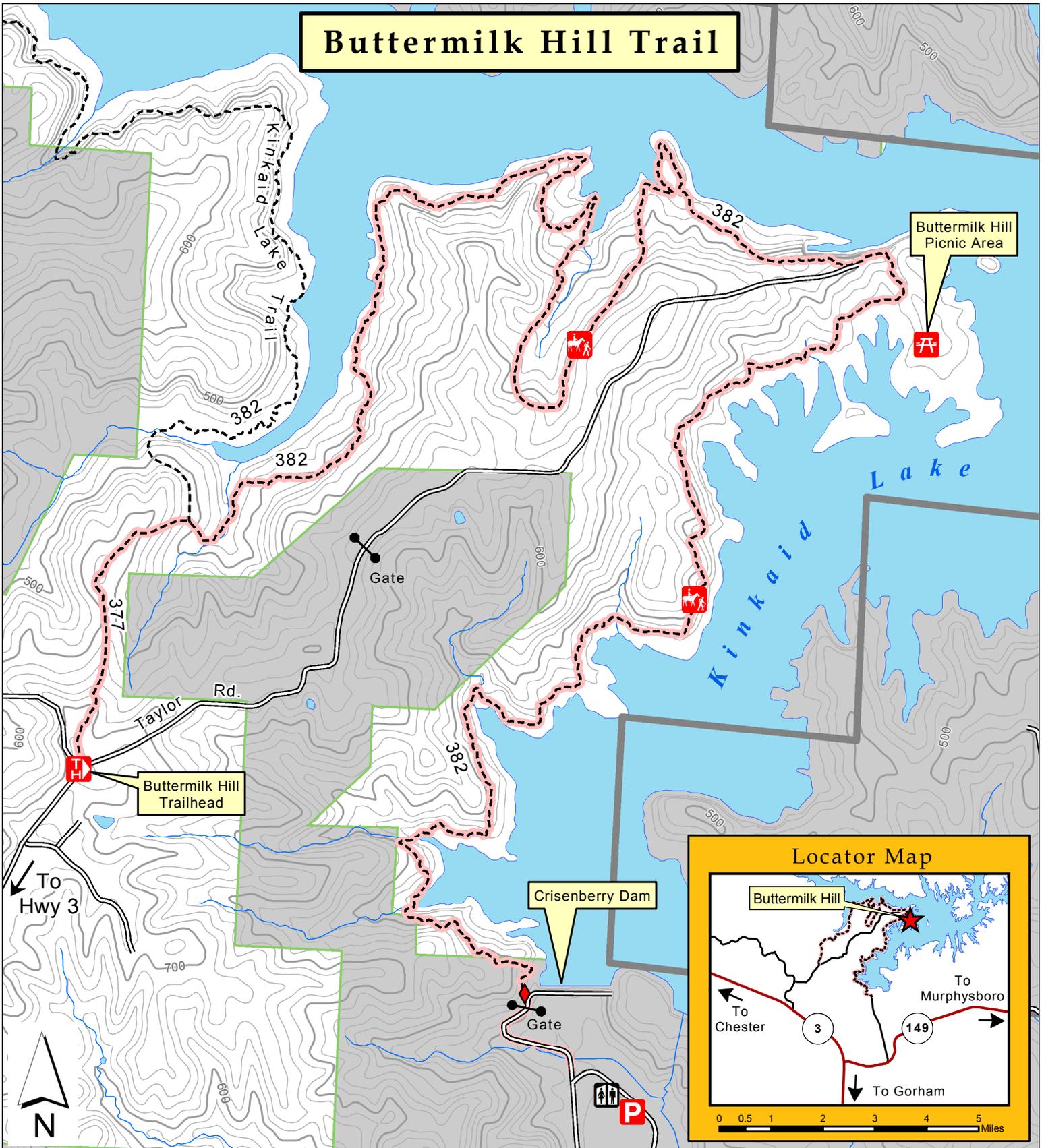
Crisenberry Dam Trail Access: Take Hwy 149 west 6.25 miles, turn north onto Spillway Road, go 1½ miles. The road deadends at Crisenberry Dam gate; the trail can be accessed just north of the gate.

Trail Ethics: *Share the Trail* - The trail system has designated hiker/equestrian trails. Hikers should yield to equestrians. Practice the Leave No Trace outdoor ethics (www.lnt.org).

For More Information

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Buttermilk Hill Trail



Legend

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|--|------------------------|--|---------------|--|------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| | Point of Access | | Restroom | | Hiker/Equestrian Trail | | National Forest Land |
| | Trailhead | | State Highway | | Buttermilk Hill Trail | | Non-National Forest Land |
| | Hiker/Equestrian Trail | | Road | | Stream | | Forest Boundary |
| | Picnic Area | | | | | | |

Contour interval = 20 feet

