

Driving Directions

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EAST SIDE OF SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST

Hidden Springs Ranger Station – Vienna 618-658-2111

The following recreation areas are off Karber's Ridge Road, which is accessed from the west by Illinois State Highway 34:

- **Camp Cadiz Campground** – located approximately 5 miles east on Karber's Ridge Road turn right onto County Road 7.
- **Garden of the Gods/Pharoah Campground and Picnic Area** – approximately two miles east on Karber's Ridge Road, turn left and go approximately 2 miles, turn left again into Garden of Gods Recreation Area.
- **High Knob Picnic and Observation Area** – located 4 miles east on Karber's Ridge Road, turn left on High Knob Road, go approximately 2 miles, make right turn, follow sign.
- **Rim Rock/Pounds Hollow Recreation Area/Pine Ridge Campground/Pounds Hollow Beach & Picnic Area/Lakeview Picnic Ground and Indian Wall Picnic Ground** – Rim Rock entrance is located approximately 8 miles east on Karber's Ridge Road. Pounds Hollow entrance is approximately 9 miles east on Karber's Ridge Road.
- **Iron Furnace Picnic Area** – From Illinois State Highway 34 and Illinois Highway 146 intersection, take Illinois Route 146 east 3 miles, turn left on Iron Furnace Road (County Road 12).
- **Tower Rock Campground and Picnic Area** – From intersection of Illinois State Highway 34 and Illinois State Highway 146, go east on Illinois State Highway 146 approximately 8 miles, turn right onto Tower Rock Road.
- **Bell Smith Springs/Redbud Campground/Teal Pond** – from Harrisburg, take Route 145/34 south to Delwood. At Delwood, turn west on FR402. Take FR402 west 4 miles to junction FR447. Proceed south on FR447 past Teal Pond to FR848. Take FR848 two miles southwest to Bell Smith Springs.
- **Millstone Bluff** – follow Route 145 south from Harrisburg to Route 147 (just north of Glendale Illinois). Follow Route 147 to FR462. There is a Millstone Bluff marker on Route 147.
- **Trigg Tower** – follow Route 145 south from Harrisburg to Route 147 (just north of Glendale Illinois). Follow Route 147 to FR210. Follow FR210 to intersection with FR424. Trigg Tower is located on right.
- **Jackson Falls** – from Harrisburg follow Route 145 south to Delwood. Turn right (west) toward Bell Smith Springs. Pass through McCormick, then Zion Hill Church. Turn left (south) on FR494. FR494 is rough until the unmarked recreation area on the right, just before the creek. There is a small building and a

bulletin board. A trail follows the top of the bluff (southeast) around to the area where you can walk into the canyon.

- **Lake Glendale Recreation Area** – from Harrisburg follow Route 145 south approximately 25 miles, left turn into recreation area.

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- **Pine Hills Campground** – from Jonesboro take Illinois 146 west to Route 127 north. Go north three miles to the State Forest blacktop road. Turn west and travel 9 miles to FR 236 or Pine Hills road. The campground is .07 miles north on Pine Hills road. To access PHCG from Illinois Route 3, turn onto the State Forest blacktop at the south edge of Wolf Lake. Travel east approx. 1 mile to the Pine Hills Road, FR 236. Turn north onto FR 236 and travel .07 miles to the campground.
- **Winter's Pond Recreation Area** – From Illinois Route 3 turn east onto the Big Muddy Levee road located on the south side of the Big Muddy River bridge. Travel 3 miles to the base of the bluffs. Turn right (south) onto FR 345 or LaRue Road. Winter's Pond Picnic Area is located on the right. The north gate to close the "*snake road*" is visible from the parking area of Winter's Pond.
- **Pine Hills Road** - To access from the west, follow directions to Winter's Pond. At the base of the bluffs turn left(north) and travel to the first right-hand turn. This is the Pine Hills road or FR 236. The trailhead to **McCann Springs**, **Inspiration Point Trail**, the entrance to **Clear Springs Wilderness Area**, **McGee Hill Picnic area** and the **Pine Hills Campground** are all located along this scenic drive.

Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station - Murphysboro Work Center 618-687-1731

- **Buttermilk Hill Picnic Area** – the picnic area is located about 1 ½ miles due west of the main marina on Kinkaid Lake.
- **Hickory Ridge/Little Grand Canyon** – from Murphysboro Ranger Station, take 20th Street south for 1 ½ miles until you reach Hickory Ridge Road, turn left (south) and go approximately 6 miles.
- ALTERNATE ROUTE: From Route 149 in Murphysboro, take Highway 127 south 6 miles to Etherton Road, then west 5 miles.
- ALTERNATE ROUTE: From Alto Pass north 7 miles to Highway 127 to Etherton Road, then west 5 miles.
- **Johnson Creek Recreation Area and Beach** – from Murphysboro, take Illinois 149 west to junction with Illinois 3. Take Illinois 3 west to Illinois 151. Take Illinois 151 four miles north to recreation area entrance.
- **Pomona Natural Bridge Picnic Area and Trail** – from Murphysboro, go south on Route 127 to crossroads. Turn right into Pomona. From Pomona, turn right in front of general store, road leads into area.

- **Turkey Bayou Campground** – from Murphysboro, take Route 149 to Route 3, turn left (south). Go to Oakwood Bottoms Road (FR186), turn on FR786.