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Recreation Area Directory
Ozark-St. Francis
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Arkansas



WHITE ROCK MOUNTAIN

America's Great Outdoors



WHITE RIVER

HAW CREEK FALLS



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HIKING AND PRIMITIVE CAMPING

Have fun, Go prepared.

1. Be sure that you have a good lightweight rain outfit, a lightweight tent, a small first-aid kit, a warm sleeping bag in winter months, a reliable way to start a fire, an accurate map and compass, and sufficient food and water to last your entire trip.
2. Register at trailheads, and let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. It's a good idea to leave your name, address and vehicle information at the nearest Forest Service office. Obtain the latest weather information before setting out.
3. Please carry out what you take in. Buried trash may be dug up and scattered by animals in the forest. Bury your body waste in a shallow hole, 4-6 inches deep in a location no closer than 100 feet to the nearest water.
4. Don't underestimate the ruggedness of the terrain and the physical exertion it will require. Be aware of the symptoms of heat exhaustion and hypothermia.
5. Bring with you a means to purify water if you intend to use "natural" water for cooking or drinking. During dry periods, you may need to carry water with you. Higher elevations do not have frequent water supply sources during dry weather.
6. Take bug repellent for ticks and insects.

RECREATION AREA INDEX

OZARK NATIONAL FOREST

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ST. FRANCIS NATIONAL FOREST

Bear Creek Lake
Storm Creek Lake

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Sanitary Facilities: Flush (F) and
Vault (V) Toilets

INTRODUCTION

This directory will help you enjoy the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, which are part of the USDA Forest Service. In it you will find descriptions of and directions to picnic areas, campgrounds, points of interest, trails, and wilderness areas. You will find information on the facilities available at each site, which is also summarized in the area index at the front of this booklet.

Recreation maps are available for purchase at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Russellville and each of the Ranger District Offices. There are many free educational and interpretive brochures available at any of these offices that will enhance your enjoyment of the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests.

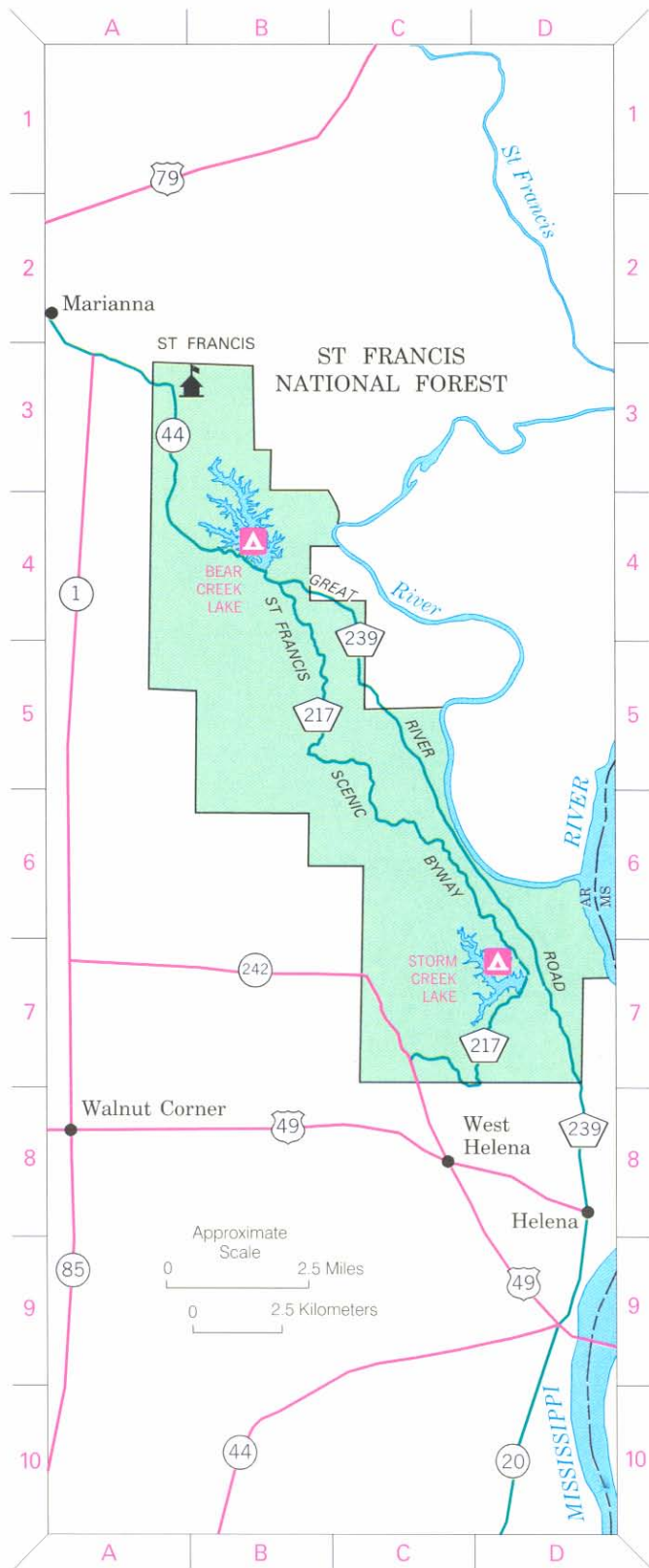
The forests offer hundreds of camping and picnic sites, 10 swimming beaches, 5 wilderness areas, 6 scenic byways, 6 wild and scenic rivers, 2 levels of underground caverns, thousands of acres of lakes and streams, and more than 300 miles of trails. Located primarily in central and northwest Arkansas, the forests offer numerous opportunities for either 1-day trips or extended vacations filled with fun and relaxation.

DEVELOPED RECREATION AREAS: Most of these areas are open from mid-spring to late fall; however, some are kept open year round to accommodate winter visitors. Contact the appropriate Ranger District Office (listed on the back cover of this directory) for specific information on opening dates.

A fee is charged for the use of many federal recreation areas, including some recreation areas on national forests. This pay-as-you-go fee system was created through the Land & Water Conservation Fund Act passed by Congress in 1965 to help defray the costs of developing and maintaining public recreation areas.



Arkansas Scenic 7 Byway offers spectacular views



TRAILS: A variety of trails are offered on the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests. These include hiking, biking, off-highway vehicles (OHVs), interpretive, and equestrian. Single and multi-use trails offer varying degrees of difficulty. Lengths range from interpretive trails that can be less than a mile to the 196 mile Ozark Highlands Trail. Contact the local Forest Service office for additional information.

TRAILHEADS: There are numerous trailheads across the forests that access various trails and wilderness areas. Trailheads usually include parking areas, trail registers, and bulletin boards. Some also include parking to accommodate horse trailers for access to equestrian trails. Camping is not permitted at most trailheads.

SCENIC BYWAYS: From the peacefulness of dogwood blossoms in the spring to the brilliance of fall colors, the following six scenic byways give the traveler an experience they can only find in the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests: Scenic 7, Ozark Highlands, Sylamore, Pig Trail, Mt. Magazine, and St. Francis.

GENERAL: Off-Highway Vehicles are permitted only on open forest development roads or designated trails. Vehicle drivers must be licensed and conform to all state laws. Trailers and motor homes are permitted in the general forest area and in developed recreation sites; however, water and electrical hookups are limited to certain recreation areas. Generally, recreation areas will accommodate trailers up to 22 feet long.

Camping is not allowed near developed sites or wildlife openings; it is allowed almost everywhere else in the forests unless posted otherwise. Campfires are allowed without permits, but you are responsible for your fire and any wildfire that may result from a spreading campfire. Remember to keep your campfire small and leave your campfire "dead out."

You will need Arkansas state licenses to fish, hunt, and trap in the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests. For further information about seasons and limits, write: Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, #2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205; phone: (800) 364-4263.

The **Golden Age & Golden Access Passports** are valid at all Forest Service recreation areas. The passports entitle the bearer and all who accompany him/her in a private, noncommercial vehicle into designated fee day use and camping areas for one-half the daily use fee. However at Blanchard Springs Caverns, the bearer of the passport is

From the junction of Arkansas 27 and 105 at Hector follow Arkansas 27 north for 13 miles. The wilderness area is on the east side of the highway.

HURRICANE CREEK WILDERNESS

There are 15,307 acres with the Ozark Highlands Trail and Hurricane Creek Wild and Scenic River running through the middle of the area.

The area features a natural bridge. Contact the Buffalo Ranger District for more information.

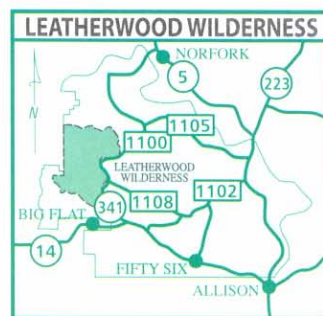
Arkansas 7 and Arkansas 123 join at Pelsor. Turn left (west) on Arkansas 123 and go 14 miles to Piney Creek (one lane bridge). Parking is available at the Fort Douglas trailhead for the Ozark Highlands Trail.

RICHLAND CREEK WILDERNESS

There are 11,801 acres that feature the Richland Creek Wild and Scenic River.

No developed trails. Two special attractions are Richland Creek Falls and Twin Falls. Contact the Buffalo Ranger District for more information.

Take Arkansas 7 north from Russellville for 37 miles to Pelsor. Turn right (east) on Arkansas 16 and go 10 miles, then turn left (north) on Forest Service Road 1205 (gravel), which is located about 1.5 miles south of Ben Hur. Take Forest Service Road 1205 (gravel) north 9 miles to Richland Creek campground, which provides access to the wilderness area. Caution: Because of very rough roads, visitors are not encouraged to take camping trailers to Richland Creek.



LEATHERWOOD WILDERNESS

The 16,838 acres feature clear streams, springs, caves, and bluffs.

No developed trails, but several old roads offer access into the wilderness. Contact the Sylamore Ranger District for more information.

At Big Flat go east on Arkansas 14 for 3.8 miles then turn left (north) on Forest Service Road 1110 (gravel). The wilderness lies northwest between Forest Service Roads 1118 (gravel) and 1116 (gravel)

UPPER BUFFALO WILDERNESS

The headwaters of the Buffalo Wild and Scenic River run through the heart of these 12,018 acres.

This wilderness area features caves, bluffs, and dramatic scenery. Contact the Buffalo Ranger District for more information.

From Jasper take Arkansas 7 south for 15 miles then turn right (west) on Arkansas 16 and go 8 miles to Edwards Junction. Turn left (southwest) for 7.5 miles on Arkansas 16/21 then turn right (west) on Forest Service Road 1463 (gravel) and go 2 miles.

SYLAMORE HORSE TRAIL

The Sylamore Horse Trail consists of four loops offering 89.3 miles of the most diverse and scenic horseback riding opportunities anywhere in the Ozarks. The trail is located on the Sylamore Ranger District of the Ozark National Forest, just north of Mountain View.

All loops are marked with letters on carsonite posts.

All trail loops start and finish at the trailhead where parking is available. Contact the Sylamore Ranger District for more information.

SYLLAMO MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

Pedal along quiet forest trails to spectacular views of the White River and the North Sylamore Creek drainage. The new Syllamo (pronounced "sil la mo") mountain bike trail offers fun and excitement for novice and experienced bikers alike. With 22 miles already in place, another 14 under construction, and many more in the planning stage this mountain bike trail system has the potential to be one of the best in the country. The long term plan calls for 75-100 miles when completed, with 75% being single track. The primary trailhead is on Arkansas 5 north of Mountain View. Secondary trailheads will be located on Green Mountain Road (gravel) and Blanchard Springs Campground/Day use area. The trail is unsurfaced and marked with international bicycle symbols, and the different loops are color-coded. Directional signs will be located at intersections, road crossings, and trailheads.

From Mountain View take Arkansas 5 north 10.2 miles to the primary trailhead. Green Mountain Road is the first gravel road to the left (west) after passing the Arkansas 5, 9, 14 Junction at Allison, approximately 0.5 mile north of Jack's Fishing Resort. After turning on Green Mountain follow signs to the secondary trailheads.

entitled to one-half of the fee charged for a tour of the caverns. Camping fees usually include swimming and picnicking privileges. The passports are available at the Forest Supervisor's office in Russellville and at Ranger District offices.

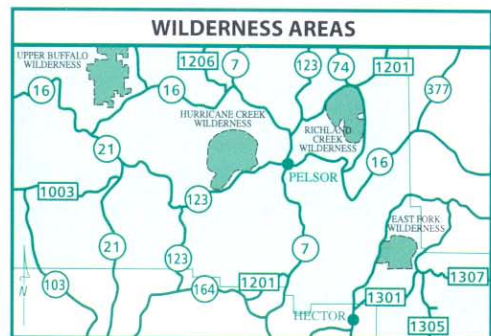
We hope this directory will help you discover the recreation opportunities that await you. We ask that you also be aware of your responsibilities. Please follow the regulations, always leave the forests cleaner than you found them, and respect private property bordering the forests.

It is the goal of every Forest Service employee to "Care for the land and serve people" and be a good host while helping you enjoy your visit. Please let us know how you feel about your visit and our management of the recreation areas.

GENERAL RULES

1. In developed recreation areas, put vehicles, tents, and trailers only in places provided.
2. Occupy your campsite the first night you arrive; then don't leave it unoccupied for more than 24 hours at a time.
3. Camping is not permitted in day-use areas such as picnicking sites, swimming areas, and scenic areas.
4. Length of stay cannot exceed 14 consecutive days.
5. Only campers are permitted inside campgrounds during established night hours (usually posted).
6. Build fires only in stoves, grills, fireplaces, and fire rings.
7. Help preserve all facilities and vegetation. Protect recreation areas for future generations.

WILDERNESS AREAS



Five wilderness areas in the Ozark National Forest offer hiking, backpacking, hunting, fishing, and solitude. Special restrictions apply

and are posted at each site. Additional attractions are listed below.

EAST FORK WILDERNESS

There are 10,688 acres featuring upland swamps, waterfalls, and rugged country.

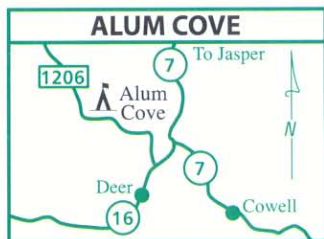
No developed trails, but several old roads offer access into the heart of the wilderness. For more information contact the Bayou Ranger District.

NOTE:

You cannot reserve individual campsites. They are available to all on a first-come, first-served basis. Stop by the local ranger district office to find out if campsites are available.

OZARK NATIONAL FOREST

MULTIPLE USE TRAILS



ALUM COVE NATURAL BRIDGE

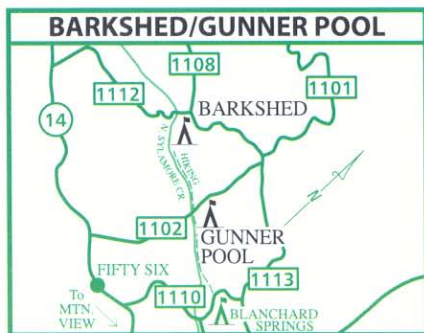
The 1-mile Alum Cove National Recreation Trail leads to a 130-foot length of natural bridge carved from solid rock by a small stream. Large cave-like rooms weathered out of rock

bluffs can be seen on the lower portions of the trail.

Picnicking (7 units with firerings), 1 pavilion (first-come, first-served basis unless reserved), vault toilets, drinking water, and a 1.1-mile nature trail. Water is available April through September.

From Jasper take Arkansas 7 south for 15 miles, then turn right (west) on Arkansas 16 and go 1 mile. Turn right (northwest) on Forest Service Road 1206 (paved) and go 3 miles.

BUFFALO RANGER DISTRICT



BARKSHED

A primitive camp near a clear mountain stream.

Camping (1 family unit), picnicking (4 family units and a shelter), vault toilets, swimming, hiking, fishing.

From Mountain View take Arkansas 14 west for 17.3 miles, turn right (north) on Forest Service Road 1115 (gravel), go 2.1 miles and then turn right on Forest Service Road 1112 and go 1.4 miles. Not recommended for large trailers or Recreational Vehicles (RVs)

SYLAMORE RANGER DISTRICT

GUNNER POOL

A clear mountain stream with a small lake and high picturesque bluffs can be found here.

Camping (29 family units), vault toilets, drinking water, fishing, and swimming. Hiking trail available along North Sylamore Creek to Blanchard Springs and Barkshed Recreation Areas.

From Mountain View take Arkansas 14 west for 14.2 miles then right on Forest Service Road 1102 (gravel) for 3 miles. Not recommended for large trailers or Recreational Vehicles (RVs).

SYLAMORE RANGER DISTRICT

BEAR CREEK LAKE NATURE TRAIL

The trail is located 5 miles southeast of Marianna, Arkansas. This .8 mile trail takes hikers across wooden bridges and through the beautiful and the unique Mississippi flood plain hardwood forest of the St. Francis National Forest.

HUCKLEBERRY MOUNTAIN HORSE TRAIL

This trail consists of two main loops that offer 40 miles of the most scenic horseback riding, hiking, and mountain biking opportunities in the Ozark National Forest. Deep winding valleys framed by rugged mountain bluffs give way to clear mountain streams.

MILL CREEK TRAIL

This trail is open to Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs), mountain bikes, horses, and hikers. The trail travels through remote areas of the Ozark National Forest and features spectacular mountainous terrain, scenic views, lush upland hardwood forests, unique rock outcroppings, and clear mountain streams. The trail is 27 miles of main trail marked in blue and 15 miles of interior loops and shortcut trails.

From Fayetteville take Arkansas 16 east to Combs, then turn right (south) on Forest Service Road 1007 (gravel) and go 4 miles. Turn left (southeast) on Forest Service Road 1509 (gravel) and go 0.5 mile to the trailhead. From Ozark take Arkansas 23 north to Cass. Take Forest Service Road 1520 (gravel) west 8 miles to Forest Service Road 1509 (gravel) then go north 4 miles to the trailhead.

MOCCASIN GAP HORSE TRAIL

Rated one of the best horse trails in the state, it is a popular site for competitive rides. Situated in the heart of the forest, this trail consists of four loop trails, each converging into the other. The surrounding forest is a mix of hardwoods and pine with numerous streams and small waterfalls.

Although the area is primarily developed as a horse trail, it is actually a multiple-use trail open to bikes & hikers with portions open to Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs) & high clearance vehicles.

Camping spurs (17), vault toilets, municipal water supply.

From Russellville take Arkansas 7 north for 25 miles (2 miles past Mack's Pines Restaurant and Cabins). Trail is located on the west side of Arkansas 7.

SORGHUM HOLLOW HORSE CAMP

This is the trailhead camp for the Huckleberry Mountain Horse Trail system.

Camping (15 family units), pond for watering horses, vault toilet, day-use parking, no electric hookups. It is also open to Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs) use, hiking, and mountain biking.

From Paris take Arkansas 22 east for 10 miles. From Dardanelle take Arkansas 22 west for 26 miles. Turn south on Sorghum Hollow Road (gravel) and go 4.7 miles then turn left into camp.

The trail travels through a wide variety of forest landscapes ranging from lower streamside elevations to high ridges. Scenic bluff and rock formations along with high vistas are evident along most sections of the trail. Forest cover varies from newly established stands of pine and hardwood trees to older, mature stands.

Hiking the trail, you will see evidence of numerous management activities including wildlife openings and food plots, livestock improvements, timber harvesting, and reforestation. Other activities may include oil or gas exploration and production. Each of these activities plays an important role in the management of the national forest for a full range of resource uses.

PEDESTAL ROCKS SCENIC AREA

This scenic area consists of two hiking trails—Pedestal Rocks and Kings Bluff. Pedestal Rocks is 2.2 miles and Kings Bluff is 1.7 miles long. This unique area offers a good look at Ozark Mountain geology. The views are some of the most spectacular in Arkansas. Both trails feature easy hiking, but border high cliffs with steep drop-offs and require safety precautions.

Picnicking (3 units), vault toilets. Parking available for large vehicles.

Take Arkansas 7 to Pelsor turn right (east) on Arkansas 16 and go 6 miles. The scenic area is located on the right (south) side of the highway.

SHORES LAKE/WHITE ROCK LOOP TRAIL

This loop trail connects two of the more popular Forest Service recreation areas: Shores Lake and White Rock Mountain. It offers an excellent weekend hike up a beautiful creek to the top of spectacular White Rock Mountain, and returns via another creek. A portion of the trail follows the Ozark Highlands Trail.

Camping is allowed along the trail. Campgrounds are available at each end. Rental Cabins (3) and a handicap accessible lodge (1) are available for rent at White Rock. For reservations call (479) 369-4128.

NORTH SYLAMORE CREEK HIKING TRAIL

The trail follows along the North Sylamore Creek, a National Wild and Scenic River. Hikers will encounter a wide variety of landscapes from open fields, forest, high ridges, and bluffs. Trailheads are located at Allison, Blanchard Springs, Gunner Pool, and Barkshed Recreation Areas. All are developed fee camping areas except Allison, where dispersed camping is allowed. Dispersed camping is also allowed along the trail.

The trail is 13.75 miles long with no loops. It is unsurfaced and marked with international “hiker” symbols. Directional signs are located at road crossings and access points.

From Mountain View take Arkansas 14 west 5.5 miles to Allison. Turn left and continue west 0.5 mile on Arkansas 14. Look for a small Hiking Trail sign and turn right on the gravel road for 0.5 mile to Allison Trailhead. For more information contact the Sylamore Ranger District.



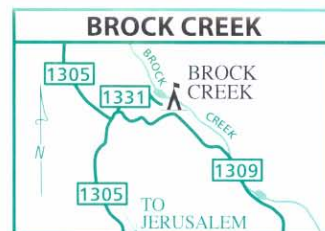
BAYOU BLUFF

Located near the Illinois Bayou River, the area exhibits picturesque bluffs and breathtaking scenery.

Camping (7 family units—3 have historic Civilian Conservation Corps rock wall shelters), drinking water, vault toilets, picnicking (pavilion seats 30 - may be reserved), wading, and fishing.

From Hector take Arkansas 27 north for 6 miles.

BAYOU RANGER DISTRICT



BROCK CREEK

Brock Creek Recreation Area is located near the 35-acre Brock Creek Lake.

Camping (6 family units), vault toilets, picnicking, fishing, and boating. Maximum boat motor size 10 hp. Primitive campground: pack-it-in, pack-it-out trash.

From Jerusalem take Forest Service Road 1305 (gravel) north for 5 miles. Turn right (east) on Forest Service Road 1309 (gravel) and go 0.1 mile then turn left on Forest Service Road 1331 (gravel) and go 1 mile.

BAYOU RANGER DISTRICT

BLANCHARD SPRINGS CAVERNS

A “living” cave featuring an ever changing underground world.

Cavern tours depart from the Visitor Information Center seven days a week except from April to October, and Wednesday through Sunday from November to March.

The cave is also closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years day. An exhibit at the Visitor Information Center shares the intriguing story of life in the underground world. A movie vividly presents the geological history of the caverns. The Visitor Information Center is open daily 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from Labor Day to Memorial Day weekend and 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day.

We offer three different tours:

**ALL YEAR - 2 tours available - Dripstone Tour and Wild Cave Tour
From Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day - Discovery Tour**

“Dripstone Tour”

Take a 1-hour tour through the caves’ incredibly decorated upper level. The 4/10 - mile trail is also wheelchair accessible with (2) strong assistants.

“The Wild Cave Tour”

This tour takes 3 and a half to 5 hours through the caves' middle level. [RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED] This is a strenuous trip through undeveloped parts of the cave. Participants should be in good physical condition and be prepared to climb and crawl. Minimum 3 people to maximum of 12. Each must be at least 10 years of age; 10-12 year olds must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

SUMMER ONLY . . . “Discovery Tour”

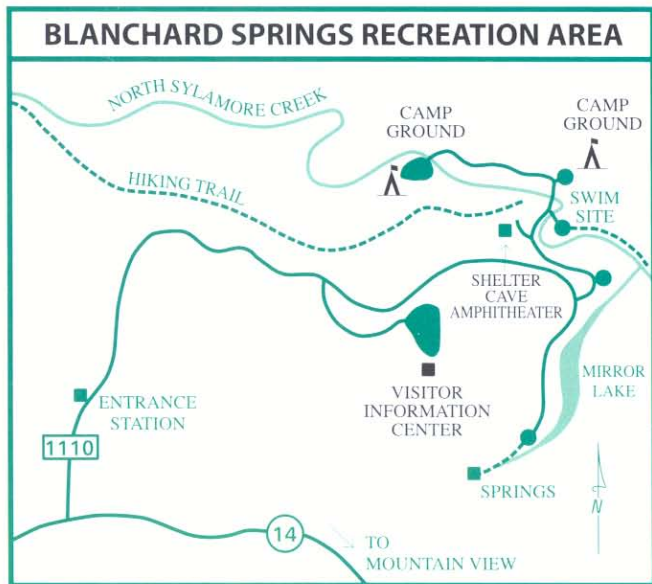
Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Approximately 1.2 miles in length, requires 1 hour and 35 minutes per tour. This trail has approximately 700 steps to climb or descend and is NOT recommended for persons with walking difficulties or heart or respiratory ailments.

Cavern tour schedules and prices are subject to change. For current information or reservations, call (870) 757-2211 or toll free 888-757-2264 or write USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 1279, Mountain View, AR 72560. You can also visit us online at:

www.fs.fed.us/oonf/ozark/recreation/caverns.html.

Persons traveling long distances to visit Blanchard Springs Caverns are advised to make reservations. Golden Age and Golden Access Passports entitle bearer only to a 50% discount on the price. The Golden Eagle Passport is not honored.

PETS Only licensed service animals are allowed in the Visitor Information Center.



BLANCHARD SPRINGS RECREATION AREA

Located on beautiful North Sylamore Creek, a National Scenic River. Offers 32 family units, flush toilets, drinking water, hot showers, and swimming. Trailer sewage dump station available. No electric, water or sewage hookups. Two group campsites available by reservation only. Call (870) 269-3228.

HORNOR'S NECK LAKE

Hiking, fishing, boating (maximum 10 hp motors allowed), boat launching ramp (handicap accessible)

From Storm Creek Lake recreation area take Forest Service Road 1909 1/4 mile south, then take Forest Service Road 1901 south for 1/8 mile, finally take Forest Service Road 1921A East to Homer's Neck.

SYLAMORE SHOOTING RANGE

Two ranges with covered firing lines are available. The rifle range has 12 shooting benches with target stations at 25, 50, 75, 100, and 200 yards. Targets out to 100 yards are accessible. The accessible handgun range has 8 firing lanes and one shooting bench with target stations at 7, 15, 25, and 50 yards. A vault toilet is available. Alcohol is prohibited. Open year round during daylight hours only. Visitors need to bring their own targets and tape, thumbtacks, or staples to hang targets. NOTE: This is a pack it in - pack it out facility. No trash receptacles are available at this time.

From Mountain View take Arkansas 5 north 13.5 miles, turn right (east) at the shooting range sign, go 0.1 mile to the parking area.

HIKING TRAILS

BAYOU BLUFF TRAIL

This 1.2-mile loop trail overlooks the Illinois Bayou and features spectacular views.

From Hector take Arkansas 27 north for 6 miles. Parking available at Bayou Bluff Campground.

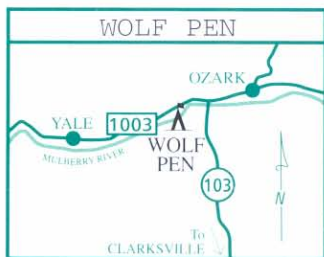
BLANCHARD SPRINGS ACCESSIBLE TRAIL

There are two accessible trails located within the Blanchard Springs Recreational Complex. One trail starts in the parking lot of Blanchard Springs Caverns and the other trail begins at Mirror Lake. Both trails are accessible and offer visitors in wheelchairs or children in strollers an opportunity to experience the Ozark National Forest. In addition to a variety of trees and shrubs, visitors may see and hear birds and a variety of wildlife.

From Mountain View take Arkansas 14 west 12.1 miles. Turn right (north) at the Blanchard Springs Caverns sign. Follow the signs to the caverns. The trail is on the north side of the parking lot.

OZARK HIGHLANDS NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL

The Ozark Highlands Trail (OHT) is a 196 mile hiking trail that crosses the Ozark National Forest and is recognized as one of the most scenic trails in the United States. Starting at Lake Ft. Smith State Park on Arkansas 71, the trail crosses the forest to Woolum near the Buffalo National River and into the Sylamore Ranger District. Trailhead access points are located along its entirety. NOTE: The western terminus of the OHT is temporarily located at Dockery's Gap since Lake Fort Smith State Park has been closed. The western terminus will begin at the state park when it reopens sometime in 2004.



WOLF PEN

This area is on the Mulberry Wild and scenic River and displays scenic rock bluffs.

Camping (6 primitive units), picnicking (5 family units), and vault toilets. Canoe access available.

From Ozark take Arkansas 23 north for 18 miles, then turn right (east) on Arkansas 215 and go 13 miles. From Clarksville take Arkansas 103 north for 22 miles then turn left (west) on Arkansas 215 and go 2 miles.

PLEASANT HILL
RANGER DISTRICT

BLANCHARD SPRINGS DAY USE AREA

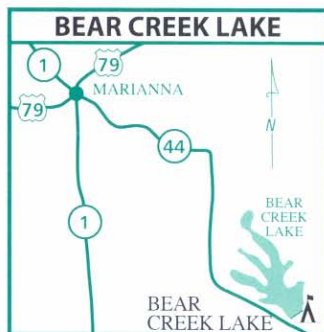
Offers 21 family picnic sites, two pavilions for groups from 30-150 persons (for reservations, call (870) 269-3228); hiking, trout fishing in Mirror Lake and a large open play area is adjacent to the picnic sites. See Blanchard Springs, the stream that comes from the caverns.

A swimming area with bathhouse is also located here.

In summer, Forest Service guided activities are offered, including evening programs covering the natural history of the Ozark National Forest as well as Ozark folk culture. Programs are presented at the Shelter Cave Amphitheater. Schedules and programs are posted on the campground bulletin boards.

From Mountain View, take Arkansas Hwy. 14 West for 12.1 miles, turn right (north) at the Blanchard Springs Caverns sign. Follow signs to the different facilities.
SYLAMORE RANGER DISTRICT

ST. FRANCIS NATIONAL FOREST



BEAR CREEK LAKE

This 625-acre lake is at the top of Crowley's Ridge.

Camping (31 family units plus 1 group site), picnicking (14 family units), vault toilets, boating (maximum 10 hp motors allowed), boat launching ramp available, fishing, accessible fishing pier, hiking, swimming, and drinking water. Camping trailers allowed but no special facilities available.

From Marianna take Arkansas 44 southeast for 7 miles.



STORM CREEK LAKE

This 420-acre lake is located at the top of Crowley's Ridge.

Camping (14 family units), flush toilets, drinking water, picnicking, swimming beach, bathhouse, boating (maximum 10 hp motors allowed), boat launching ramp, and accessible fishing pier. Group pavilion with electricity and water available (may be reserved).

From West Helena take Arkansas 242 northwest for 1 mile and turn right (east) on Forest Service Road 1900 (gravel) and go 3 miles.

COVE LAKE

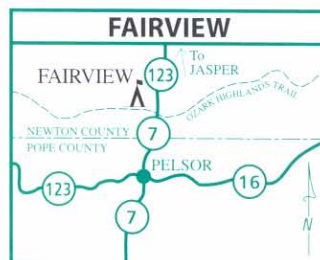
A 160-acre mountain lake near Magazine Mountain - the highest point in Arkansas with an elevation of 2,753 feet provides a great summer get-away for many.

Camping (28 family units), picnicking (24 family units), flush toilets, drinking water, bathhouse, pavilion w/electricity (can be reserved), swimming, fishing, hiking, boating, boat launching ramp. "No Wake" restriction -10 Hp maximum.

Camp trailers allowed but no special facilities are available.

Concession services include boat rentals and food service. Reduced services in winter.

From Paris take Arkansas 109/309 south then turn southwest on Arkansas 309 and go 9 miles. Negotiable by camping trailers.
MAGAZINE RANGER DISTRICT



FAIRVIEW

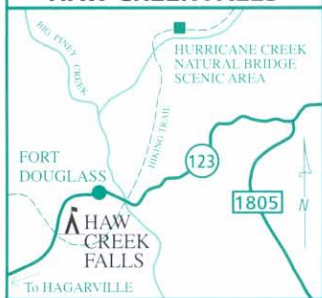
This area is situated on Arkansas 7 which is noted as one of the 10 most scenic highways in the United States. Gorgeous fall colors can be seen in October and

November. Dogwood and Redbud blossoms are abundant in early spring.

Camping (10 total sites - only 5 are open; the other 5 are available by reservation only), vault toilets, drinking water, and picnicking. Camping trailers are allowed but no special facilities are available. Access to the Ozark Highlands Trail is available.

From Jasper take Arkansas 7 (paved) south for 28 miles. Negotiable by camping trailers.
BUFFALO RANGER DISTRICT

HAW CREEK FALLS



HAW CREEK FALLS

Surrounded by a beautiful mature hardwood forest, this campground is located on a small mountain stream with picturesque falls, rocks, and a bluff. Big Piney Wild and Scenic River is nearby. There is an accessible trail to the Haw Creek Falls.

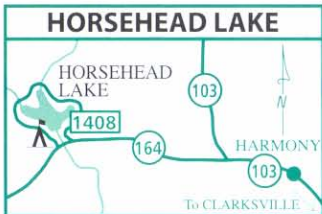
Camping (9 family units), vault toilets, picnicking, wading, fishing, hiking (access to the Ozark Highlands

Trail). Camping trailers are allowed but no special facilities are available.

From Hagarville take Arkansas 123 (paved) north for 14 miles. Or take Arkansas 123 (paved) west from the Pelsor intersection of Arkansas 123 and Arkansas 7 and go 12 miles.

BAYOU RANGER DISTRICT

HORSEHEAD LAKE



HORSEHEAD LAKE

This 98-acre mountain lake is near Clarksville.

Camping (10 units), vault toilets, drinking water, picnicking (12 units), fishing, swimming, beach, playground,

bathhouse, boating (maximum 10 hp motors allowed), and boat launching ramp. Camp trailers are allowed but no special facilities are available.

From Clarksville take Arkansas 103 northwest for 8 miles, turn left (west) on Arkansas 164 and go 4 miles, turn right (north) on Forest Service Road 1408 (paved) and go 3 miles.

PLEASANT HILL RANGER DISTRICT

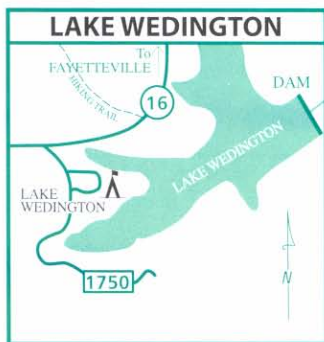
LAKE WEDINGTON

This is a 102-acre lake that serves as a beautiful backdrop for historic cabins, a campground, and day use facilities. Some amenities include partial accessibility for the physically challenged.

Camping (18 family units), flush toilets, showers, drinking water, picnicking (19 family units), swimming, hiking (7-mile trail), fishing, boating (maximum 10 hp motors allowed), boat launching ramp. Cabins, lodge, pavilion, canoe, paddle boat rental, and snack bar available through concessionaire; (phone weekdays 479-575-5309, weekends 479-442-3527). Bathhouse on site. Camping trailers allowed but no special facilities available. Groceries, ice, and gasoline are available on Highway 16 Laundry and other supplies are available in Fayetteville.

From Fayetteville, take Arkansas 16 west for 13 miles. Negotiable by camping trailers.

BOSTON MOUNTAIN RANGER DISTRICT



SPRING LAKE



SPRING LAKE

This 80-acre lake is situated in a mountain setting popular for a summer picnic or fishing excursion.

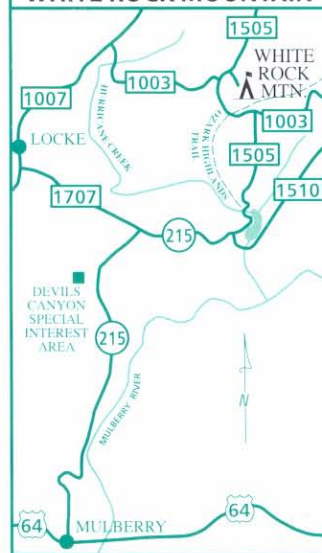
Camping (13 family units), picnicking (19 family units), two vault toilets, drinking water, picnic shelters, swimming (beach, bathhouse, diving dock), boating (boat launching ramp). "No Wake" restriction at all times. Camping trailers allowed but no special facilities available.

Note: Only open from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend.

From Dardanelle take Arkansas 27 southwest for 9 miles, then turn right (west) on Arkansas 307 and go 3 miles to Forest Service road 1602 (gravel) and continue for 4 miles to Spring Lake. From Belleville take Arkansas 307 north for 4 miles to Forest Service Road 1602 (gravel) and go 3 miles. Negotiable by camping trailer.

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WHITE ROCK MOUNTAIN



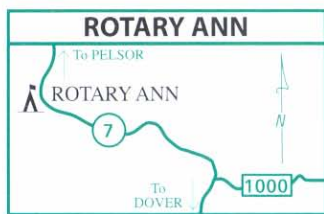
WHITE ROCK MOUNTAIN

This area offers rugged mountain scenery and spectacular bluffs. The rim trails offer panoramic views but do require safety precautions. The summer climate is cool.

Camping (8 family units), vault toilets, drinking water, picnicking (8 family units), and hiking. There are 3 cabins and a handicap accessible lodge available for rent. For reservations call (479) 369-4128

Take Arkansas 215 north from Mulberry for 15 miles, then follow Forest Service Road 1505 (paved for 0.5 mile, then gravel) for 8 miles, then turn left (west) on Forest Service Road 1003 (gravel) for 2.5 miles.

BOSTON MOUNTAIN RANGER DISTRICT

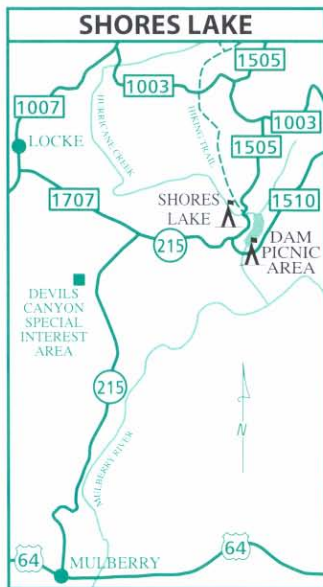


ROTARY ANN ROADSIDE REST AREA

This unique roadside rest area offers several informational bulletin boards about the Ozark National Forest and interesting things to do and see on Arkansas Scenic 7. The area offers travelers a spectacular panoramic view of spring and fall colors. This is Arkansas' first roadside rest area.

Flush toilets, picnic tables, and a viewing deck are available.

From Dover take Arkansas 7 north for 25 miles. From Pelsor take Arkansas 7 south for 3 miles.
BAYOU RANGER DISTRICT



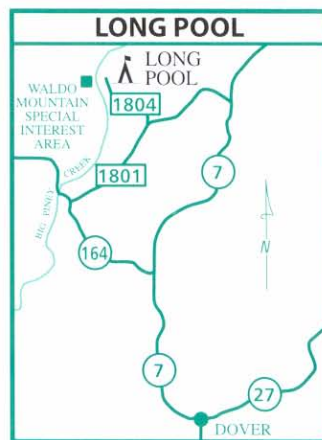
SHORES LAKE

Here is an 82-acre lake in a mountain setting with a fully accessible facility for the physically challenged.

Camping (19 single, 4 multiple units), showers, flush toilets, drinking water, picnicking (28 family units and group picnic facilities), swimming, (dressing rooms), boating (boat launching ramp), hiking, and fishing are available. Maximum boat motor size is 10 hp. Picnic area nearby. Camping trailers allowed but no special facilities available. Pavilion available for reservation. For reservations call (479) 667-2191.

From Mulberry take Arkansas 215 north for 15 miles, then follow Forest Service Road 1505 for 0.5 mile.

BOSTON MOUNTAIN RANGER DISTRICT



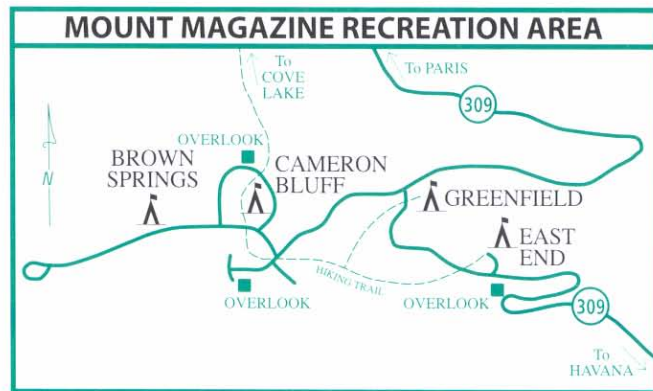
LONG POOL

Located on Big Piney Wild and Scenic River. A large natural pool and high picturesque bluffs attract visitors. Most of the

campground is in a mature pine forest; some sites are in a hardwood forest.

Camping (40 family units - 20 w/water & electric hookups), picnicking (13 units), swimming, fishing, canoeing, and hiking are available.

From Dover take Arkansas 7 north for 6 miles, turn left (west) on Arkansas 164 and go 3 miles, turn right (northeast) on Forest Service Road 1801 and go 3 miles, then turn left (northwest) on Forest Service Road 1804 and go 2 miles.
BAYOU RANGER DISTRICT



MOUNT MAGAZINE COMPLEX

Arkansas State Park

Through a partnership with the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, the Mount Magazine recreational complex is now a State Park. The new park offers 18 campsites with water, electric, and sewer hookups.

The park also has hiking trails, overlooks, a pavilion, picnic area with restrooms, visitor center with exhibit gallery, and gift shop. Other outdoor activities include rock climbing, hanggliding, biking, and horseback riding. New lodge to open in 2005. For more information call Mount Magazine State Park at (479) 963-8502.

From Paris take Arkansas 109/309 south for 1 mile then turn left (southeast) on Arkansas 309 and go 17 miles. From Havana take Arkansas 309 north for 12 miles.

MAGAZINE RANGER DISTRICT



There's plenty of room to enjoy hiking and experience the solitude

OZONE

This is the site of the historic Ozone Civilian Conservation Corps Camp.

Camping (8 family units), vault toilets, pavilion rental, picnicking, and hiking.

Camping trailers allowed but no special facilities available.

From Clarksville take Arkansas 21 north for 18 miles.

Negotiable by camping trailers.

PLEASANT HILL

RANGER DISTRICT



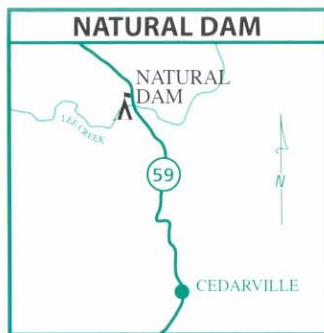
PLEASANT HILL SHOOTING RANGE

Two ranges are available. The 100 yard range is designed for rifles while the 50 yard range is for pistols. Each has six benches and is open during daylight hours except Wednesday mornings.

Users need to bring their own targets and paper clips or clothespins to attach them to the target holder. No restroom facilities are available. Alcohol is prohibited

From Clarksville take Arkansas 21 north for 7 miles then turn right at the Scenic Byway sign and go .25 mile to the parking area.

PLEASANT HILL
RANGER DISTRICT



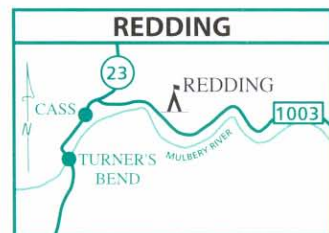
NATURAL DAM

This picnic spot is located on Lee Creek and features a sparkling waterfall.

Picnicking (5 family units), flush toilets. Scenic view of Mountain Fork Creek as it enters Lee Creek.

From Van Buren take Arkansas 59 north for 16 miles turn left on County Road 252.

BOSTON MOUNTAIN
RANGER DISTRICT



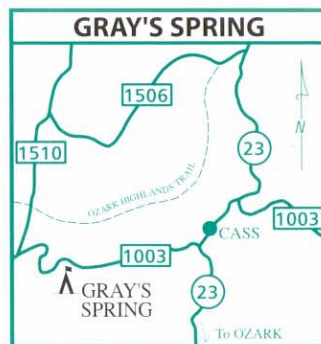
REDDING

This campground on the Mulberry Wild and Scenic River is an access point to the Ozark Highlands Trail.

Camping (27 family units), flush toilets, showers, drinking water, fishing, and canoe launch.

From Ozark take Arkansas 23 north for 18 miles then turn right (east) on Forest Service Road 1003 for 3 miles.

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RANGER DISTRICT



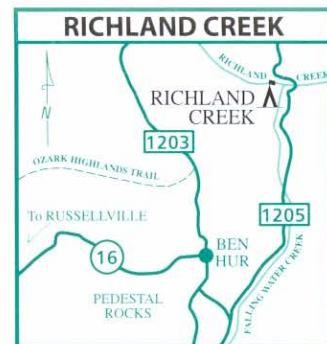
GRAY'S SPRING

Scenic vistas and fall colors are found in this area. Dogwood, redbud, and other flowering plants are seen during the spring blooming season.

Picnicking (4 family units), vault toilets, and a sheltered vista.

From Ozark take Arkansas 23 north for 17 miles then turn left (west) on Forest Service Road 1003 (gravel) and go 4 miles. Forest Service Road 1003 is one mile south of Cass.

BOSTON MOUNTAIN
RANGER DISTRICT



RICHLAND CREEK

This area has a small picturesque mountain stream with waterfalls, rocks, and bluffs. There is access to the Richland Creek Wilderness Area.

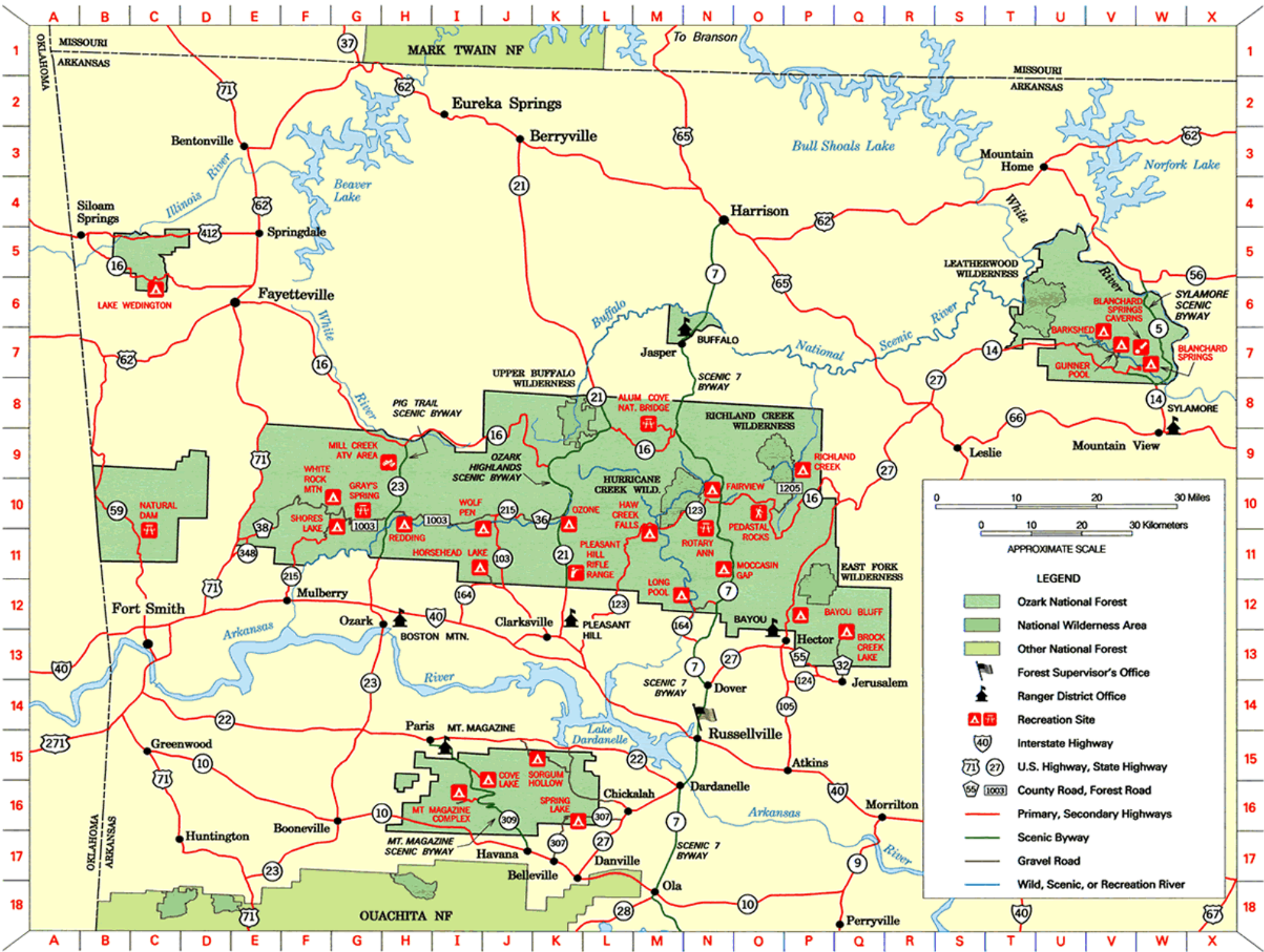
Camping (11 family units), vault toilets, picnicking, hiking, and fishing.

From Russellville take Arkansas 7 north for 37 miles to Pelsor, then turn right (east) on Arkansas 16 and go 10 miles, then turn left (north) on Forest Service Road 1205 (gravel), which is located 1.5 miles south of Ben Hur. Take Forest Service Road 1205 (gravel) north 9 miles to Richland Creek. **Caution: Because of very rough roads, visitors are not encouraged to take camping trailers to Richland Creek.**

BUFFALO RANGER DISTRICT

*Twin Falls,
Richland Creek*





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 APPROXIMATE SCALE

LEGEND

- Ozark National Forest
- National Wilderness Area
- Other National Forest
- Forest Supervisor's Office
- Ranger District Office
- Recreation Site
- Interstate Highway
- U.S. Highway, State Highway
- County Road, Forest Road
- Primary, Secondary Highways
- Scenic Byway
- Gravel Road
- Wild, Scenic, or Recreation River