

Ouachita National Forest

Arkansas - Oklahoma

Bear Creek Trail

Equestrian
Mountain Bike



Southern National Forests

Date: August 96

Trail Highlights

Along this trail, visitors will enjoy a variety of settings including forested creeks, panoramic vistas, and captivating rock formations. The trail consists of 4 loops, offering visitors opportunities for day or weekend trips.

One of the most beautiful views of Lake Ouachita can be seen from the historic Powell Mountain tower site. The east loop travels through the Deckard Mountain Walk-In Turkey Hunting Area. Bear Creek Horse Camp is available for vehicle parking but facilities are limited to trailer spurs and a restroom.

Other Opportunities

Camp, picnic and wade at **Iron Springs** or **South Fourche Recreation Areas**. Enjoy a leisurely drive on the **Buffalo Gap Auto Tour**. For a brochure, stop by the **Jessieville Visitor Information and Ranger Station**. While there, stroll along the accessible **Friendship Trail**.

More Information

Jessieville Visitor Information and Ranger Station
P.O. Box 189, 8607 Highway 7 N.
Jessieville, AR 71949
Ph. (501) 984-5313

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Length: 4 loops with a total of 45 miles.

Directions: Take Highway 7 north to Forest Road 11. For parking, follow the signs to Deckard Mountain Overlook, Bear Creek Horse Camp, or the gravel pit on Forest Road J40.

Trail Information: Trail markings are yellow rectangles and carsonite signs. Trail surface is not paved. Most of the trail travels along old road beds and is wide enough to ride two abreast.

Difficulty Level: Easy to More Difficult.

Safety: Treat all creek water before drinking. Watch for traffic along roads. Many are open to motorized vehicles.

Requirements: No motorized vehicles are allowed in the Deckard Mountain Walk-In Turkey Hunting Area. Pack it in; pack it out.

Recommended Seasons: This trail is open year round but especially pleasant during spring and fall.

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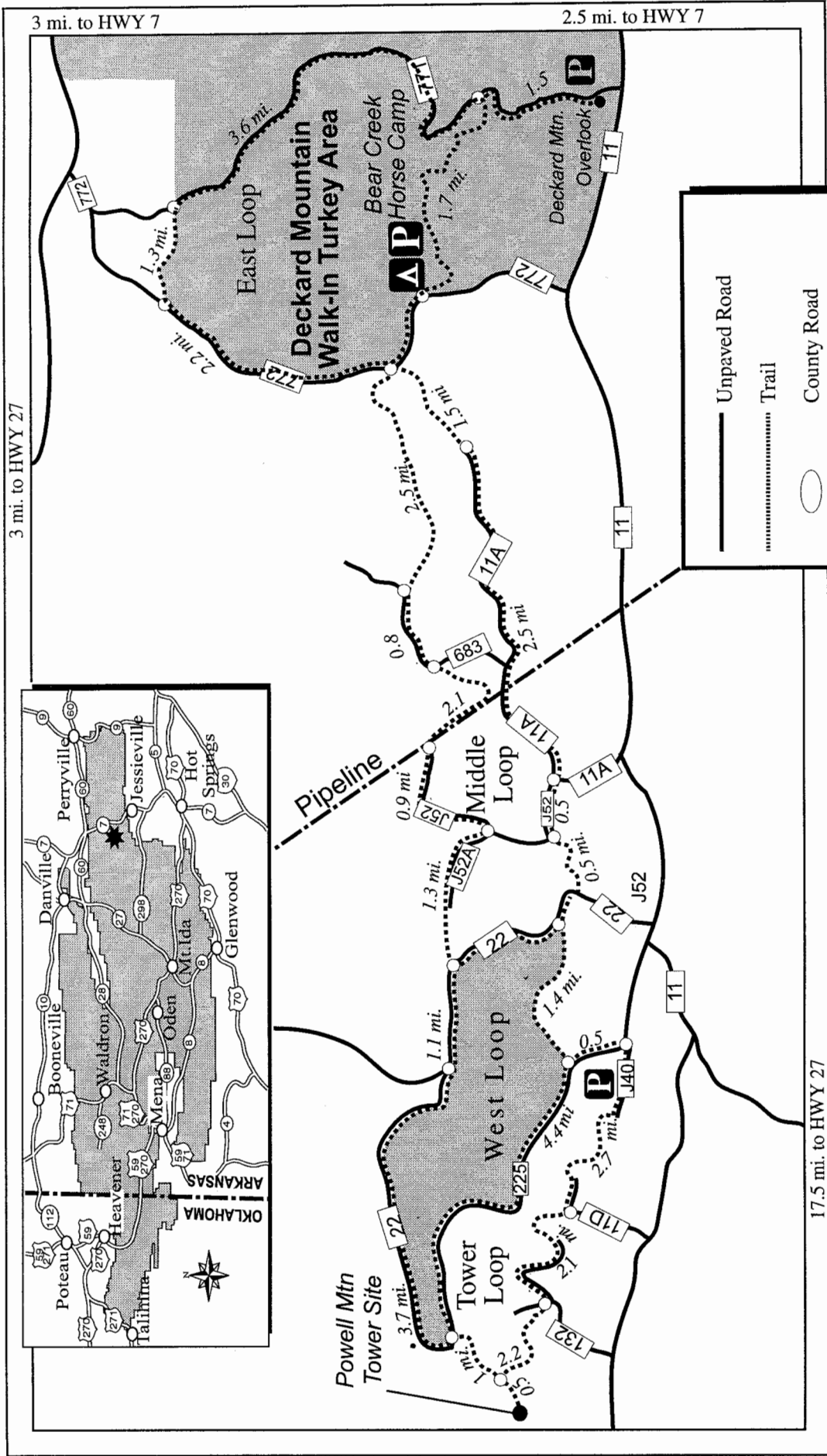
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3 mi. to HWY 27

2.5 mi. to HWY 7

3 mi. to HWY 27

17.5 mi. to HWY 27

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| | Unpaved Road |
| | Trail |
| | County Road |
| | Forest Service Road |
| | Parking |

USGS 7.5 Min. Quadrangles: Steve, Nimrod S.W.