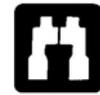




Panther Den



Shawnee National Forest

Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District

2007

The United States Congress designated Panther Den as a wilderness area in 1990. It now has a total of 1195 acres, 1081 acres is National Forest System and other portion is the Crab Orchard Wilderness. The primary trail system is the River to River Trail. This trail is well marked and has several loops are in the system. Several other trails branch off the River to River Trail and support the main trail system.

Safety

Carrying a map, compass and plenty of water is recommended. Be aware of hunters during hunting season. Poisonous snakes and poison ivy are present in the area. The trail tread may become slick when wet.

Surrounding Area

Devils Kitchen Lake, Little Grassy Lake and Giant City State Park.

Emergencies

The nearest hospital is Carbondale Memorial in Carbondale, IL. The nearest public phone is in Giant City State Park.

For More Information:

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Length: Several trails and loops are in this area. Combinations of these can be 2 to 10 miles in length.

Travel Time: Depends on which loops are included All loops combined take 12 hours to complete.

Surface Type: Dirt and rock

Difficulty Level: Moderate to Difficult

Recommended Season: Year Round

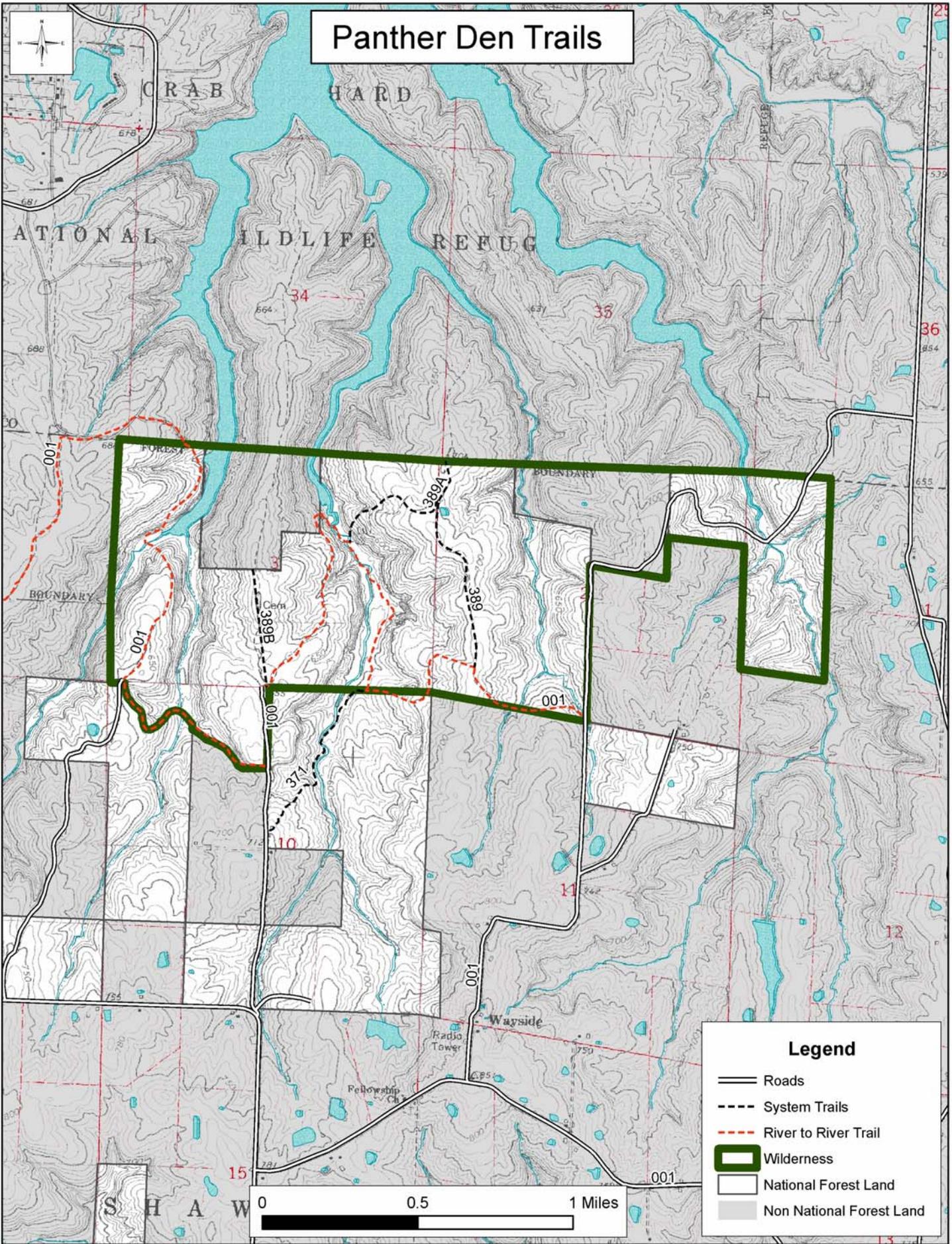
Facilities: Small gravel parking area at the end of Panther Den Lane.

Access: From Carbondale 3 miles east to Spillway Rd. turn south go 11 miles to Wolf Creek Rd. turn south and go 7 miles to Mt Hebron Rd. turn west and go 2 miles to Wayside Lane turn north 2miles into the wilderness area.

Hiker/Equestrian Trails -  white diamond

Trail Ethics: Pack it in, Pack it out.

Panther Den Trails



Legend

- Roads
- - - System Trails
- - - River to River Trail
- ▭ Wilderness
- ▭ National Forest Land
- ▭ Non National Forest Land