



# Gum Ridge Trail



This trail meanders through several creek crossings and the hardwood forest near Kinkaid Lake. This trail leads from Johnson Creek Campground over to the old Gum Ridge YCC camp where riders will find a pit toilet and a pavilion. The trail provides access to Hidden Cove, Deer Run Trail and Kinkaid Lake Trail System.

## Safety

Carrying a map, compass and plenty of water is recommended. Be aware of hunters during hunting season. Poisonous snakes and poison ivy are present in the area. The trail tread may become slick when wet.

## Surrounding Area

Johnson Creek Recreation Area, Kinkaid Lake Trail System, Hidden Cove, Deer Run Trail

## Emergencies

The nearest hospital is St. Joseph's in Murphysboro. The nearest public phone is in Ava.

## For More Information

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[www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/shawnee)

Length: Approximately 2 miles

Travel Time: 1 Hr.

Surface Type: Natural with several sections of gravel

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Recommended Season: Year Round

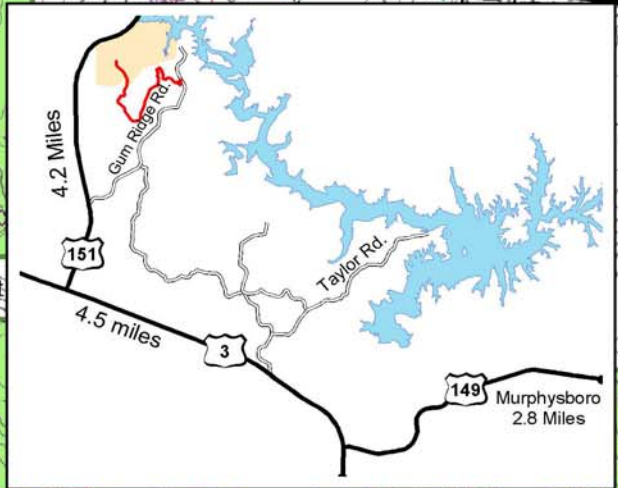
Facilities: Parking lot at Gum Ridge YCC Camp will accommodate horse trailers. Parking lot at Johnson Creek Recreation Area will accommodate horse trailers, restrooms and drinking water available. Dispersed camping is allowed.

Access: Rt.3 to Rt.151, go north approximately 1 mile to Gum Ridge Road, turn east go approximately 2 miles, turn north and follow gravel road to parking area. The trail can also be accessed from the Deer Run Trail and from the group campground at Johnson Creek by campsite 60.

Hiker/Equestrian Trails -  white diamond

Trail Ethics: Pack it in, Pack it out

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Johnson Creek Rec. Area

Highway 151

Johnson Creek Recreation Area

NORMAL POOL ELEVATION 410

Boat Ramp

Creek

BM 566

Ridge

## Legend

- Point of Access
- Trailhead
- Picnic Area
- Campgrounds
- Boat Ramps
- System Trails
- Gum Ridge Trail
- Recreation Area Road
- Roads
- National Forest Land
- Forest Boundary

Contour interval = 20 feet

0 0.2 0.4 Miles

