

Camping Opportunities:

Sorghum Hollow Horse Camp

A great place to start your ride, this camp provides for day-use parking or overnight camping. From Paris take Arkansas State Highway 22 east for 10 miles. From Dardanelle take Arkansas Highway 22 west for 26 miles. Turn south on Sorghum Hollow Road (gravel) and go 4.7 miles, turn left into camp.

This developed camp has 15 family camping units (no electrical or water hookups), a pond for watering horses, a vault toilet, an outdoor shower (bring your own solar heated water bag) and day-use parking. The camp is the official trailhead for the Huckleberry Mountain Horse Trail. A user fee is charged at this location.

Primitive camping and day-use parking is available at three undeveloped locations which also provide access to the trail system. No fee is charged at the following primitive camp locations.

The Old Walnut Tree Camp is located on Forest Road 1604. From Arkansas Highway 22, follow Sorghum Hollow Road for 2.3 miles; turn right on Forest Road 1604, .2 miles past Shoal Creek low-water bridge. Travel approximately .2 miles to an open area on the left where a large walnut tree stands in the center. This is "The Old Walnut Tree."

The Huckleberry Camp is located at the end of Forest Road 1613 (Eikleberry Road). From Arkansas Highway 22, turn south out of Paris on Arkansas Highway 309; continue 11 miles to Forest Road 1601 (Spring Lake Road); turn left and continue 8 miles to Forest Road 1613 (Eikleberry Road); turn left and continue 3.5 miles to an open area with a large pond at the end of the road. This is known as the Huckleberry Camp. The trail takes off through the woods just behind the campsite.

Quarry Camp is located on the eastern end of Mt. Magazine. From Paris take State Highway 309 south 17 miles. You will enter the Mt. Magazine State Park before reaching the access road to the camp. A sign on Highway 309 will direct you into camp. This camp provides one access point for the Apple Loop. Currently a primitive camp location, this camp will become a fully developed horse camp and fee area during the final phase of development of Mt. Magazine State Park.

What Should You Know?

- Be aware that high water levels may cause dangerous crossings along Big Shoal Creek. The crossings are easily negotiable at normal water levels. Knowledge of the weather can ensure a safe and enjoyable trip.

- Exercise caution when riding on open forest roads.
 - Organized or guided rides of 75 or more participants will require a special-use permit. Please contact the Mt. Magazine Ranger District office well in advance of your event for a permit.
 - Motorized vehicles are prohibited on closed logging and closed forest roads.
 - You may come across numerous unmarked trails when riding. Please note that the officially designated and maintained trails are those marked with orange diamonds or yellow circles. The map with this brochure shows the designated trail system.
 - Cutting vegetation and marking a non-approved non-permitted trail is prohibited (CFR 261.10)
 - Camping is permitted along the trail, and is subject to general forest regulations.
 - When camping along the trail, riders are required to scatter hay and manure in the forest. Horse riders are required to remove all hay and manure from designated camping and day-use parking areas.
 - Visitors riding horses should abide by state regulations regarding Coggins and other equestrian diseases.
 - All users are urged to show respect to other trail users. This is a multiple use trail system.
 - During the months of April and May, the Bell Springs Loop is closed for turkey hunting and nesting/hatching season. Contact the district office for specific dates and locations.
- For more information, contact:**
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Huckleberry Mountain Horse Trail

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Attractions:

The Magazine Ranger District is located in the Arkansas River Valley on the western edge of the Ozark National Forest. This area is known for its beautiful natural scenery, sandstone bluffs, flowing streams, lakes and pristine landscapes.

Established in 1989, the Huckleberry Mountain Horse Trail provides 37.3 miles of trail for multiple uses. Originally designed for horseback riding, the trail now provides recreation opportunities for hikers, off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and mountain biking. Winding valleys framed by rugged mountain bluffs give way to spectacular views of the surrounding area.

About the Trails:

The trails meander through numerous creeks which provide water for thirsty horses. Pond locations not adjacent to the trail are designated by signs and blue arrows. Six trail crossings are located along Big Shoal Creek. These crossings can be difficult during times of high water. Please exercise extreme caution when crossing Big Shoal Creek.

Each trail crosses several gravel roads with portions located along old logging roads and open forest roads. These roads allow visitors to access the trail system from many locations. Backcountry trails are rugged and remote. Trails vary in difficulty from easy to strenuous.

Bulletin boards are located at many trail access points with a trail registration box. For monitoring purposes and your safety, please be sure to sign in at registration boxes.

Note: *The Bell Springs Loop is located around the perimeter of the Huckleberry Walk-In Turkey area. This trail is closed during the months of April and May for turkey hunting and nesting/hatching season.*

Huckleberry Mountain Loop

Length: 18.8 miles, time depends on your mode of travel. (very long loop trail)

Trailheads: Sorghum Hollow Camp, Walnut Tree, Huckleberry Camp

Elevation: 636 to 1,000 ft., easy to strenuous

***Trail marked with orange diamond blazes**

Accessible from multiple locations, this is a long loop so you may consider doubling back, depending on your available time. The 18.8-mile Huckleberry Mountain Loop contains a 6.6-mile loop (Bell Springs Loop) for those seeking a shorter trail. Total mileage with Bell Springs Loop is 25.4 miles

Bell Springs Loop

Length: 6.6 miles (loop trail)

Trailhead: Just south of the Huckleberry Camp on Forest Road 1613.

Elevation: 1,500 ft., easy to moderate

***Trail marked with orange diamond blazes**

An easy loop trail great for shorter rides with relatively level terrain. If you want to access just this portion of trail it is best to take Forest Road 1613 to one of the two locations where the loop ties into the main trail on the road. Two pull off areas along Forest Road 1613 are available for parking and unloading horses.

Apple Loop

Length: 11.9 miles (loop trail)

Trailhead: Quarry Camp on Mt. Magazine

Elevation: 1,000 to 2,000 ft., easy to moderate

***Trail marked with yellow circle blazes**

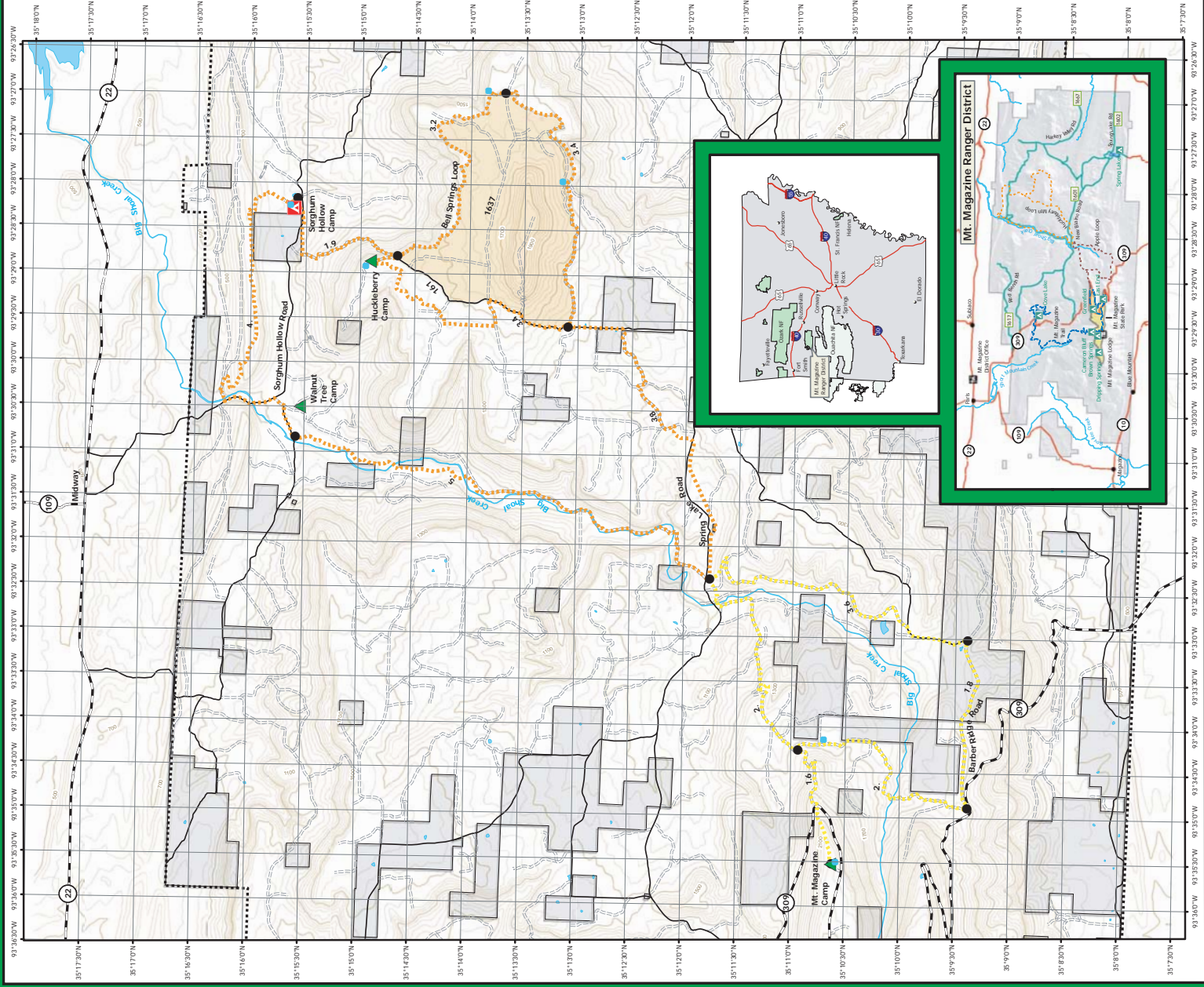
This loop provides relatively easy riding terrain for OHVs along existing forest roads and old logging roads. The trail begins at the Mt. Magazine Quarry Camp where it crosses the highway on a hairpin curve. Please exercise extreme caution when crossing the highway.

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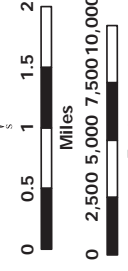


Huckleberry Mountain Horse Trail

Ozark - St. Francis National Forests Magazine Ranger District



- Highway
- Improved Light Duty
- Unimproved Road
- Apple Loop
- Huckleberry Mountain Loop
- Trail Mileage
- Developed Camping
- Primitive Camping
- Water Hole
- Private Land
- Walk-In Turkey Area
- Forest Boundary



The reference grid contains 30" intervals. The grid values represent latitude and longitude coordinates (WGS 1984).

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