

Sylamore

Walk-In Turkey Hunting Area

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests • Sylamore Ranger District

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The Sylamore Walk-In Turkey Hunting Area, located in Stone County, is a 9,371-acre hunting area in the southeast part of the Sylamore District of the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests near Mountain View, AR. It can be accessed by Arkansas Hwy 5, and Forest Service Roads 1119, 1113, 1113E, & 1102. For more information contact the Sylamore Ranger District at 870-269-3228.

Hunting Information

The Ozark mountain region is known for magnificent scenery, rough terrain and good turkey hunting opportunities. Walk-in turkey areas are the result of hunters requesting opportunities to hunt on public lands managed by the USDA Forest Service in a place free of disturbance from motor vehicles.

Land

This area of the Sylamore Ranger District is predominantly hardwood mixed with pine. The northwest section of the area is fairly flat and is the easiest to access. Access to the area is good with numerous trails. Terrain in the majority of the area is steep, with loose rocks that can make foot travel hazardous. There are two small streams that run through the middle of the area, and a larger stream (North Sylamore Creek) that runs across the southwest portion of the area.

The area has numerous wildlife openings and ponds that are maintained on a rotational basis for diverse and healthy wildlife habitat. The area has some dispersed campsites, and there are several developed recreation areas nearby for camping.

Private Land

Some land along the borders of the Sylamore Walk-in Turkey Area is privately owned, and hunters are asked to be particularly mindful of public land boundaries. All Forest Service maps show boundary lines.

Road Closures

All interior roads leading into the walk-in turkey area are closed at the boundary from April 1 to May 31 of every year. Restricting vehicle traffic protects turkeys during the critical nesting and brood rearing seasons. To obtain a complete list of road closures, please contact the Ranger District.

Codes of Federal Regulations

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 261.54 and 261.56, forest roads in this area may be closed upon official order, seasonally or permanently. Road closures prohibit the use of vehicles on designated roads. Violation of the prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 261.50(e), federal, state or local law enforcement, firefighting or rescue officers acting in an official capacity are exempt from this order.

Maps

For a more detailed topographic map of this area, please send \$6.00 per each map, requesting the Calico Rock USGS Quad map plus a \$1.50 handling charge to: Sylamore Ranger District, PO Box 1279, Hwy 14 North, Mountain View, AR 72560, (870) 269-3228. For additional information, contact the Sylamore Ranger District at the address or phone number listed above.

State Regulations

Hunting is permitted anywhere on the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests except within developed recreation sites, areas closed by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission or otherwise posted areas. All state hunting and fishing regulations, fees, and seasons apply on national forest land. For more information, contact the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, No. 2 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205, 1-800-364-4263 or at www.afgc.com.

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