



# Pomona Natural Bridge



Pomona Natural Bridge Trail features a short loop trail leading through a mature oak-hickory and beech forest. As the trail descends to the creek, an overlook reveals a view of Pomona Natural Bridge, which spans 90 feet, nestled within the trees.

People have been drawn to the natural wonders of southern Illinois for years. During the late 1930s and early 1940s, this site and many other scenic areas became more accessible and improved due to the Civilian Conservation Corps.

## Know Before You Go

Venomous snakes and poison ivy are present in the area. Remember “leaves of three, leave it be.” The trail may become slick when wet. Be aware of local hunting seasons and wear bright orange or red during those periods or avoid hunting areas.

## Other Attractions

Little Grand Canyon, Cedar Lake, LaRue-Pine Hills Research Natural Area, Clear Springs Wilderness and Bald Knob Wilderness.

**Trail Designation:** Loop trail; Hiker use only

**Length:** 0.3 mile

**Travel Time:** ½ hour to 45 minutes

**Trail Difficulty:** Moderate

**Trail Surface:** Gravel and dirt

**Open:** Daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

No overnight parking allowed.

**Facilities:** Parking, picnic area and grill

### Directions:

**From Murphysboro:** Take Highway 127 south 10 miles to Pomona Road. Go west on Pomona Rd. 0.7 mile to Natural Bridge Road. Turn north (right) onto Natural Bridge Rd and continue 2 miles to the “Y” in the road; Veer left, staying on Natural Bridge Rd. for 0.25 miles to trailhead parking lot.

**From Jonesboro:** Take Highway 146 west 2.5 miles, then take Highway 127 north 12 miles to Pomona Road. Go west on Pomona Rd. 0.7 mile to Natural Bridge Road. Turn north (right) onto Natural Bridge Rd and continue 2 miles to the “Y” in the road; Veer left, staying on Natural Bridge Rd. for 0.25 miles to trailhead parking lot.

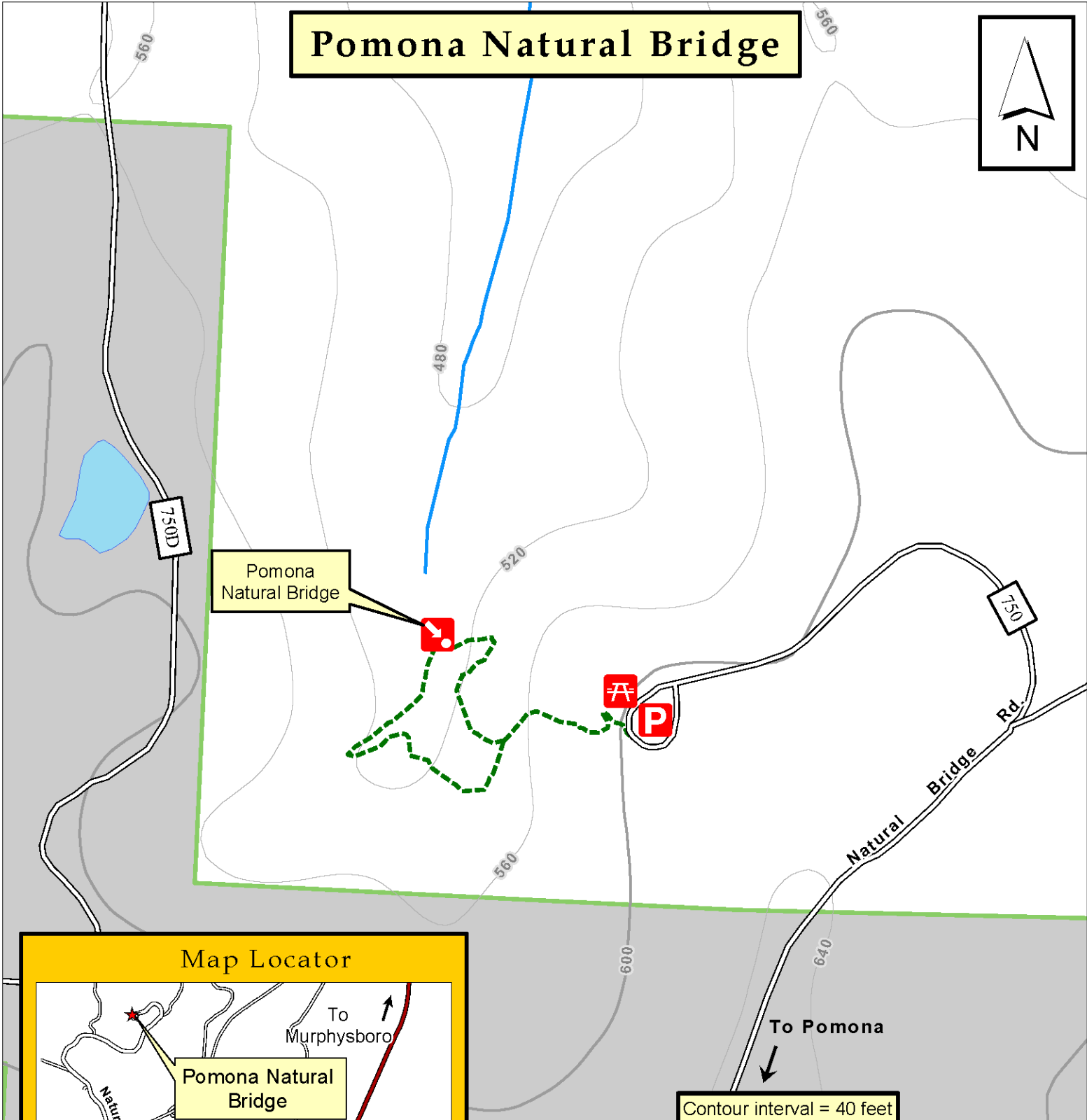
**Safety:** Trail tread may be slippery during and after rain. Poison ivy is present along the trail.

**In the event of an emergency, call 911.**

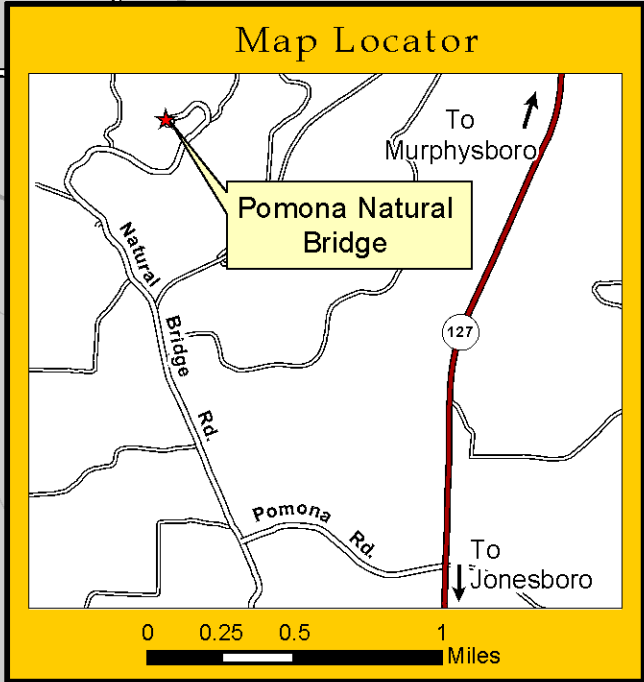
**Trail Ethics:** Stay on the designated trail and practice the Leave No Trace outdoor ethics ([www.Int.org](http://www.Int.org)). Pack it in. Pack it out.



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Contour interval = 40 feet



**Legend** jlvaughn 2014

	Parking Area		State Highway
	Natural Bridge		Road
	Picnic Area		Stream
	Pomona Hiker Only Trail		National Forest Land
			Non-National Forest Land

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Miles