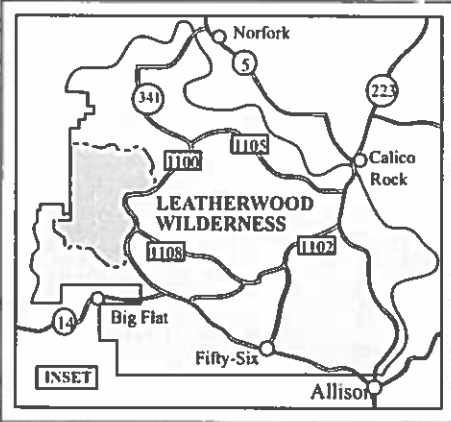
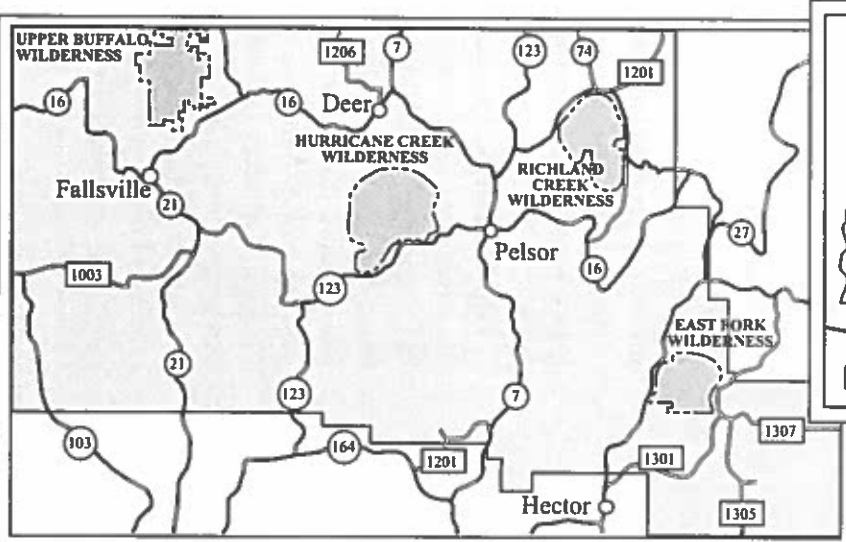


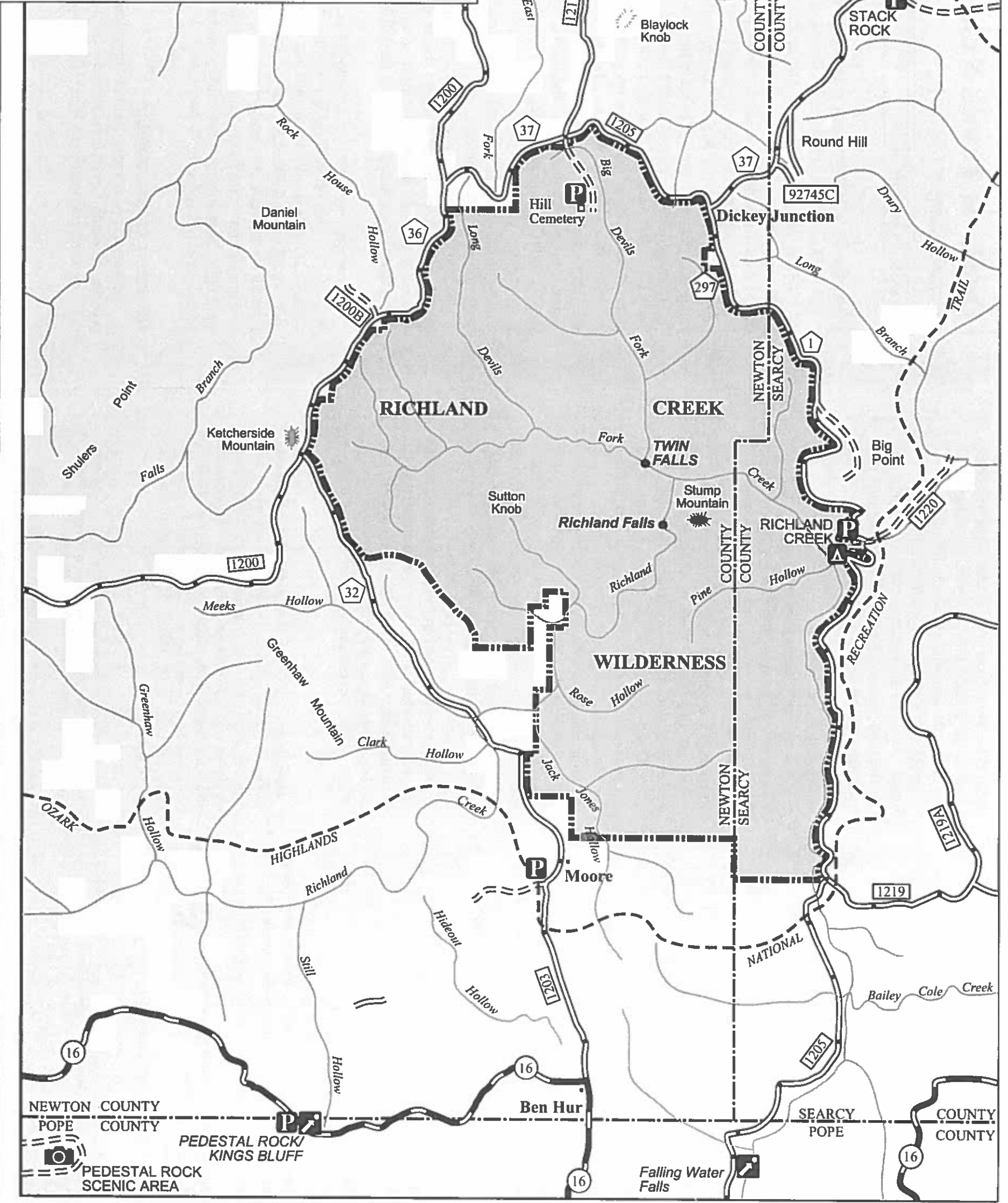
# Richland Creek Wilderness Area

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	Wilderness Area Boundary
	State Highway
	County Road (Gravel)
	National Forest Road (Unimproved)
	National Forest Trail
	Parking/Trailhead
	Campground, National Forest
	Point of Interest
	Scenic Area

Approximate Scale 1" = 1 mile



### Points of Interest

**Twin Falls** - The waterfalls are the most visited site within this wilderness. They are located at the junction of Long Devils and Big Devils Forks Creeks. Visitors typically reach the falls by either Richland Creek Campground, including the access point to the north of the campground, or Hill Cemetery. The best time of year to visit is during the rainy springtime. During other times of the year, check with the District to see if the falls have water flowing.

**Richland Creek Falls** - These falls are located along the main Richland Creek, ½ mile up from the junction with the Long Devils Fork Creek.

**Richland Creek Campground** - The campground is a popular access point to the wilderness. It offers 11 family camping units with no horses permitted. The facilities include vault toilets, hiking, fishing, picnic tables, and bulletin boards with the Wilderness Regulations displayed.

*Wilderness Regulations prohibit the use of any mechanized or motorized equipment including motorcycles, bicycles, or portable motors such as generators and chainsaws.*

### Leave No Trace Principles of outdoor ethics:

As a visitor to the wilderness, you should be aware that you are entering a primitive environment. Visitors should accept the responsibility of minimizing the impact of their visit.

Remember to recognize and respect all private landowner's rights, particularly regarding access to wilderness. Please do not trespass.

The concept of "taking only pictures and leaving only footprints" is the first and foremost ethic of the wilderness. Please observe the "leave no trace" ethics:

- Plan ahead and carry these essentials on all wilderness trips: map, compass, whistle (three blasts signify help), flashlight, sharp knife, candles, waterproof matches, first-aid kit, warm clothing,

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extra food, drinking water and a filtration device.

- Camp at least 100 feet from previous campsites and 200 feet from lakes and streams. This will help to reduce the impacts from compacted soils, crushed vegetation, and campfire ash accumulation.
- Select your camp site carefully to minimize impact. Avoid trenching around tents or cutting live branches and plants to make a parklike campsite. If you clear away pinecones and twigs in your sleeping area, scatter these items back over the ground when breaking camp.
- It's best to go without a campfire and use a backpacking stove instead. Build fire rings at a site with little or no vegetation or burnable materials. Never leave a fire unattended. Extinguish campfires completely and scatter burned-out materials.
- Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished.
- Leave nothing behind. Even organic scraps such as orange peels, and egg or peanut shells are unsightly and take a long time to decompose.
- To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 200 feet away from water, camp, or trails and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Wash and rinse with water from jugs or pots. Scatter strained dishwater.
- Pack and saddle horses can be allowed to graze freely, or be tied to picket lines, at least 100 feet from water sources and campsites. High lines should be used whenever possible to avoid damage to trees.
- Help preserve America's cultural heritage by leaving archeological and historical remains undisturbed. For more information: [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org)

*Hunting and fishing are permitted. A valid Arkansas hunting or fishing license is required for anyone 16 years of age or older. Arkansas Game and Fish Commission regulations apply in wilderness areas. For information about licenses, seasons and limits, contact the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, #2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205. Phone 1-800-364-4263 or visit [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com).*

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### Welcome to a Wilderness Experience.

The Richland Creek Wilderness was created by the 1984 Arkansas Wilderness Act and contains 11,801 acres in the middle of the Boston Mountains. One of three wildernesses on the Buffalo Ranger District, it takes its name from the main creek running through the area. Rich, fertile soil is found along the lower creek portion near the Buffalo River.

An unusual feature of the Ozark Mountains is that the "mountains" are actually plateaus, uplifted as a unit with few folds or faults. The ruggedness of these mountains is due to erosion of the plateaus caused by swift rivers flowing between them. Topography within 1/4 mile on either side of Richland and Long Devil's Fork Creeks is quite rugged and scenic. Rock bluffs over 100 feet high and extending over a mile along each side of Richland Creek graphically reveal the earth's development.

The forest cover is mostly second and third growth oak-hickory. Some scattered stands of shortleaf pine in old fields still exist from when the Forest Service purchased the land in the 1930s and 1940s.

There are no developed trails located in the wilderness. A system of old logging roads that runs throughout the area provides an informal network of trails for hiking and horseback riding. Kayakers can float Richland Creek after heavy rains. The wilderness area is known for its crystal clear creeks and waterfalls. Remember to take drinking water or a filtration device with you for your safety.

### Directions to Access Points

The most popular access point to the wilderness is at the **Richland Creek Campground** located on the eastern edge along Forest Road 1205. From

Russellville, take Arkansas Highway 7 north for 37 miles to Pelsor, then turn right (east) on Arkansas Highway 16 and go 9 miles; turn left (north) on Forest Service Road 1205 (also Pope County Road 68) which is located 1.5 miles south of Ben Hur. Take Forest Service Road 1205 north 9 miles to Richland Creek campground which provides access to the wilderness area. *Caution: Because of rough roads, visitors are not encouraged to take camping trailers to Richland Creek campground.*

To the north is another access to the wilderness area. Take Highway 74 east of Jasper, travel to the end of the highway about 6 miles east of Mt. Judea to a "T" in the road; go south following the pavement for 2 miles; travel to another "T" (there will be a sign saying Bass, Arkansas on an old barn); go east ¼ mile and turn left (east) again going across a creek, (this is Forest Road 1205/Newton County Road 37). Follow to the intersection of County Roads 36 and 37. Take a left to continue on 37 and continue for 9 miles to the campground. *Caution: During rainy weather, the crossing at Bass, Arkansas might become impassable.*

About ½ mile north of the campground, along Forest Road 1205, is another access point with a pullout area and a visitor registration box.

**Hill Cemetery**, located in the northern portion of the wilderness, is also a good access point. It is 7 miles north of the Richland Campground on Forest Road 1205. At this point, there will be a 4-way intersection, take the south road (left) and proceed past the house to the end of the road (about 1 mile.) *Caution: This access is not recommended for passenger cars. The first ¼ mile of the road is on private property so the owner's permission is required for any travel off of the road. In addition, parking is extremely limited.*

*Motorcycles, bicycles, and portable motors such as generators and chain saws are not allowed.*

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