

Bear Creek Horse Trail

Region

Ouachita Mountains (Ouachita National Forest)

Trail Manager

District Ranger; Jessieville Ranger District; P.O. Box 189; Jessieville, AR 71949; (501) 984-5313; (19 miles north of Hot Springs on Ark. Hwy. 7)

Location

The Bear Creek Horse Trail can be reached by taking Arkansas Highway 7 to Forest Service Road 11 West, then following Forest Service Road 772 to the trailhead.

TOTAL LENGTH OF TRAIL

35.9 miles; time, 10–20 hours

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

More difficult

DESCRIPTION

Marked with yellow rectangles and Carsonite signs, the Bear Creek Horse Trail is located in a beautiful forested setting covering varied terrain. Its eastern loop enters the Deckard Mountain Walk-in Turkey Hunting Area, which is closed to motorized vehicles. The trail surface is gravel in some places, unsurfaced in others. In addition to horseback riding, the trail is also suitable for day hiking, overnight backpacking and mountain biking.

SITE AMENITIES

Ponds and streams supply drinking water for horses, but none is available for human consumption.



CAMPING

Camping is allowed in this area, although no sites exist.

LODGING

Available in Hot Springs

USGS QUADRANGLE MAPS

Steve, Nimrod S.W.

SPECIAL NOTE

- Bring your own drinking water; none is available on site.

