

**Shawnee National Forest Rules for the Big Grand Pierre Creek, Eagle Creek, Lusk Creek and Upper Bay Creek Watersheds**  
(the areas depicted on this map)

**What is an Interim Trail?**

Many of the trails that were designated by the 2006 Record of Decision for the Trails Designation Project have been identified as needing reconstruction. Some trails will require realignment to a new location in order to maintain them to an all weather standard. Interim trails are routes that will be used temporarily until these realigned trails can be constructed. Interim trails exist in all four of the watersheds and have been chosen from among existing trails to complete loops and to make available some of the most popular riding destinations. As construction is completed and new trails are available these interim routes will be closed and rehabilitated (these interim trail closures are signed clearly on the ground).

**Trail Signs and Symbols**

**Non-wilderness Trail Signs**

- River to River Trail #001
- County Road #423
- Upper Bay Creek Trail #30

Trail junctions are signed.

The following reassurance markers are used at intervals along the trail.

- White Diamond - Hiker/Equestrian trails
- Blue Diamond - Hiker only trails
- Blue Square over Blue Rectangle by itself or inside of a White Diamond - River to River Trail (Hiker/Equestrian)

**Wilderness Trail Signs**

- Lusk Creek Tri #457
- High Point

Designated Wilderness areas are managed for a more primitive and challenging recreation experience. Therefore wilderness trails are signed at trail junctions only and have few or no reassurance markers.

**Horse Highline Areas**

To prevent resource damage (damage to live trees, plants, soils, etc.) equestrians are to use designated highline areas, see map for locations. Some interim highline areas have been designated. Please use these areas as well, until permanent highline areas can be created in a more suitable location.

**Ride-Through Only Trails in the Lusk Creek Wilderness**

Currently portions of Trails #486 and #481 are designated **ride-through only areas**. Equestrians are welcome to ride these trails but should not stop at Saltpeter Cave or Natural Bridge. For longer visits to these two sites equestrians should tie their horses at the highline area just east of Natural Bridge and walk back to the sites.

**Safety Tips**

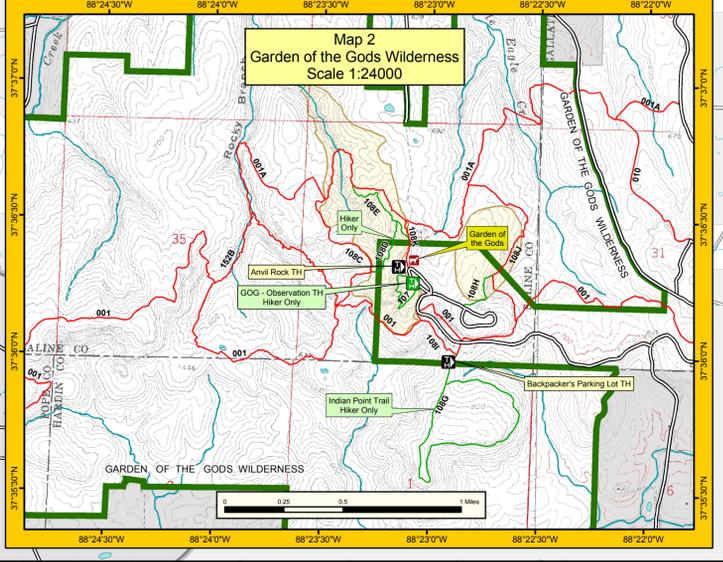
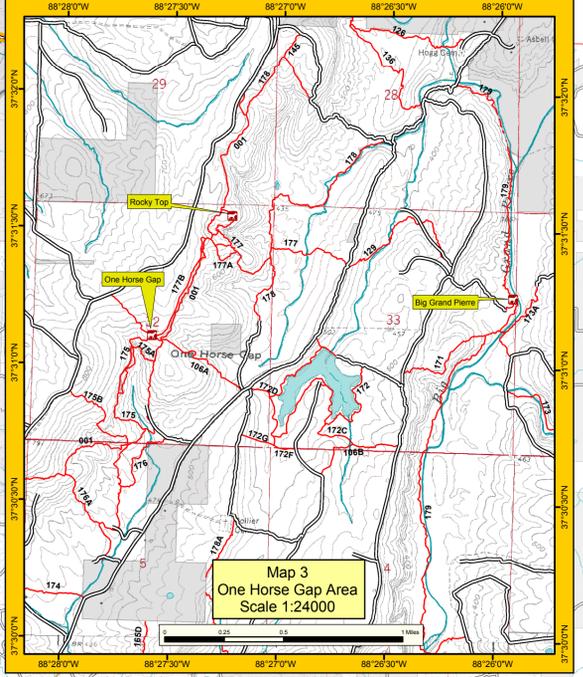
- Let a family member or friend know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Take extra precautions during hunting season.
- Many of the trails depicted on this map intersect with roads. If you choose to use a road as a part of your hike or ride be aware of traffic laws and traffic safety.
- Expect the unexpected in the backcountry. Consider carrying the following safety items among the gear you take to the backcountry:
  - A map and compass or GPS unit (and the ability to use them)
  - Extra food and drinking water
  - Rain gear
  - Extra clothing layers during cooler seasons
  - Flashlight
  - Cell Phone
  - Pocketknife
  - First-aid kit
  - Protection from sun and insects
  - Waterproof matches or a lighter



**Shawnee National Forest  
Hiker/Equestrian Trails Designation Project  
Interim Trail Map 2010  
Eagle Creek and Big Grand Pierre Creek  
Watersheds  
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Map 1



**Where can I Tie My Horse?**

Horses should not be tied directly to trees. Highlines have been constructed by volunteers in the following locations to provide places for equestrians to stop and tie off their horses. When stopping outside of one of these areas please cross tie or otherwise restrain your animals out of reach of live trees.

Big Grand Pierre Watershed Highlines			
Highline	Latitude	Longitude	Access Trail
Rocky Top	37° 31' 31" N	88° 27' 12" W	177, 001
One Horse Gap	37° 31' 05" N	88° 27' 32" W	001, 106, 175, 177
Hogg Cemetery	37° 32' 35" N	88° 26' 34" W	169
Grand Pierre	37° 31' 15" N	88° 25' 55" W	179
Eagle Creek Watershed Highlines			
Garden of the Gods	37° 36' 20" N	88° 23' 05" W	108K
Buzzard's Point	37° 36' 01" N	88° 21' 33" W	001
Initial Tree	37° 36' 25" N	88° 17' 47" W	150, 005

Trail reconstruction should begin in the following areas in 2010.

- Clayton Hollow, Thacker Hollow
- Eddyville Vicinity
- Near Hart Bluff in the Lusk Creek Wilderness

**What is a non-native invasive species?**

Non-native invasive species are plants and animals that are introduced outside of their normal range that reproduce rapidly and cause major changes to the areas where they become established. In the absence of environmental or competitive stresses that normally limit their distribution plant species such as kudzu or garlic mustard can completely overtake native vegetation. In Midwestern watersheds, zebra mussels are seriously diminishing populations of native aquatic species. Meanwhile, the emerald ash borer is slowly munching its way out of the upper Midwest, killing the ash trees of the native deciduous forest.

The Shawnee National Forest has many non-native invasive species that inhabit the forest floor. Some, like autumn olive or multiflora rose are well established and will be nearly impossible to eradicate. They can be seen adjacent to trails throughout the area. The species shown here, garlic mustard, kudzu, Chinese Yam and Nepalese browntop are less



**Non-Native Invasive Species**



widespread and their spread could yet be stopped.

**If I'm a trail user, why should I care?**

Non-native invasive species pose a threat to public lands all over the country. When they form dense stands they leave areas undesirable for hiking and camping. Their eradication is time consuming and expensive and they have been the cause of restrictions on recreational access to some areas. These species alter native plant and animal communities and eliminate opportunities for anglers, mushroomers, birders, hunters and other nature lovers.

Non-native invasive species are transported by many vectors including wind, water and forest animals. The fact that some species are prevalent along trails suggests that these species regularly use recreationists to hitchhike from one place to another. Research has shown that non-native invasive plants can be carried by boots and clothing, on vehicles, including trailers, and in the hair and manure of stock.

**What can I do to limit the spread of non-native invasive species?**

Please help your public land managers to stop the spread of non-native invasive species by adopting the following practices:

- Learn to identify non-native invasive species, especially the ones depicted here, and watch for them.
- Report any infestation to the local land manager. For sightings on the Shawnee National Forest call 618-658-1312.
- Check for seeds and plant parts and clean equipment, boots, gear clothing and animals, including dogs, prior to riding or hiking, between trips and, before leaving an infested area.
- Use weed-free feeds beginning a few days prior to, and all during your visit to public land.
- Dispose of seeds in a plastic bag or in a trash can.
- Avoid transporting firewood or other materials that could harbor emerald ash borers or other invasive pests.



**Authorized Stock Use**

Within the road boundaries depicted on this map, authorized routes for riding or leading a horse or other pack or saddle animal include:

- Designated or interim hiker/equestrian trails
  - Designated stock confinement areas
  - Equestrian trailheads
  - Roads displayed on this Interim Trails Map
- For more information about these restrictions or for a list of roads that form the boundary of the closure area, contact the Shawnee National Forest Headquarters at (618) 253-7114 or Hidden Springs Ranger District at (618) 658-2111.

**Legend Scale 1:48000** 01.29.2010

- Parking Area (Hiker Only)
- Trailhead (Hiker Only)
- Trailhead
- Horse Camps
- Horse Highline Area
- Interim Horse Highline Area
- Hiker/Equestrian Trails
- Ride-Through Only Trail
- Interim Trails
- Hiker Only Trails
- Existing Roads\*
- Road conditions vary widely many are not passable by motor vehicle
- Closure Order Boundary
- Streams
- Lusk Creek ZA
- Natural Areas
- Wilderness Boundary
- National Forest Land
- Non-National Forest Land
- Four-Watershed Area

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