

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests

Drive for pleasure



St. Francis National Forest

St. Francis Scenic Byway

Southern National Forests

Arkansas

September 2005

Attractions:

The St. Francis National Forest is located in the delta region of eastern Arkansas. The land is divided between Crowley's Ridge and fertile bottom lands along the St. Francis River where it joins the Mississippi River. Crowley's Ridge runs north and south for 200 miles from southern Missouri down to the Mississippi River at Helena.

The St. Francis Scenic Byway is located between the cities of Marianna and Helena/West Helena. This scenic byway travels along the crest of Crowley's Ridge for over 21 miles and is designated as the Great River Road. It passes two lakes, the 625-acre Bear Creek Lake and the 420-acre Storm Creek Lake. Significant landmarks along this road include views of the Mississippi and St. Francis River Valleys. Visitors should keep in mind that approximately fourteen miles of the St. Francis Scenic Byway (Forest Service Road 1900) remain graveled between Bear Creek Lake and Storm Creek Lake Recreation Areas.

Surrounding Areas:

The nearby cities of Marianna and Helena/West Helena were centers of commerce in the last century and offer many historical attractions. The Delta Cultural Center, located in Helena, AR, was established to preserve the legacy of the land and people of the area. A state operated Tourist Information Center is located in West Helena.

Visitor Information: North end visitor information is available at the St. Francis National Forest Headquarters in Marianna, AR and east end visitor information is available at the State of Arkansas operated Tourist Information Center in West Helena, AR.

Camping/Picnicking: Bear Creek Lake Recreation Area, Storm Creek Lake Recreation Area (pavilion available on a first come first served basis).

Restrooms: St. Francis National Forest Headquarters, Bear Creek Lake Recreation Area, Storm Creek Lake Recreation Area and the Arkansas Tourist Information Center.

For more information, contact:
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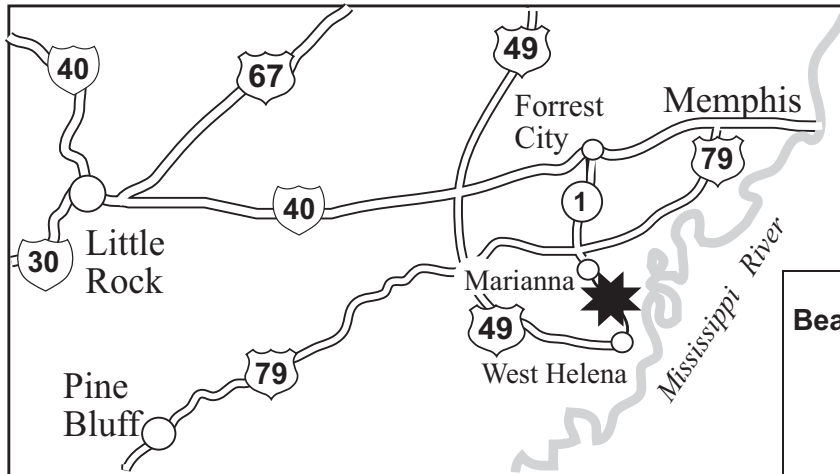
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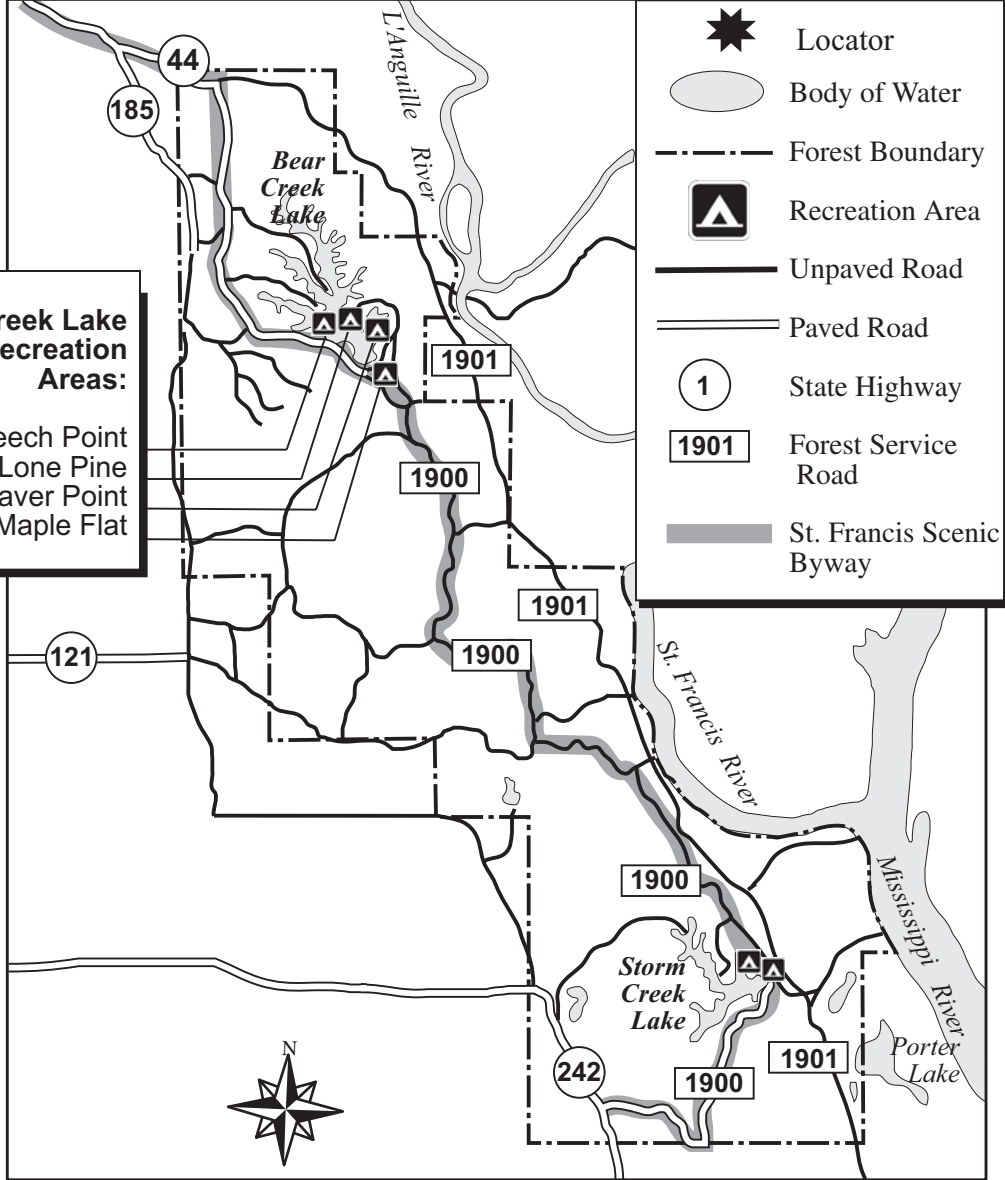
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To Marianna (Approximately 8.5 miles)

Bear Creek Lake Recreation Areas:
 Beech Point
 Lone Pine
 Beaver Point
 Maple Flat



- Locator
- Body of Water
- Forest Boundary
- Recreation Area
- Unpaved Road
- Paved Road
- State Highway
- Forest Service Road
- St. Francis Scenic Byway

To West Helena (Approximately 2.5 miles)