

# Wolf Pen Gap Trail Complex

Ouachita National Forest



**SEASONS:** Designated routes will be open seasonally from the first Friday of March each year, through Oct. 31. Two holiday periods will open the trail system to OHV use: from three days prior to Thanksgiving through two days after Thanksgiving, and from Dec. 22 through Jan. 2.

Monitoring will be an important factor in protecting natural resources. Monitoring will help determine if the amount of rainfall is enough to result in damage to the maintained trails, or increased sedimentation in nearby tributaries. If so, a temporary closure of the trails, generally short-term, will occur.

In addition to changes made to road and trail designations, a number of other actions will occur within the next 5 years, including improvement of stream crossings, a foot trail to Hawk's Gap overlook, and obliteration and relocation of the "warm-up" trail at the West Trailhead parking lot.

**TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS:** Featuring high mountain vistas, the trail leads the rider through an array of areas, including scenic Gap Creek and Board Camp Creek.

The trail continues through a forest of large pines and hardwoods before passing the unique 2-footed oak tree and an abandoned mine shaft.

The trail loops are connected to accommodate riders who want to vary the length of their trips.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mena Ranger District  
1603 Hwy. 71 N.  
Mena, AR 71953  
(479) 394-2382

**LENGTH:** 42 miles of loop trails

**DIRECTIONS: West Trailhead:** From Mena, take State Highway 8 east for 1 mile to Arkansas 375, then south 8 miles to the trailhead near County Road 277.

**South Trailhead:** From Mena, take State Highway 8 east for 1 mile to Arkansas 375, then South 10 miles to the trailhead.

**North Trailhead:** From Mena, take Hwy. 8 east for 10 miles to Polk County Rd. 61, travel 3.5 miles, turn right at the sign, go 1/2 mile to the North Trailhead.

**East Trailhead:** From Mena take Hwy. 8 east about 20 miles (about 1 mile east of Big Fork), turn right on Polk County Rd. 83 (Forest Road 38), travel 5 miles to the East Trailhead.

**TRAIL INFORMATION:** Trail surface is either gravel or unsurfaced.

**SITE AMENITIES:** Vault toilets at all trailheads. All four trailheads are graveled and built for 16 foot trailers. There are 3 Medevac Helispots for emergencies.

**DIFFICULTY LEVEL:** Trails are easy to most difficult. Trails 5, 6, and 826 have sections for experienced riders only.

**SAFETY:** Watch for truck and automobile traffic on Trails 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6. Watch for other off-highway vehicles (OHVs) on all trails. There is two-way traffic on all trails.

**REQUIREMENTS:** OHV use within the Wolf Pen Gap Trail complex is limited to designated roads and trails. Camping is limited to designated camp sites. Trailheads are not available for camping. Helmet use is recommended.

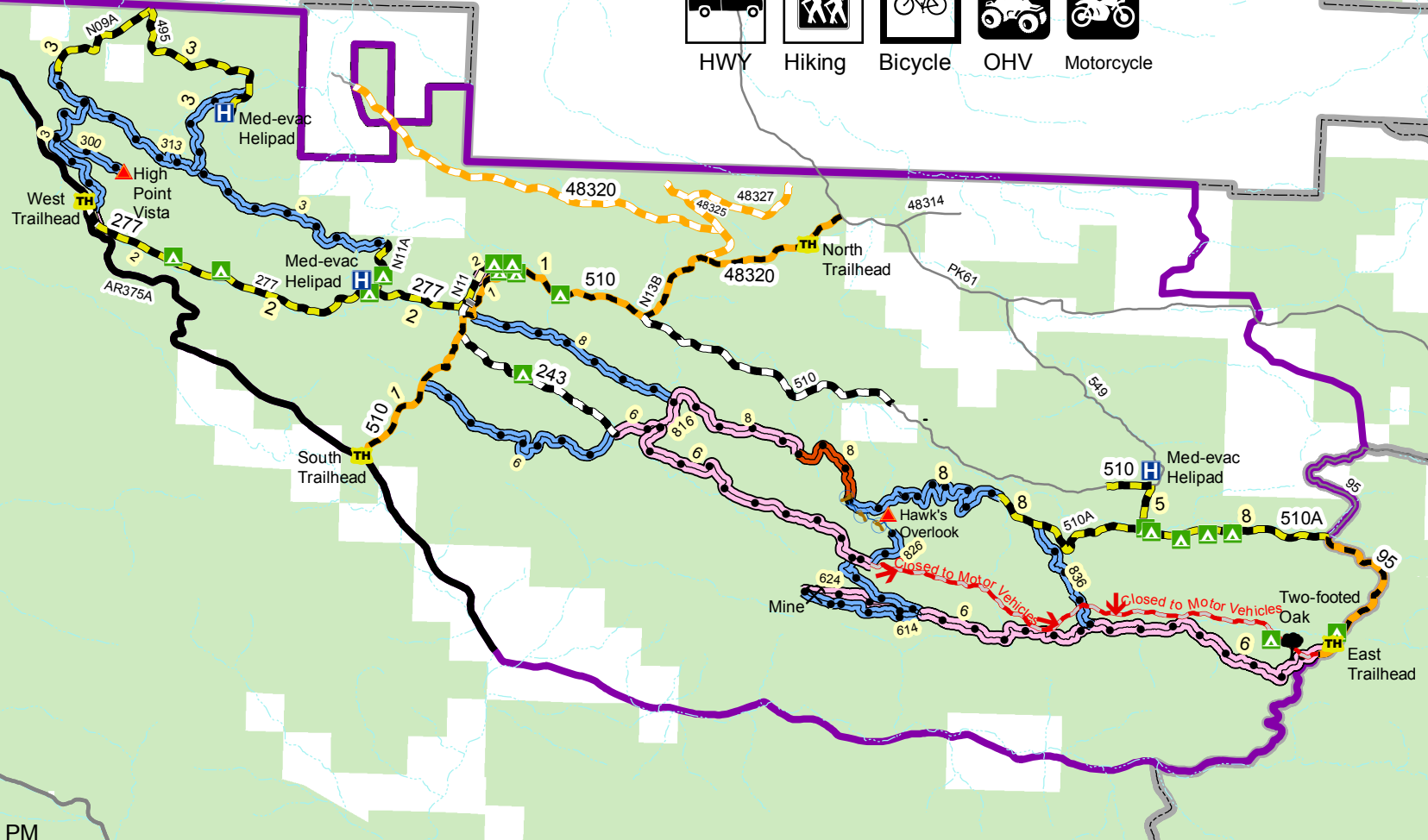
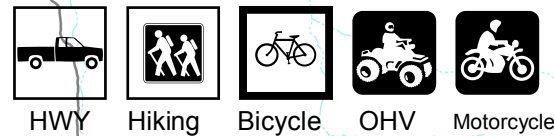


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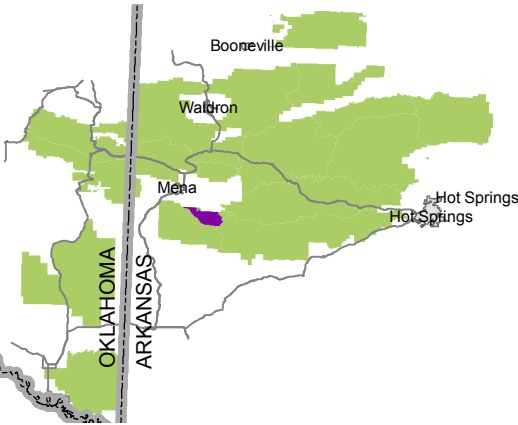
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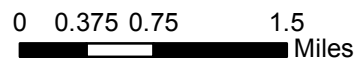
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Legend	
	Trailhead
	Point of Interest
	Med-evac Helipad
	Mine
	Two-footed Oak
	Campsite (no facilities)
	State or US Highway
	Other Public Road
	National Forest Lands
	National Forest Boundary
	Wolf Pen Gap Complex Boundary
WPG Trail System	
	Foot Trail
	Seasonal OHV Trail
	Easiest Trail
	More Difficult Trail
	Most Difficult Trail
	Highway Only Year Round
	Highway and OHV Year Round
	Highway Year Round/OHV Seasonally
	Highway and OHV Seasonally

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## PROHIBITIONS ORDER OF FOREST SUPERVISOR ORDER NO. OA-MENA-02-2016

Following prohibited acts are set forth in 36 CFR 261.54, 261.55 and 261.58

- \*Operating an off road vehicle in area after sundown or before sunrise.
- \*Operating any motorized vehicle when seasonally closed; closed for maintenance; or closed for short-term resource protection due to wet conditions.
- \*Operating any motorized vehicles carelessly, recklessly or without regard for the rights and safety of other persons or in a manner or at a speed that would endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property.
- \*Using a tracked vehicle.
- \*Camping in other than designated campsites.