

# Pea Ridge Trails

## Region

Ozark Mountains

## Trail Manager

Park Superintendent; Pea Ridge National Military Park (National Park Service); P.O. Box 700; Pea Ridge, AR 72751-0700; (501) 451-8122

## Location

The Pea Ridge Trails are located in the Pea Ridge National Military Park, just off U.S. Highway 62, ten miles northeast of Rogers.

### TOTAL LENGTH OF TRAIL

Horse trail: 11 miles; tour road (may be used by bicycles): 7 miles. Time, 2–3 hours.

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Easy; some hills

### DESCRIPTION

The trails wind through oak-hickory forest and near fields associated with the battles of Leetown and Elkhorn Tavern. The horse trail, which passes Elkhorn Tavern, contains some slightly hilly sections. There are many birds, and white-tailed deer are prevalent.

### TOURING PEA RIDGE BATTLEFIELD

After stopping at the visitor center, follow the arrows from the parking area to the Old Telegraph Road. Built in 1828 between Springfield, Missouri, and Fayetteville, Arkansas, the road was part of the “Trail of Tears” that saw thousands of Cherokees and other American Indians forcibly relocated from their homes in Georgia and the Caro-

linas to Indian Territory in present-day Oklahoma. In 1858 the road became part of the Butterfield Overland Mail route to California. In 1860 a telegraph wire was strung along it. The numbers on the map correspond to stops on the battlefield driving tour, which is also accessible to bicycles. A brochure offering a detailed account of the battle is available at the visitor center.

### SITE AMENITIES

Restrooms, parking, drinking water, information signage and a brochure with map are available at the visitor center, which also offers a museum and an orientation slide program.

### CAMPING

Available at Beaver Lake, ten miles away

### LODGING

Available at various nearby locations

### USGS QUADRANGLE MAPS

Pea Ridge

### SPECIAL NOTE

Federal regulations prohibit hunting, disturbing wildlife and removing relics. Pets are permitted in the park, but they must be restrained. For your safety, be alert for poison oak and poison ivy, which are common in the park; rattlesnakes and copperheads may occasionally be found. Exercise common sense and caution. Do not climb on cannons, monuments, fences, bluffs or trees.



# PEA RIDGE TRAILS

