

Devil's Den Horse Trails

Region

Ozark Mountains

Trail Manager

Devil's Den State Park, 11333 West Arkansas Highway 74, West Fork, AR 72774; (501)761-3325

Location

To reach the park, travel 8 miles south of Fayetteville on I-540 to Exit #53 (West Fork) then go 17 miles southwest on Ark. 170; or exit I-540 at Exit #45 (Winslow) and go 7 miles west on Ark. 74. Trailers longer than 26 feet should use Exit #53.

TOTAL LENGTH OF TRAIL

Approximately 20 miles; time, (see description)

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Trails vary from moderate to difficult

DESCRIPTION

The trails lead you through the Lee Creek Valley, on top of the surrounding ridges, to historical sites, natural bridges, scenic vistas, and waterfalls. There are three different trails, all of which begin and end at the horse camp. Each trail is blazed with diamond-shaped plates having a horseshoe symbol with a colored dot in the center. The Old Road Trail which begins across from the entrance to the horse camp, is blazed with yellow paint dots on the plates. The Gorley King Trail (blazed in red), and the Vista Point Trail (blazed in green), both begin inside the horse camp near site #164. In places where the Gorley King and Vista Point Trails coincide, the trail blaze contains both red and green dots. Where the horseshoe symbol appears to be hanging upside down this is a warning that the trail makes an obscure turn or intersects with other trails or roads. Be sure and look for the next blaze before proceeding.



Old Road Trail (yellow blaze), 5 miles, 1 1/2 hours; this safe, easy trail is the only horse trail entirely within the park boundary.

Gorley King Trail (red blaze), 7 miles, 2 hours; moderate difficulty

Vista Point Trail (green blaze), 8 miles, 4 hours; contains steep climbs and ledge riding, requiring experienced horses and riders.

Horses are welcome on Arkansas State Highways 170 and 74, and on Washington County Road 61, but are not permitted on other park roads or in camping areas other than the horse camp. Also, horses are not permitted in the crevice area, Yellow Rock or on any of the hiking trails except where the horse trails and the Butterfield Hiking Trail are the same.

SITE AMENITIES

Water for humans and horses and a bathhouse are at trailhead. A restaurant and swimming pool are also on the park grounds. There is a store on the park that sells groceries and gifts.

CAMPING

The park has a complete campground for horses with bathhouse for riders and bathing area for horses. Trailer hook-ups and camper sites.

LODGING

The park also has cabins for rent; there are plenty of motels in Fayetteville, just to the north. Or Alma to the south.

USGS QUADRANGLE MAPS

Strickler, Winslow

SPECIAL NOTE

Call ahead to inquire about availability at horse campground. It is reserved certain times of the year for private use. Mountain bike riders are also allowed on these trails and must yield to horses.

DEVIL'S DEN HORSE TRAILS

- Old Road Trail
- - Gorley King Trail
- - - Vista Point Trail
- ⋯ Park Boundary
- Paved or Gravel Road
- ⊗ Quarry
- ⊙ Overlook

