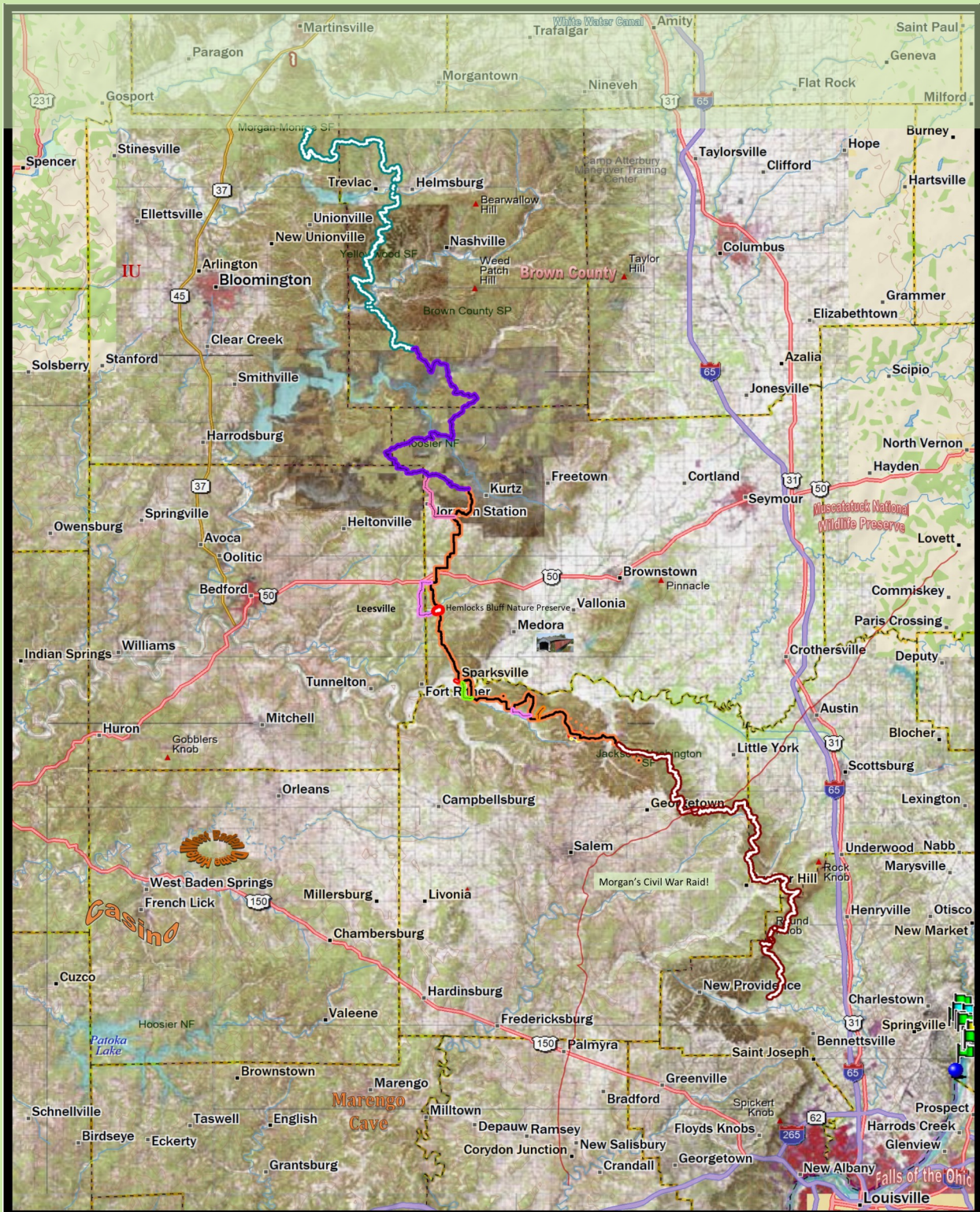


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The Knobstone Hiking Trail (KHT) runs from Deam Lake just north of the Ohio River to Morgan-Monroe State Forest just south of Indianapolis. With the efforts to create connecting trails in the metropolitan areas of Martinsville and Louisville and the possibility of a rail trail on the former Monon Rail Line, in the not-too-distant future it may be possible to hike the KHT from downtown Louisville to

downtown Indianapolis. Along this route live 3 million people in the two major metropolitan areas and numerous small towns, county seats, and rural areas in between. There are countless historic sites along the way. The Falls of the Ohio State Park contains world-renowned fossil beds and the rallying point for the Lewis and Clark expedition. At the junction of the Knobstone Escarpment with the Ohio River in New Albany is the building site of the Robert E Lee paddle wheeler steam boat. As you go north you will cross the path of Morgan's Raid, the northern most intrusion by the Confederate army in the Civil War. In the area of Brown County State Park you will encounter the boundary of the Ten O'clock Line Treaty of Fort Wayne which took over 3,000,000 acres of land from our Native Americans.

This area is not only rich in history it is also rich in diversity. Through it flows the Muscatatuck River and the East Fork of the White River. Adjacent to it is the 13,000 acre Deam Wilderness in the Hoosier National Forest. Four State Forests are part of the route. Its people have a cultural inheritance of both North and South—the Hoosier Heartland and the Southern Hospitality of the Ohio River Valley. You will find remnants of our Native American ancestors, European pioneers, and their descendants who still inhabit these wooded hills. In the March and April, spring flowers decorate the forest floor. In the fall its leaves provide a “multi-colored coat” in the forest canopy. You are invited to immerse yourself in a truly remarkable experience as you hike and camp along the Knobstone Hiking Trail.

Water availability is similar to all trails east of the Mississippi. Except from mid summer to early fall in the driest time of the year, the streams usually have water flowing in them. Even when they cease to flow, often there are pools of water or small seep springs up and down the creeks. Down the road the KHTA hopes to locate and develop these seep springs. All water should be treated. Many ponds have been noted on the maps and the data book. Most of these ponds are man-made wildlife ponds, muddy and difficult to access. Some hikers choose to cache water jugs at road crossings. If you do so, please label them with your name and the date. Also, it is important for hikers to practice Leave No Trace (LNT) principles at all times on the KHT. This includes packing out all cached water jugs.

This is a work in progress. Your suggestions and corrections of any of the material are welcomed. The KHT Data Book, Map Sets, Town Guide, a gpx file of the KHT, and other info can be downloaded from the KHTA website at www.knobstonehikingtrail.org and my personal website at www.hoosierbywaysandpathways.com.

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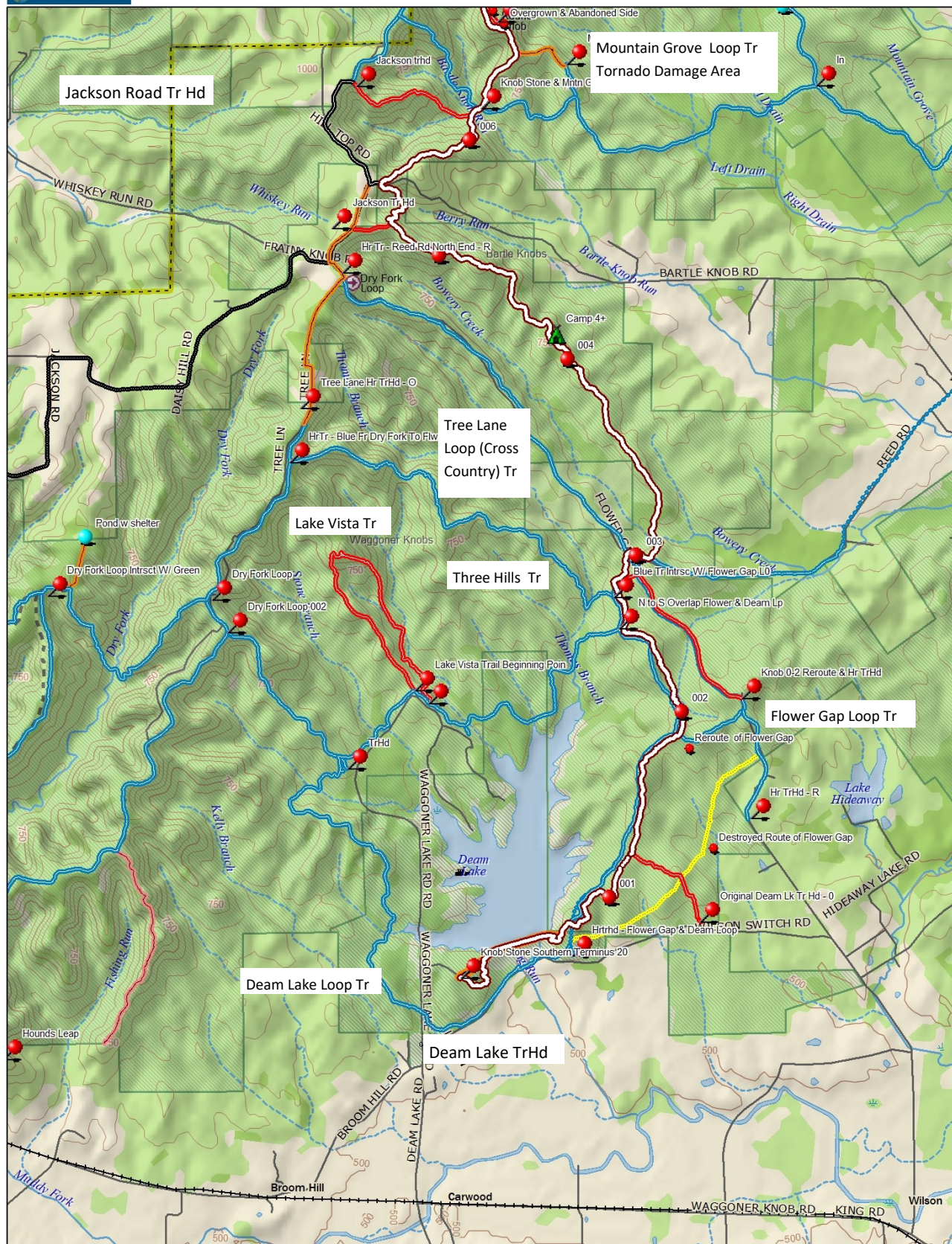
KT—1 —Deam Lake to Jackson Road 0-6.2

The southern trailhead of the Knobstone Hiking Trail (KHT) is inside Deam Lake State Recreation Area. There are extensive resources in the area including campgrounds for car campers and equestrians, a camp store, and a beach (**1217 Deam Lake Road, Borden, IN 47106, (812) 246-5421, DeamLakeSRA@dnr.IN.gov**). The recreation area usually requires a fee to enter, more info at <https://www.in.gov/dnr/state-parks/rates-and-fees/entrance-fees/>. Upon entering the recreation area, take the first right to a paved parking lot with a shelter and restroom facilities. This provides a secure parking area.

Your KHT adventure begins with a 100 yard walk on a former county road that takes you to the site of a former 1 or 2 room school. Then you curve to the left, winding downhill to a bridge financed by the DNR Forestry Division and built by the Knobstone Hiking Trail Association (KHTA). At 0.3 miles you reach the Deam Lake Dam, which you cross to the east side at mile 0.6. From here you wind uphill onto the ridge above the lake, intersecting in 0.1 at mile 0.7 with the Deam Lake Loop Trail. Paralleling this trail you reach the former KHT trailhead on the right at mile 1.2. There are carsonite mile markers on this section of the trail placed by the Indiana DNR. They match the mileage listed in this document except where noted otherwise.

At mile 1.9 you reach the Flower Gap Loop Trail southern intersection. At mile 2.5 you reach the southern intersection with the Tree Lane Loop Trail. And in 0.2 you reach the intersection with the Three Hills Trail at mile 2.7. Proceed another 0.1 to reach the northern intersection with Flower Gap Loop Trail at mile 2.8. And then in another 0.1 reach the northern intersection of the Tree Lane Loop Trail at mile 2.9.

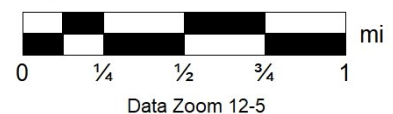
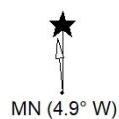
Continuing on the KT, in 0.1 reach a former trail going out to Reed Road. Begin climbing to a potential campsite at mile 4.1. Climb again to reach an unofficial access trail to Bartle Knob Road at mile 5.2. Descend steeply and then climb back up steeply to cross Bartle Knob Road at mile 5.6. Then descend again to the intersection with the access trail to the Jackson Road Trail Head at mile 6.2. There is a seasonal creek at this intersection.



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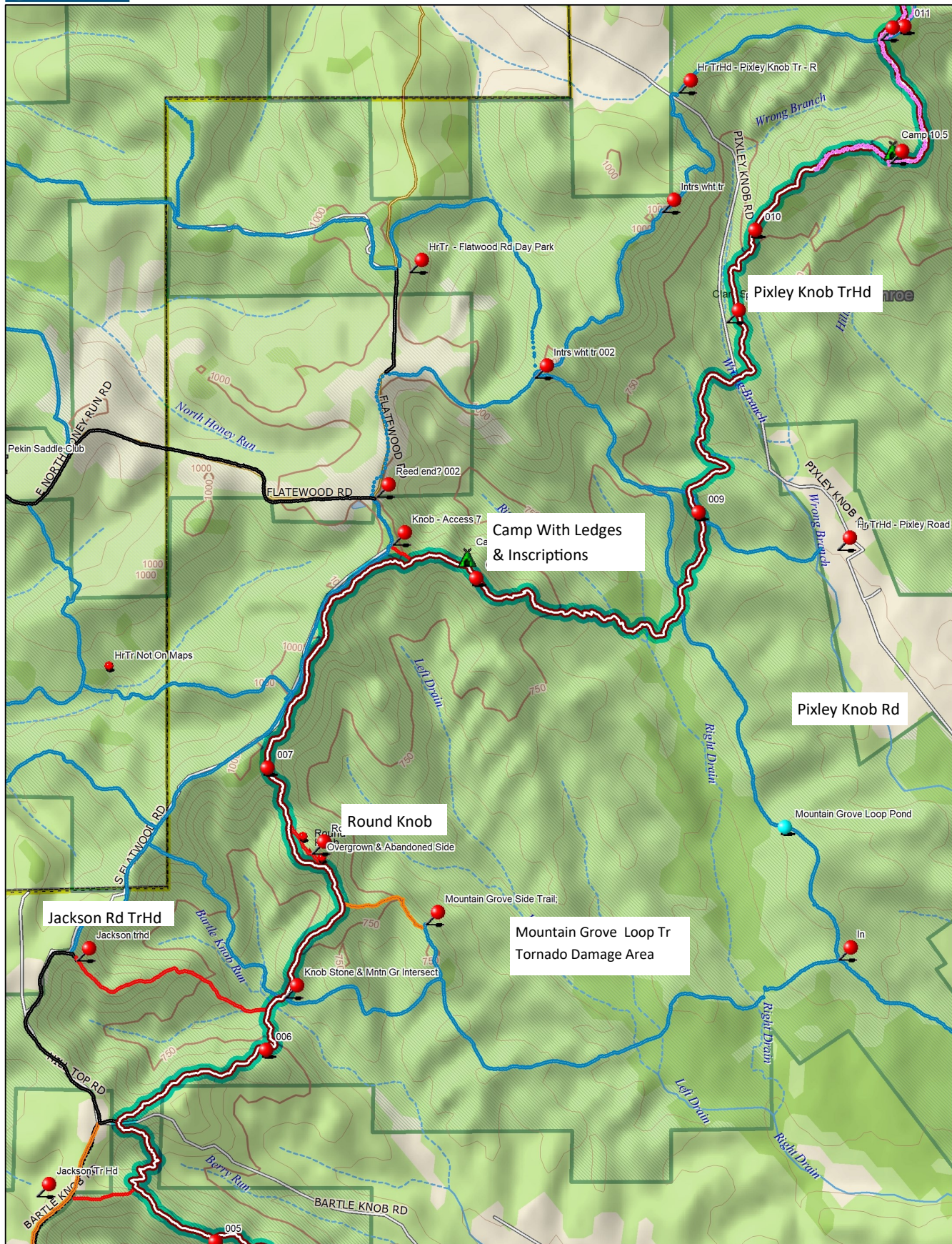
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KT—2 —Jackson Road Trailhead to Pixley Knob Road Trailhead - 6.2-9.8

This area is noted for the damage to the forest from the March 2, 2012 F3 and F4 tornados that swept across Southern Indiana for 49 miles. Here the path of complete destruction was about 1 mile wide and mowed the forest down to the ground. New growth has sprung up quickly and there are many trees 10 to 20 feet in height. A total of 34 people died that day from the series of storms in Kentucky and Southern Indiana. There is a memorial to those who died at St. Francis Church in Henryville.

Continuing ahead, in 0.1 miles reach the intersection of Mountain Grove Loop Trail at mile 6.3. Climb 0.5 miles up the steep trail to Round Knob at mile 6.8. There are great views from the top in some seasons. Climb for about 0.3 miles to reach another intersection of Mountain Grove Loop Trail at mile 7.1. Then parallel Mountain Grove Loop Trail for about 0.6 miles until you reach mile 7.7. At mile 7.8, reach a short access trail from Flatwood Road (part of the Mountain Grove Loop Trail). In another 0.1 reach the Ledges Overhang campsite with rock inscriptions at mile 7.9. There's room here for one or two tents on top of the ledge and for two to sleep under the overhang out of the weather. Descending for 0.9, cross Mountain Grove Loop Trail another time at mile 8.8. Continue to reach an access trail from Pixley Knob Road to Mountain Grove Loop Trail. In 0.5 reach Pixley Knob Trail Head at mile 9.8.



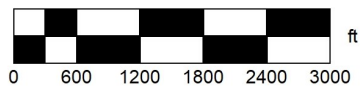
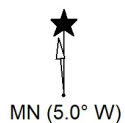


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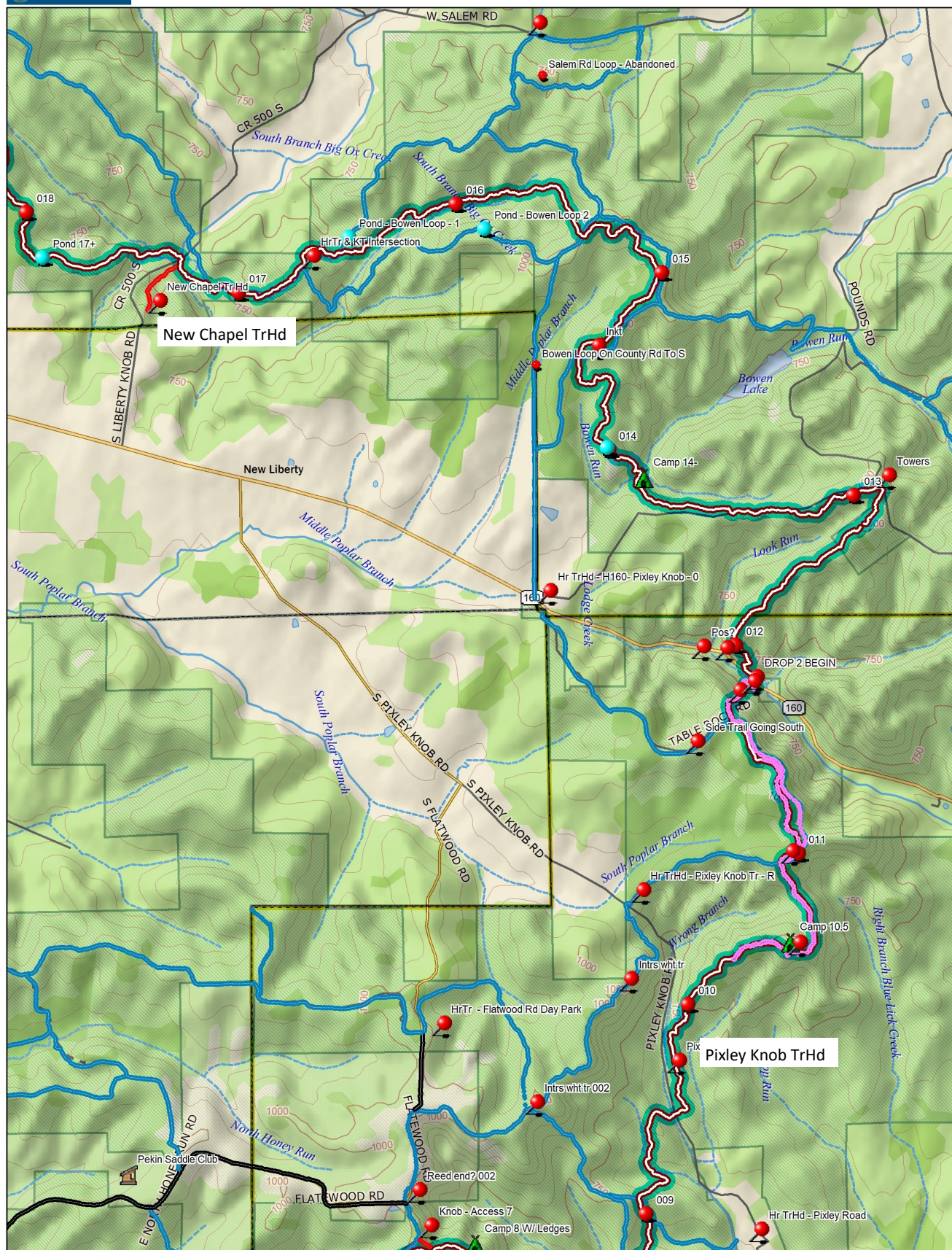
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KT—3 —Pixley Knob Road Trailhead to New Chapel Trailhead 9.8-17.2

Begin climbing from Pixley Knob Road until reaching a campsite in 0.7 at mile 10.5. There is a great view looking south when the leaves are off of the trees. Having achieved the ridgetop, wind around on fairly level ground for 1.1 miles before reaching a steep descent at mile 11.6. Descend 300 feet, taking care not to slip on the steep slope, and reach Highway 160 with a parking spot in 0.2 at mile 11.8. There is a seasonal creek running parallel to the highway. On the opposite side of Highway 160, begin climbing again, reaching the ridgetop and continuing on to reach a fire tower in 1 mile at mile 12.8. In 1.2 miles reach a small pond at mile 14.0. In 0.4 miles intersect the access trail from South Casey Road to the Cross Country Trail at mile 14.4. The trail parallels the access trail to the intersection with the Cross Country Trail in 0.6 at mile 15. Proceed parallel with the Cross Country Trail to the intersection with the Bowen Loop Trail in 0.4 at mile 15.4. Hike for approximately 1.3 miles to reach a second intersection with the Bowen Loop Trail. Follow it briefly westward before exiting it to the west at mile 16.7. Descend to the access trail from the New Chapel Trailhead before reaching S Liberty Knob Road in 0.5 at mile 17.2. The access trail is 0.2 miles in length.

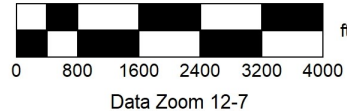
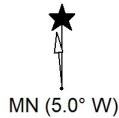




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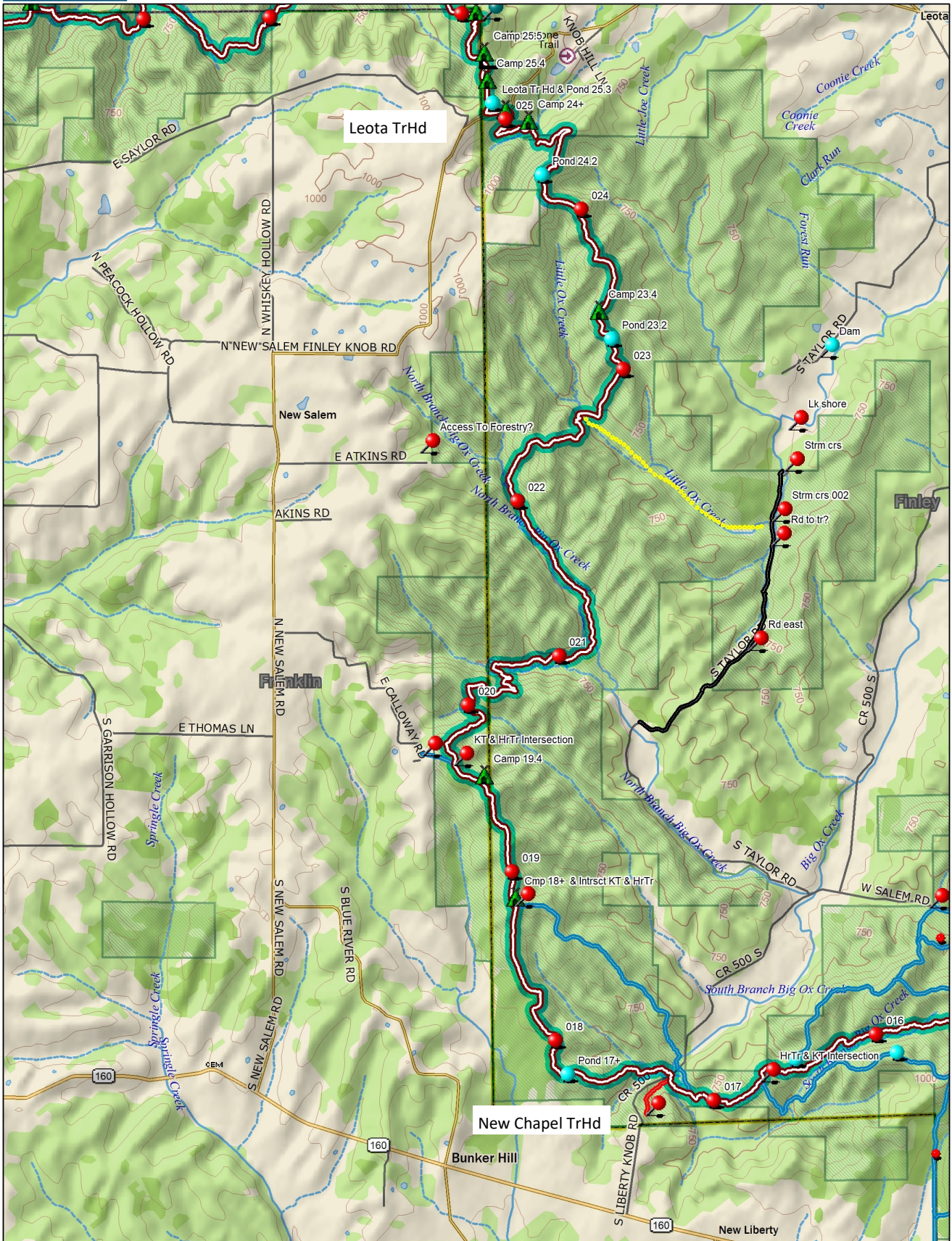
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KT—4 —New Chapel Trailhead to Leota Trailhead - 17.2 to 25.3

Begin climbing from Liberty Knob Road for 1.6 miles and reach a campsite at mile 18.8 just past an intersection with an abandoned horse trail. Going north, the KT follows the track of the abandoned horse trail for 0.6 mile to another campsite at mile 19.4. In 0.2 mile at mile 19.6, the former horse trail exits to the west on a public right of way to Calloway Road. This short access trail should only be used in case of an emergency. Descend for 0.4 miles to an intermittent stream at mile 20. Climb briefly and then descend to a second seasonal stream in 0.7 at mile 20.7. Follow this stream for a short distance and then head north on Big Ox Creek for a total of 1.4 miles to mile 22.1. Begin a brief ascent and then a descent to Little Ox Creek in 0.6 at mile 22.7. Climb to the ridge and after 0.5 reach a pond at mile 23.2. Continue on the ridge for 0.2 to a campsite at mile 23.4. Continue on the ridge for another 0.8 miles to another pond at mile 24.2. Descend for 0.6 to a campsite beside a seasonal stream. As you ascend you will pass another campsite in 0.2 at mile 25. Cross Leota Road in 0.2 at mile 25.2. Walk uphill on Leota Road for a very short distance and ascend steps on the far side of the road. In 0.2 reach the Leota Trailhead with a nearby pond at mile 25.3.

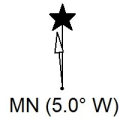




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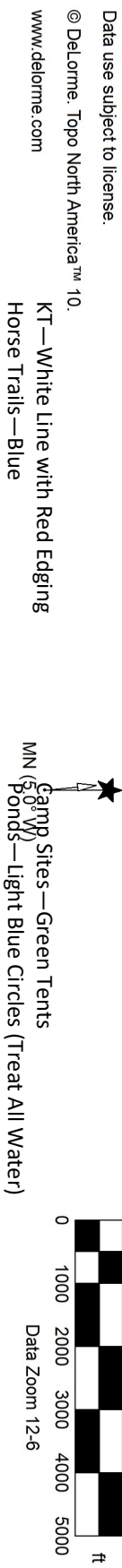
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KT—5 — Leota Trailhead to Elk Creek Trailhead - 25.3-32.5

Head north for 0.1 and reach a good campsite at mile 25.4. Descend a bit 0.2 to another campsite at mile 25.6. Then ascend 0.2 to a third campsite with a nearby pond. Continue onward with a slow descent for 1.2 to a crossing of a gravelled Forest Service road from Smith Road at mile 27. Continue your descent for 0.3 to flood control lake #8 at mile 27.3. Although the dam and most of the lake is on private property, the lake extends onto state land where you can get water. Also, a seasonal stream flows into the lake here. For the next 2.3 miles, climb and descend several times till you reach another campsite at mile 29.6. Continue ascending and descending for another mile till reaching a ridge under a power line at mile 30.6. Descend 1 mile to Elk Creek Lake at mile 31.6. Follow the southwest shoreline around the lake for 0.9 until reaching an intersection at mile 32.5 with the Elk Creek Lake Trailhead access trail. It is 0.2 miles to the trailhead. There are some campsites in the area.





KT—6 — Elk Creek Trailhead to Oxley Memorial Trailhead - 32.5-37.8

Head west on a 0.8 uphill climb to West Neval Ratt Road at mile 33.3. (There is room to park here). Cross the road and begin a 0.5 mile descent to a good campsite overlooking a seasonal creek at mile 33.8. Climb and descend twice before reaching the former route of Highway 56 at mile 34.4. Descend, climb, and descend for 0.9 to reach Highway 56 at mile



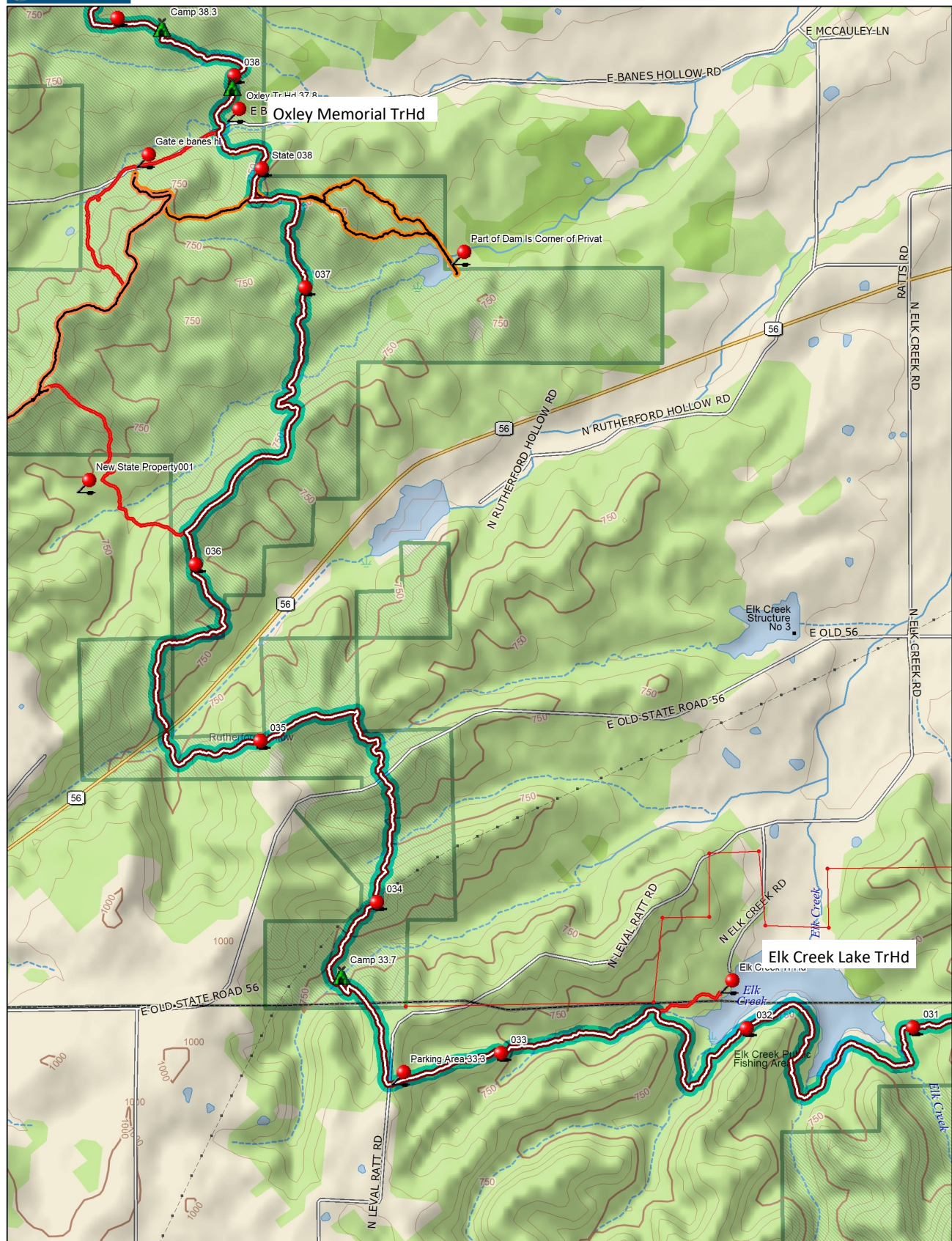
35.3. Cross the highway and re-enter the woods. Contour a bit before rising to a new high point in 0.7 in a clearing at mile 36. From here turn right and then descend (watch closely in this clearing for the blazes) to a seasonal stream at mile 36.7. There are some difficult steps in the descent. Climb for 0.6 and reach a logging road at mile 37.3. Follow this north for a short distance and then leave the road as you begin a 0.5 mile descent to Oxley Memorial Trailhead on Baner Hollow Road. There's a seasonal stream at the trailhead.



KT—6— Elk Creek Lake to Oxley Memorial Trailhead—32.5-37.8

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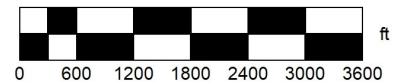
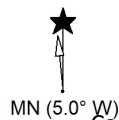


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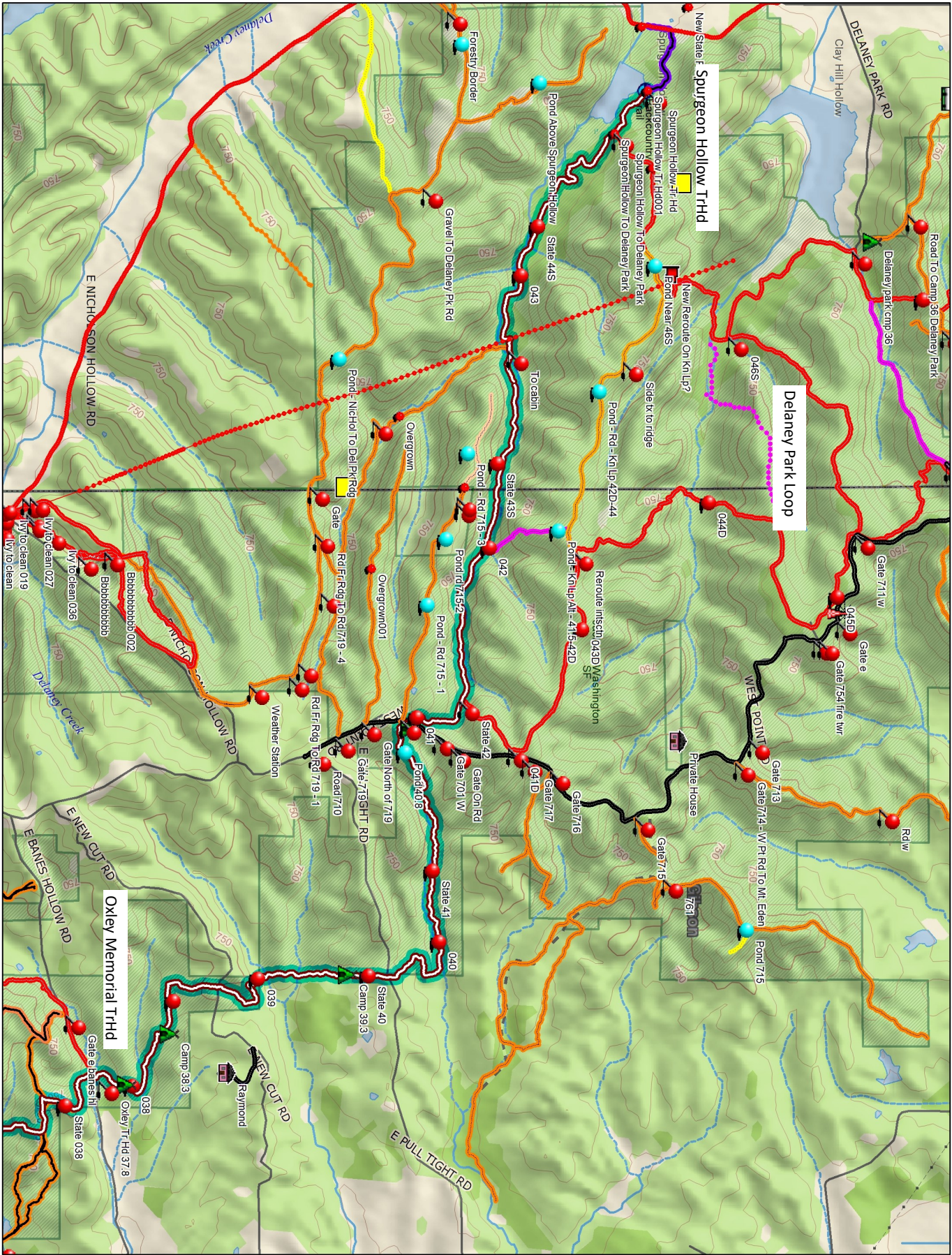
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Camp Sites—Green Tents
Ponds—Light Blue Circles (Treat All Water)

KT—7 Oxley Memorial Trailhead to Spurgeon Hollow Trailhead - 37.8-44.1

Continue north on trail with moderate climbs for 0.9 miles and reach Short Cut Road at mile 38.7. There are a couple of possible campsites in this section. Cross Short Cut Road and then cross a couple seasonal creeks before climbing to a campsite in 0.7 at mile 39.4. In 0.1 mile reach Pull Tight Road at mile 39.5. Descend 0.3 to a seasonal creek at mile 39.8. Go upstream 1.0 mile to reach a pond and then a campsite at mile 40.8. In 0.2 reach the Mail Route Forest Service Road at mile 41. (From Pull Tight and the Mail Route it is possible to hike in approximately 2 miles to the Hoosier Hiker Hostel by way of E. Nicholson Hollow Road.) Descend steeply for 0.2 to reach an intersection with the Delaney Park Loop section of the KT at mile 41.2. From here follow the seasonal creek downstream for 2.9 miles to the Spurgeon Hollow trailhead at Spurgeon Hollow Lake. There are ample opportunities for camping and water along the way. In the early spring there are displays of flowers along the route. There is a discrepancy between the state-placed mileage markers and this guide around mile 44.1.





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KT—8—Spurgeon Hollow to West Goat Hollow 45-50.5

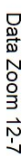
Walk the road out to Delaney Park Road at mile 45.2, turn right (north) for 0.5 to Rooster Hill Road at mile 45.7 (Delaney Park is 0.2 mile further north). Follow Rooster Hill Road for 0.4 and pass the intersection with Winslow Road at mile 46.1. Be careful as you climb the narrow, curvy road with little shoulder to the top of the hill. Continue on a flat course for 1.9 miles to Highway 135 at mile 48. Cross the highway and while still on Rooster Hill reach the intersection with Plattsburg Road. Turn right and pass a church on your left. Just to the west of here we are working on easements to take us off of Highway 135. Continue to Hwy 135 at 48.3 and follow it carefully all the way north to West Goat Hollow Road at mile 50.5.

There is an effort to get a state certified foot bridge across Delaney Creek. When this is accomplished, it will be possible to route a trail on state forest property out to Highway 135. This will eliminate the dangerous road walk up Rooster Hill. One possible route is shaded in yellow.

Delaney Park (about a half mile north of Spurgeon Hollow) is a Washington County Park with a seasonal restaurant and snack shop. It has cabins for rent, campsites for rent, a lakeside beach and other activities available. The Knobstone Loop Trails are accessible from the park. Contact Info—8215 N Delaney Park Rd., Scottsburg, IN 47170, 812-883-5101.

Salem, the county seat of Washington County, is about 7.5 miles south on Highway 135. It has all of the usual accommodations and stores of a rural county seat including a Walmart.

St. Vincent Hospital is located at 911 Shelby Street, Salem 812-883-5881



KHT—9—W Goat Hollow Road to W Ault Sawmill Road Intersection with Buffalo Bottoms Road—50.5-57.7

The **current official route** is a combination of road walking and trail hiking. Follow West Goat Road (also Co R 990 N) west. At mile 52.2, pass a gate to an access road to what is sometimes called the Muscatatuck Bluff area of the Jackson-Washington County Forest. Continue west on CR 990 to intersect Halesburg Road at mile 53.5. Turn north on Halesburg, continuing past W Buffalo Bottoms Road at mile 53.8. Continue north to reach the Trail Memorial Monument on your right at mile 55. Pause and review the names of those involved with the creation of the trail. Above this memorial we hope someday to get permission to build a trail through the Muscatatuck Bluff area of the state forest. Watch to your left and within 300 feet you will see PT signs on a post by a driveway. From here there is a marked trail to follow on private easements. Follow the driveway sharply to the left for a moment and then follow signs heading towards the foot of the hill on the other side of some stacked lumber. Follow a zig-zag trail to reach the ridge at mile 55.4. At mile 55.6 reach the Lorna Drummond memorial bench on the ridge. Shortly begin a descent and reach West Ault Sawmill Road at mile 55.8. Continue on a trail on the south side of the road to the trailhead at mile 56.3. Continue south on W Ault Sawmill Rd to the intersection with W Buffalo Bottoms and N Reynolds Road at mile 57.7, the end of this section.

An alternative route is to turn west (left) at mile 53.8 and follow W. Buffalo Bottoms Rd passing North Reynolds after 1.2 miles. Continue on W Buffalo Bottoms and soon intersect W Ault Sawmill Road at the official route at mile 57.7.

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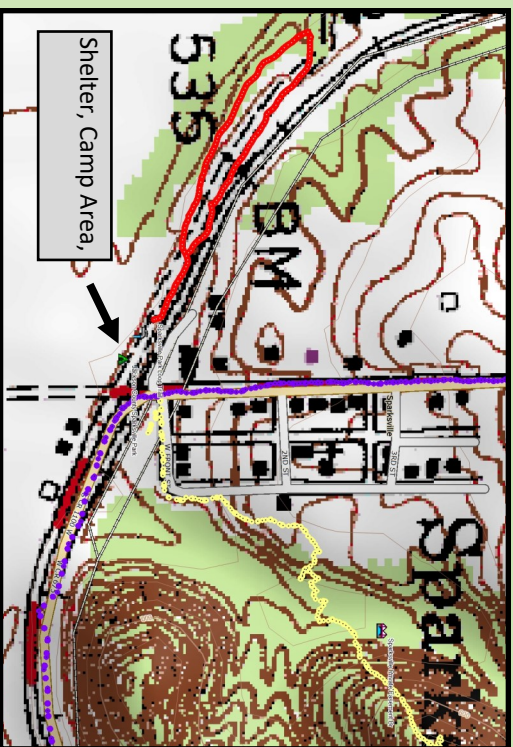


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KTP—10—West Ault Sawmill Intersection with West Buffalo Bottoms —57.7-64.2

Follow **West Buffalo Bottoms** road west and pass Ratts Road at mile 59.2. Continue to the intersection with North McKinley Road (to the south) at mile 60.8. Continue to the intersection with Sparksferry Road at mile 61.9. Turn north and follow Sparksferry Road to the now-closed-to-vehicular-traffic bridge over the White River at mile 63.5. Walk across the bridge and then turn west (left) on Sparksville Pike Road. Pass the new car bridge at mile 63.8. (In case high water



blocks your approach to the old bridge, you can use the new road and bridge as an alternate route.) Just before reaching Sparksville Park there is a church, Rivervale Chapel, with an outdoor pump that is a water source. The entrance to the park is on the south side of the railroad tracks at mile 64.2. There is a shelter, privy, nature trail, and plenty of camping area. Sparksville Park was developed to provide a camping spot for hikers. Once developed it was donated to the Jackson County Parks Department. Faculty and students of Medora High School have adopted the area and made improvements such as installing a pontoon bridge in a wet area of the Nature Trail Loop (Red Trail) and building a bridge across the creek on the way north of town. Currently the route north is a road walk unless you obtain permission to walk across private land on one easement yet to be obtained of the future route (yellow trail).



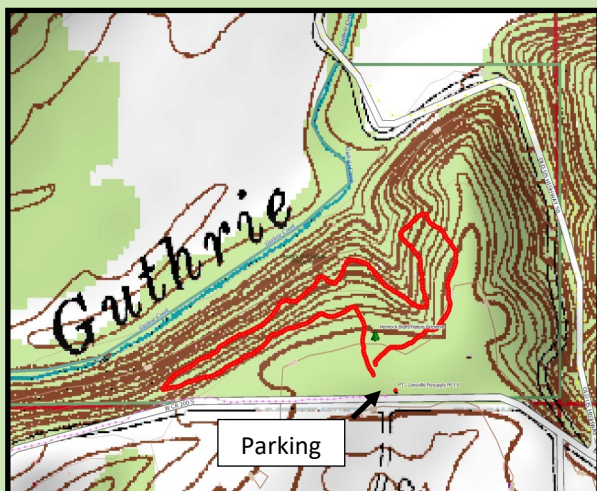


KTP - 11 - Sparksville Park to Hemlock Cliffs Nature Preserve (DNR) - 64.2-69.7

Before leaving Sparksville on your road walk north, note the trail in yellow. This is a private easement trail that needs one more legal easement to complete. To take this route now would require permission of the owners of the unacquired easement. To reach it go east on 1st Street and turn north on the unnamed street (where 1st Street ends) bending around an abandoned house. Continue north to about halfway between 2nd & 3rd Street. Then turn right onto the Howard Easement. There is a gate installed here.

The former official trail route is in black. However, it does not take you to Hemlock Cliffs Nature Preserve. In addition it crosses Guthrie Creek which has no bridge at a point where there is a good 2+ foot deep pool of water with no option but to wade. Therefore, there is a new official yellow route taking you west to Hemlock Cliffs Nature Preserve. There you can follow the recommended violet route that crosses Guthrie creek on a bridge. This also allows you a great view of the preserve from the valley below. You can look up and see the side of the cliff largely covered in hemlocks. Another option is to stay on the violet route all of the way from Sparksville to Hemlock Cliffs NP. Then you have the option of taking an alternate yellow route to connect with the former black official route. There is an alternate route to Leesville marked in pink, but the gas station/convenience store there closed in 2020. However, the town does have park with a pavilion and a community center. We are hoping to make arrangements for hikers to camp here. All of these alternates join back together on the north side of highway 50.

(64.2) - Recommended New Official Violet Route — From Sparksville Park head north on CR 1100 West to take the violet route to Hemlock Cliffs Nature Preserve. In 0.7 mile pass W CR 625 S on the left at mile 64.9. At mile 65.7 pass where the future trail descends to intersect with the road on the right. Soon CR 1100 West becomes CR 1150 West. At mile 66.3 pass Dalton Holler Road on the right. Here CR 1150 W becomes CR 425 S. (Here, you have the option of taking the black route north by turning right onto Dalton Holler Road.) For the violet route to Hemlock Cliffs Nature Preserve, continue north on CR 425 S. Reach an intersection with SCR 1200 W & Hill Road at mile 67.2. Head north on S CR 1200 W. At mile 67.5, pass Proctor Road (also named S CR 1180 W). Descend to cross Dry Creek at mile 68.5. Continue with an ascent to the north. At mile 69.7, reach an intersection of W 200 S (to the left) and W 250 S (to the right). The entrance to Hemlock Cliffs Nature Preserve is 100 feet to the left. It is well worth pausing here to enjoy the 0.8 mile trail. Camping is not permitted in the preserve. There is room for several cars to park here.



Hemlock Bluffs Trail & Parking Lot

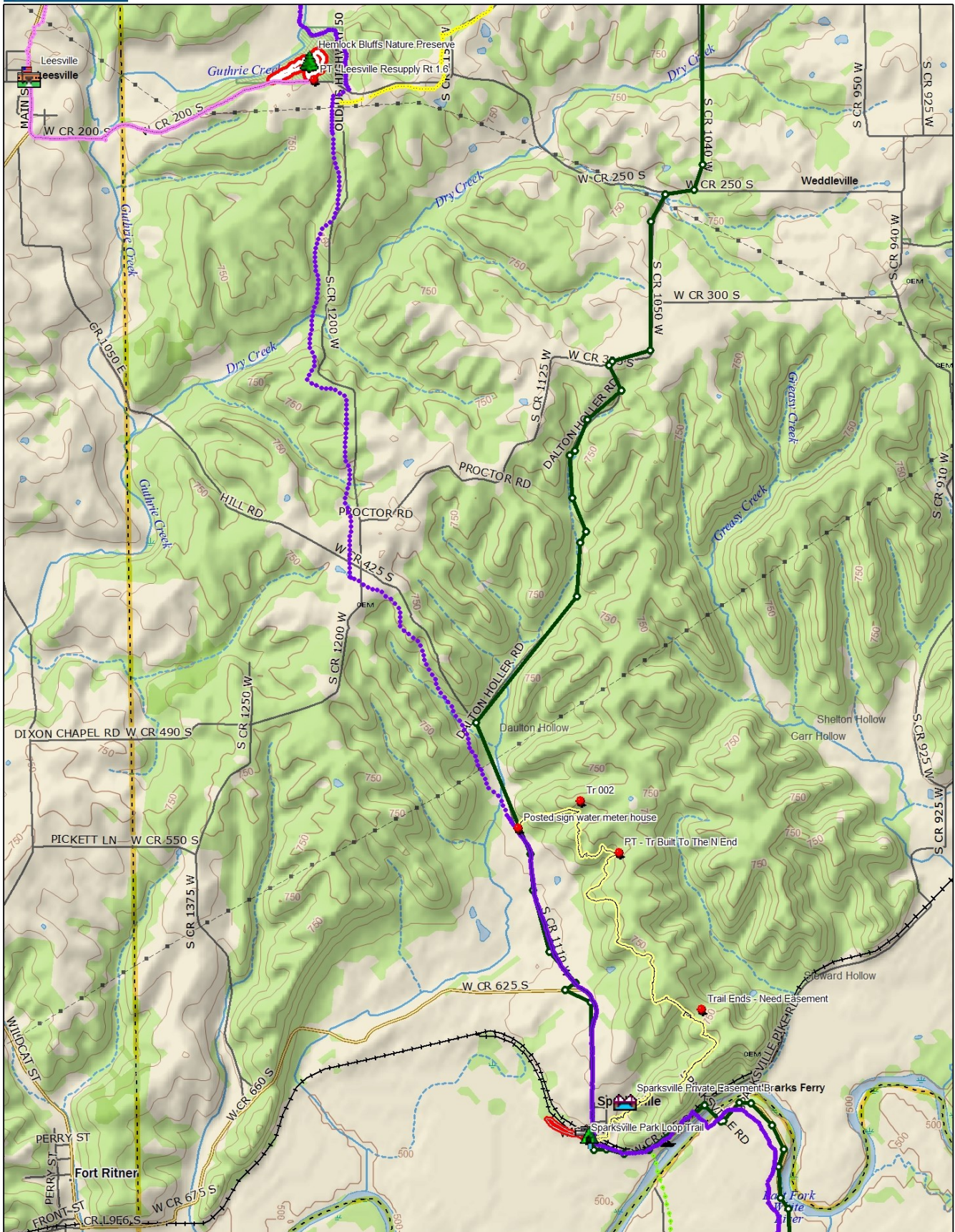


Bridge on a creek in the private easements at Sparksville, built by students at Medora Community School.

KT—P - 11 - Sparksville Park to Hemlock Cliffs Nature Preserve (DNR) - 64.2-69.7



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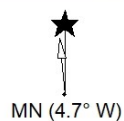


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Recommended KT—Violet
Official KT—Black
Alt KT & Future Private Trail—Yellow



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Old Leesville Alt— Pink
Camp Sites—Green Tents
Ponds—Light Blue Circles (Treat All Water)

KTP - 12 - Hemlock Cliffs Nature Preserve to KHTA Camp 69.7-77.4

(69.7) - From the intersection at Hemlock Cliffs Nature Preserve go east about 100 feet past S CR 1200 W and turn left, north onto Old Highway 50. Descend and eventually curve to the left and then quickly to the right as you reach the bottom of the bluffs. As you pass over the creek on a bridge at mile 70.2, you get good views of the hemlocks that cover much of the bluffs. This is one of the largest collection of native hemlocks in Indiana. As you wind your way north, the road becomes S CR 1250 W. At mile 72.2, reach West Baseline Road where the Leesville alternate rejoins the recommended route. Turn right, east. At mile 72.6, turn left, north onto N CR 1225 W. This road crosses Highway 50 at mile 73.3. Continue north to W CR 100 N at mile 73.6. Turn right, east on W CR 100 N. At mile 74.4 turn left, north onto S CR 1150 W. Make a right turn, east at mile 75.1. Then a turn left, north at mile 75.3. By the time you make a turn east at the road is designated as W CR 200 N. At mile 75.8, turn left or north onto N CR 100 W. At mile 76.9 turn right, east onto W CR 325 N. At mile 77.4 you will reach the KHTA Camp.

KTP—12Alt—Leesville Resupply (Pink Trail)—Unfortunately, the former Leesville resupply route is no longer available. The B&D Market closed in 2020.



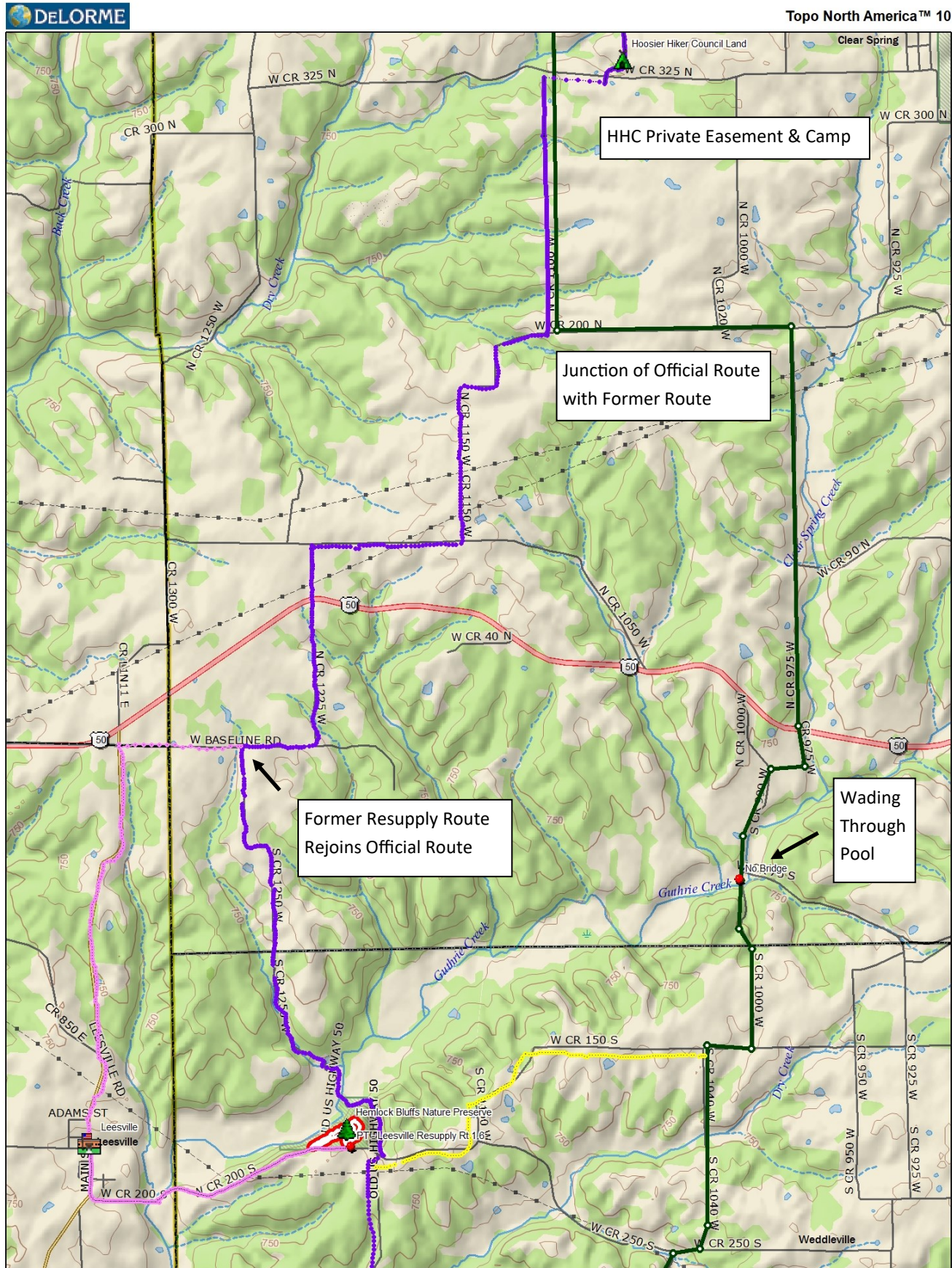
Medora Covered Bridge

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KHTA Trailhead Parking

KT—P - 12 - Hemlock Cliff Nature Preserve to HHC Camp & Private Easement - 69.7-77.4—Recommended New Official Route



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Recommended KT—Violet
Official KT—Black
Alt KT & Future Private Trail—Yellow

Leesville Alt—Purple
Camp Sites—Green Tents
Ponds—Light Blue Circles (Treat All Water)

KTP - 13 - KHTA Camp & Private Easement to Hoosier National Forest—77.4-82.9

(77.4) - Look for PT signs on W CR 320 N. At mile 77.4, you will find a carsonite sign marking the beginning of the private easement. Turn left going north as you descend on a mowed former road then quickly gain height and bear right (east) as you reach the former trailer site which is now a mowed parking area. Follow the carsonite sign to the east. Just before reaching the property line you enter a grove of pines. This is the best place to camp with protection from both the wind and the sun. Here you turn north and cross the fence on a stile at mile 75.6. You have now left the area designated for camping. Follow the property line north. Descend and cross a first creek at mile 75.8 and then a second creek at mile 78. Reach W CR 400 N at mile 78.3. Turn left, west briefly and cross the road at mile 78.4. Curve to the Northwest and reach the dam of a pond at mile 78.7. Continue onward, emerging from the woods at mile 78.8. Head North at 350°.

Cross the field and re-enter the woods at mile 78.9. Cross a creek at mile 79. Step onto N CR 1100 W and turn right, north. Following the road the road, reach the outflow from a spring box on the other side of the road. The outflow flows through a culvert near the trail at mile 79.1. You soon reach a left turn of the road at mile 79.2. Here you have a choice. You can continue on the trail by dropping off the road to the right. Or you can head left, west on the road for about a hundred feet to the 3-story Frank Fischer Barn. You may camp here. Also, the Norman Resupply route heads west from here.

The trail continues on from the corner of the road dropping steeply to a crossing of a creek (fed by the spring). Ascend quickly, soon crossing a gully on a small bridge, and continue to contour along the ridge going NNW till you reach a sharp turn at mile 79.8. Then head ESE and finally descend into the ATV area at mile 80.1. You will need to pay close attention as the trail makes many twists and turns as it crosses and re-crosses the ATV trails many times in this area. On the way through you follow and then cross a creek. Finally you emerge into the dirt parking lot of the ATV area on N CR 1000 W at mile 81.1. Cross the fence on a stile and head north from here on the asphalt road. At mile 81.8 the road becomes designated as NCR 980 W. At mile 82.1, turn left, west for approximately 300 feet. Cross Highway 58 and continue north on N CR 980 W. At mile 82.9, turn left, west to enter the Hoosier National Forest on the trailhead for trails 16 & 17. There is a seasonal creek at the trailhead.

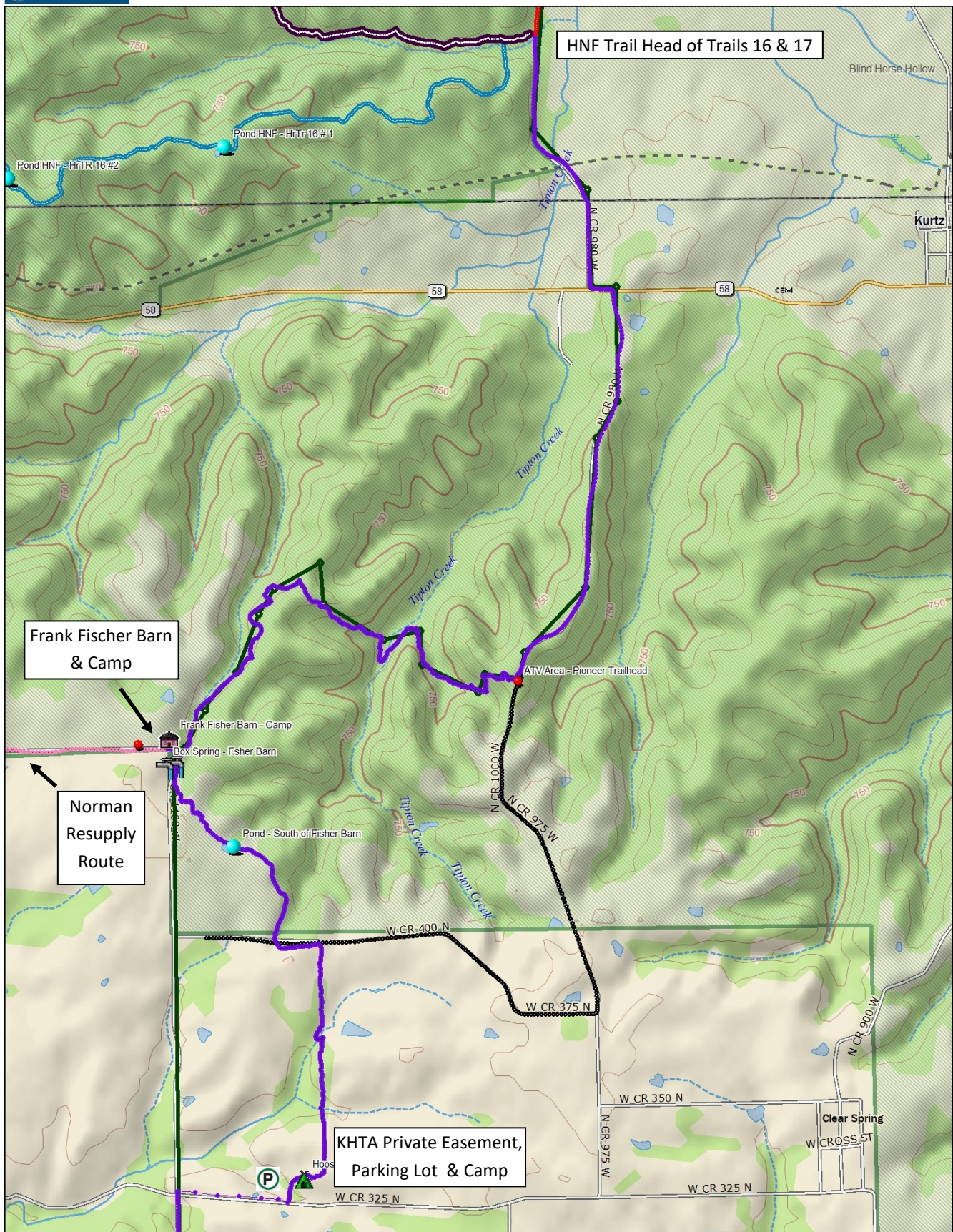
Norman Resupply—Refer to KTP—13Alt—The Norman Resupply Route takes you to the town of Norman which has a post office. Unfortunately the former restaurant in town is now closed.



KT—P - 13—KHTA Camp & Private Easement to Hoosier National Forest—77.4-82.9

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Recommended KT—Violet
Former KT—Black
HNF Multi-Use Trails—Blue



MN (4.7° W)

Norman Alt— Pink
Camp Sites—Green Tents
Ponds—Light Blue Circles (Treat All Water)



Data Zoom 13-2

KTP - 13Alt—Norman Resupply—Frank Fischer Barn to HNF Polk Patch Road & Trail 13—79.2-86.6



(79.2) - Head west on W CR 450 N. After 1 mile, you will pass the entrance to the Norman Conservation Club Campground. It is possible to camp here for a fee. At mile 1.3 (of the alternate route) turn right, north on N CR 1250 W. At mile 2.1, turn left, west at W CR 525 N and proceed for about 0.1 of a mile. Then turn right, north once again onto N CR 1250 W. At mile 2.3, turn left, west on Highway 58. At mile 2.5, reach the Norman Post Office. (Hours and contact info here: <https://tools.usps.com/locations/details/1375210>.)

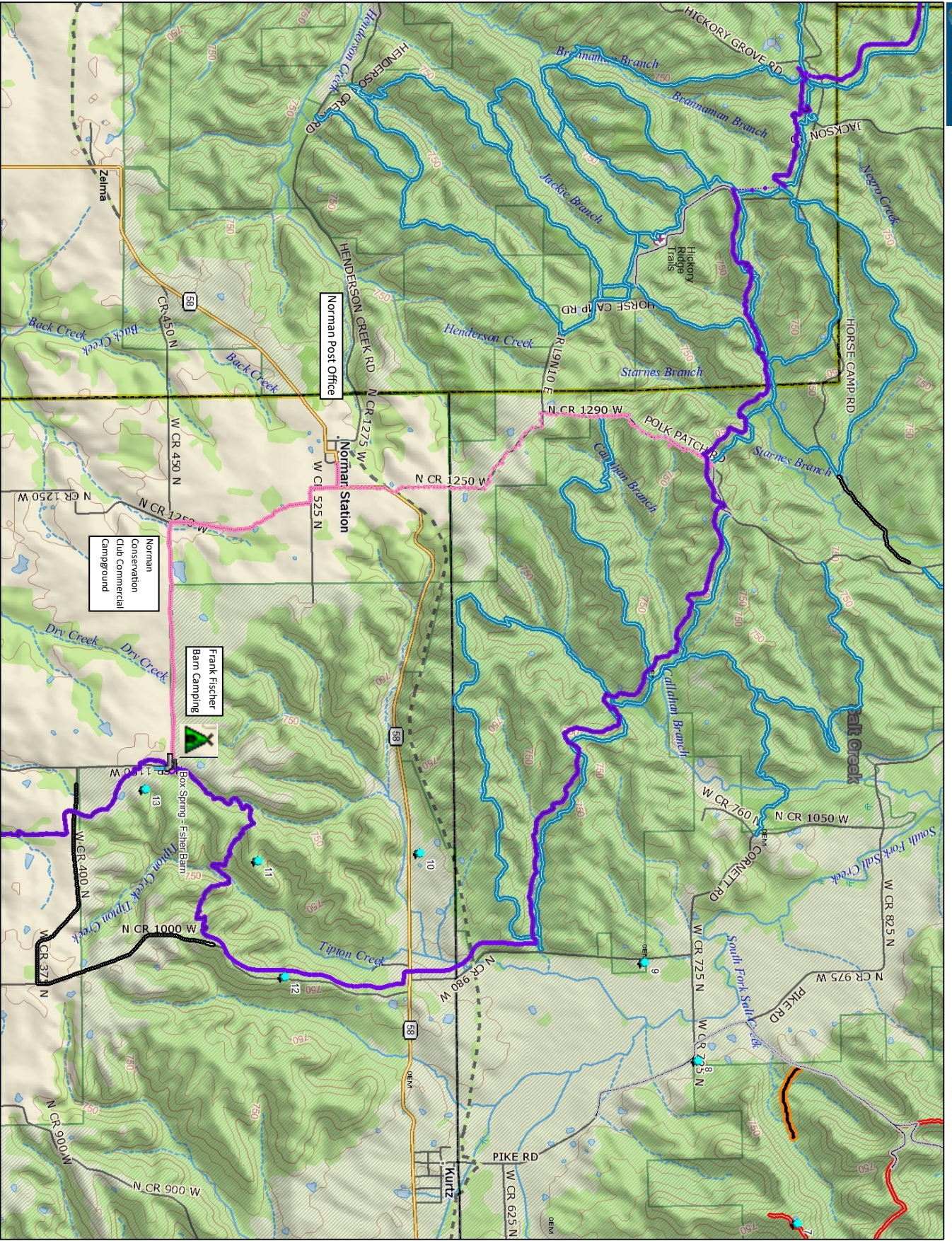
Once you've picked up your resupply package at the post office, you have an option of returning to the Frank Fischer Barn area and continuing on the designated trail. We encourage you to utilize this option in order to complete all sections of the trail.

In the interest of safety we do not advise hiking Highway 58 back to the intersection of the trail at mile 82.1 of the designated trail.

There is also the option of "blue blazing" by following county roads north to mile 86.6 of the trail. Directions are provided below for this option. However you will miss 7.4 miles of the designated trail.

Backtracking to mile 2.3 of the alternate route, turn left, north on Highway 58. As Highway 58 begins to curve northeast at mile 2.9, continue straight, north onto N CR 1250 W. The road eventually slants to the NW and makes a clear turn west just before the intersection of W CR 650 N at mile 4.0. Here you turn right, north on N CR 1290 W which eventually becomes Polk Patch Road before it intersects with Hoosier National Forest Multi-Use Trail 13 at mile 5.0. Here you will turn left, west, onto trail and rejoin the official route at mile 86.6. The Norman resupply route is 5 miles versus 7.5 for the regular route.





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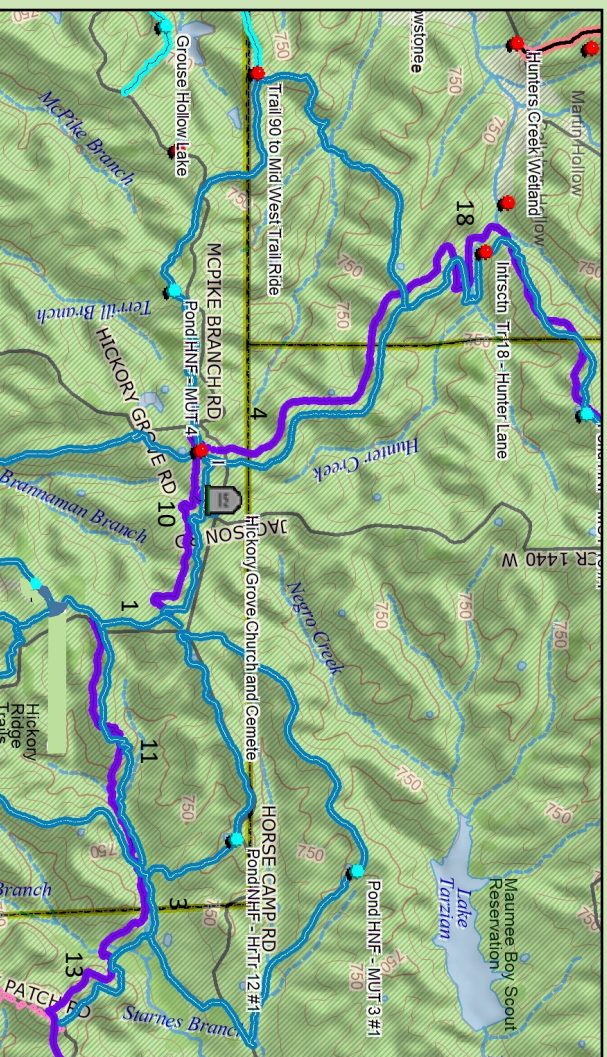
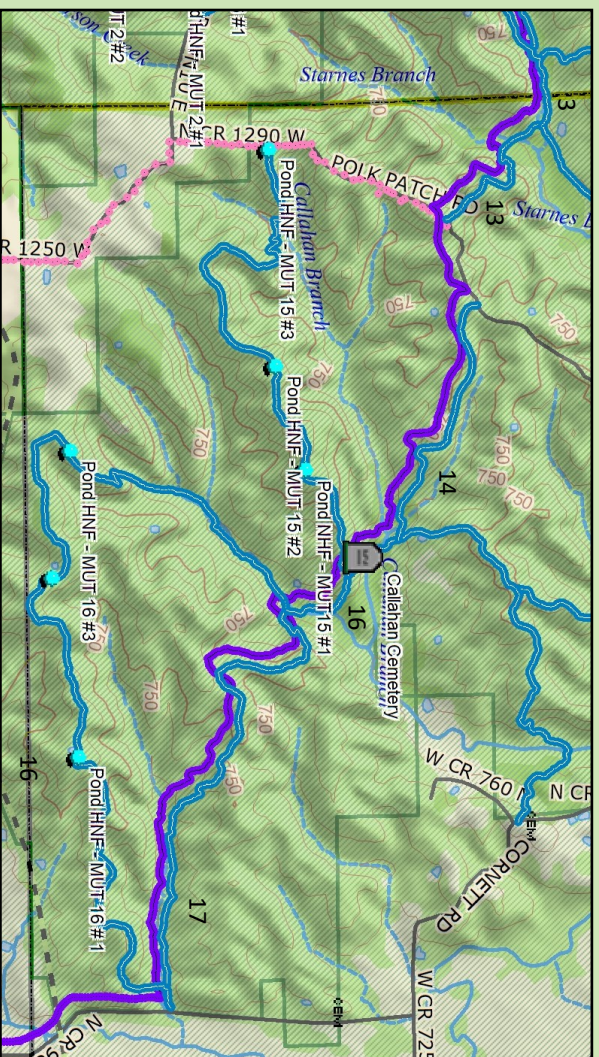
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 Camp Sites—Green Tents
 Ponds—Light Blue Circles (Treat All Water)

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KTP - HNF—14—Hoosier National Forest Trailhead of 16 & 17 to Nebo Ridge Southern Terminus—82.9-98.2

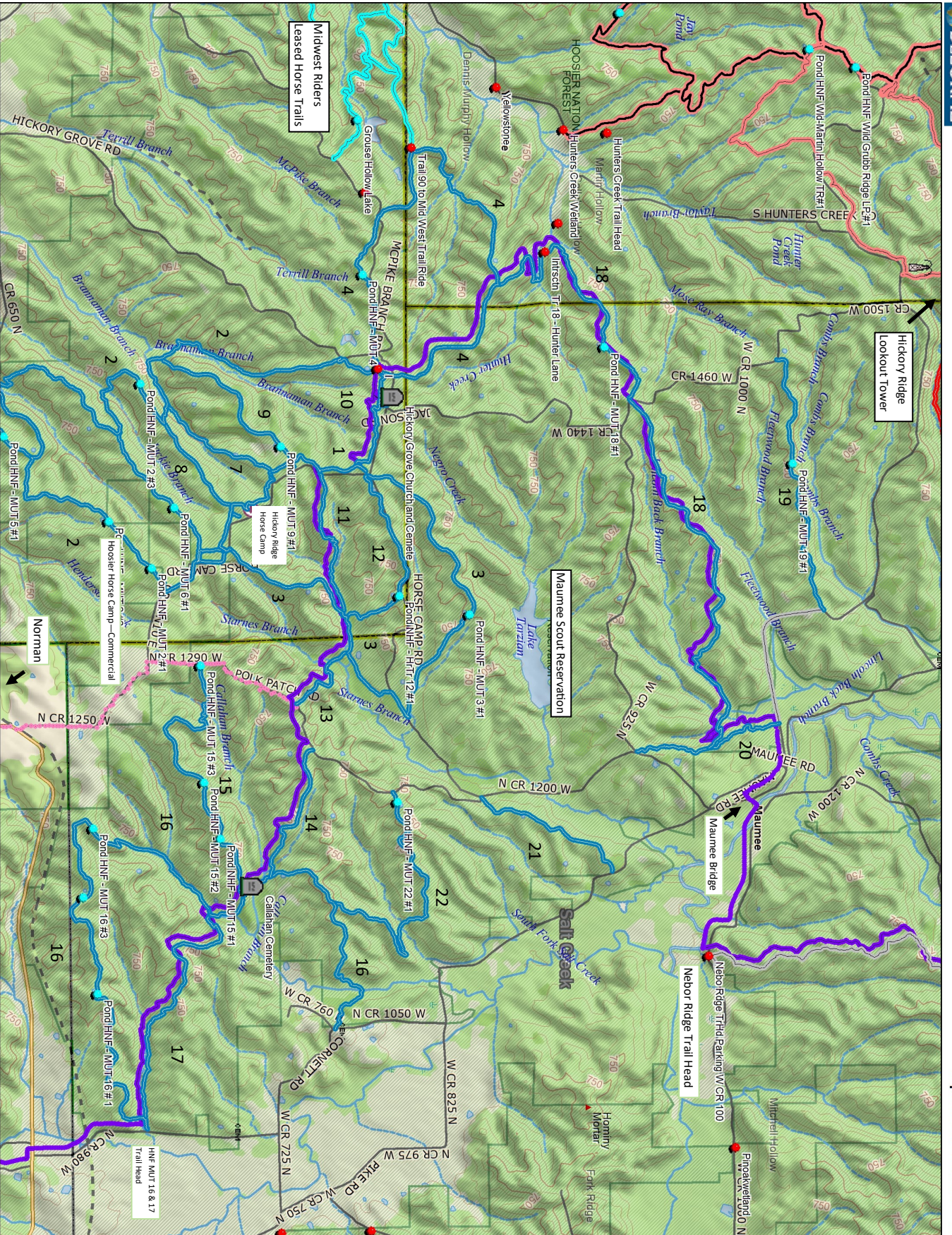


You will be hiking through the Hoosier National Forest for the next 28.3 miles before entering Yellowwood State Forest for the last 0.4 of a mile. You will be hiking on multi-use trails utilized by bikers, hikers, and equestrians. Hikers should yield to the lower side of the trail to horses. The trail weaves its way through a vast network of trails in this area. It is important to pay close attention to your location at all times.

From the Multi-Use Trailhead (MUT) on N CR 980 W for MUT 16 & 17 at mile 82.9, go west about 0.1 mile to where MUT 16 turns left (south). Continue straight (west) on MUT 17. At mile 84.8, MUT 17 ends at an intersection where you rejoin MUT 16. At mile 85.1, you will pass Callahan Cemetery near the intersection with MUT 15. At mile 85.3, MUT 16 branches off to the right (north). Continue to the northwest on MUT 14 to mile 86.25 at the intersection of Polk Patch Road. Walk southwest on Polk Patch Road to mile 86.6.

Cross Polk Patch Road and continue to the northwest on MUT 13 to the intersection with MUT 3 at mile 87.2. Head southwest on MUT 3 to an intersection of MUTs 3, 11 & 12 at mile 87.4. Head west on MUT 11 to the intersection with Horse Camp Road at mile 88.6. Cross the road to the intersection with MUT 1 and turn right (north) on MUT 1. Go north to the intersection of MUTs 1, 3, 10, & 12 at mile 88.9 near the intersection of Hickory Grove and Horse Camp Roads. From here head west on MUT 10 to the historical Hickory Grove Church and Cemetery at mile 89.6. There is a parking lot, pit toilet, and picnic table here. Continue west to the intersection of MUT 2 and MU Loop Trail 4 at mile 89.9. Turn right (north) on MU Loop Trail 4. At mile 91.1, MU Loop Trail 4 intersects with MUT 18. Turn right (north) on MUT 18.





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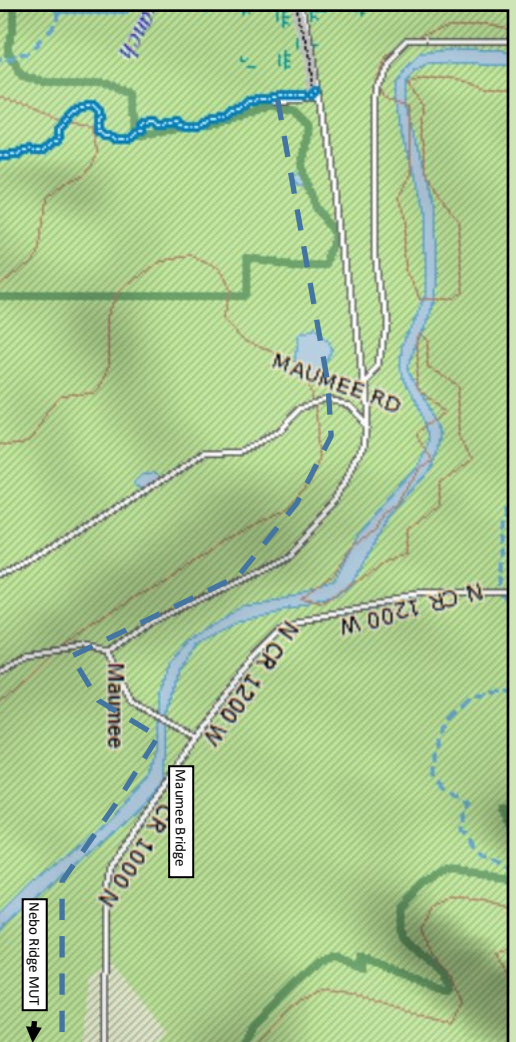
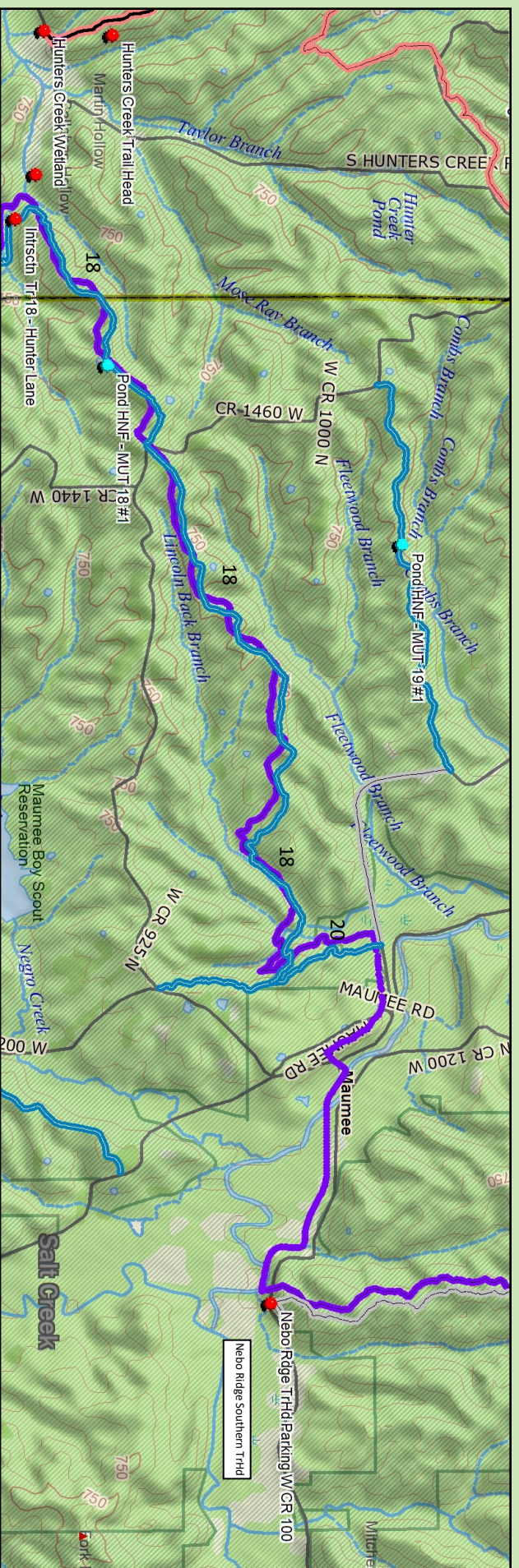
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Recommended KT — Violet
Former KT — Black
HNF Multi-Use Trails — Blue

Norman Alt — Purple
Camp Sites — Green Tents
Ponds — Light Blue Circles (Treat
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KTP - HNF—14—HNF Trailhead of 16 & 17 to Nebo Ridge Southern Terminus—82.9-98.2



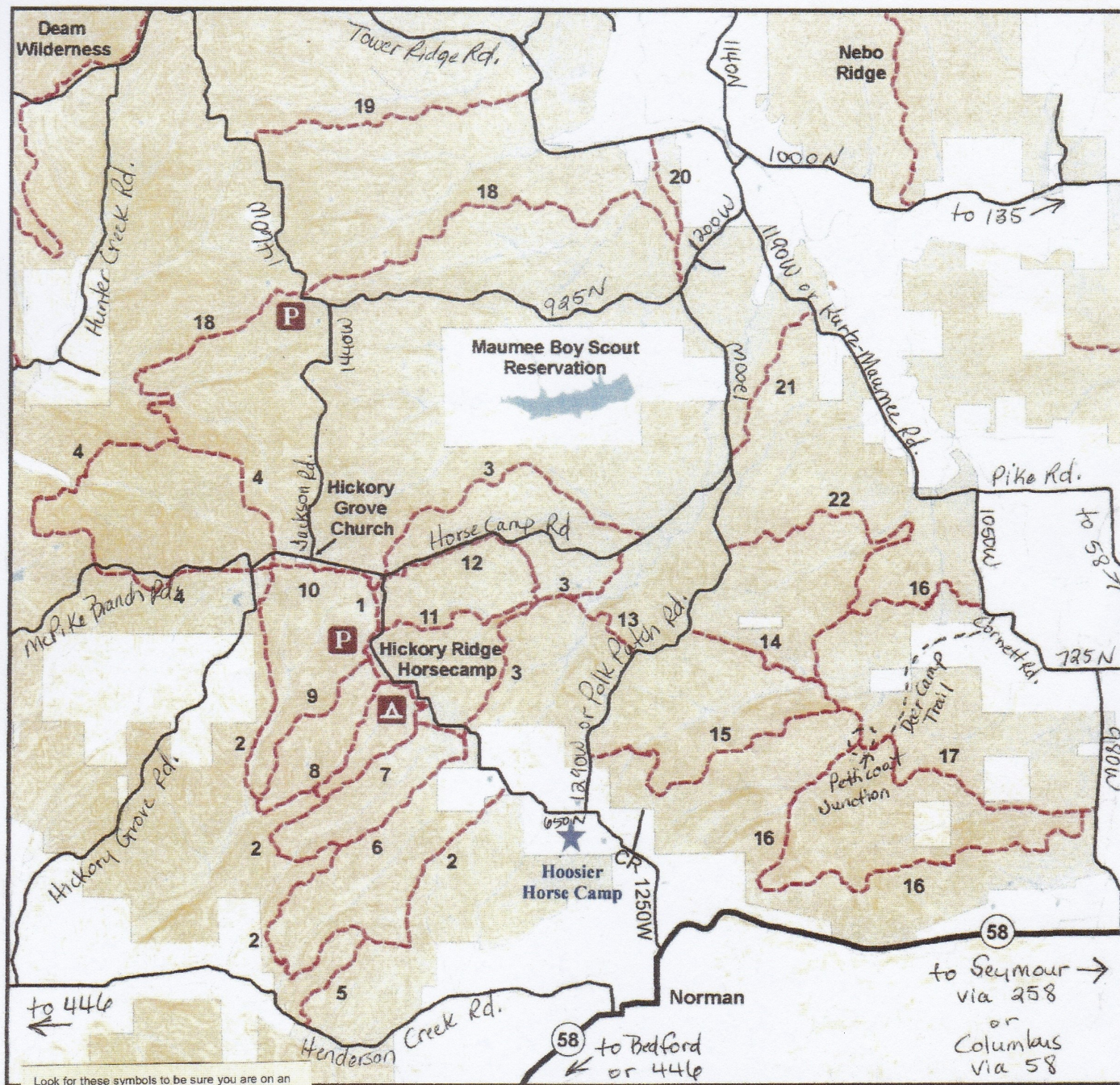
Continuing north on MUT 18 you soon head northeast to the intersection with N CR 1460 W at mile 93.15 where the road makes a 90° turn. Cross the road and continue east to the end of MUT 18 at an intersection with MUT 20 at mile 95.9. Turn left (north) on MUT 20 and arrive at Tower Ridge Road at mile 96.5. Turn right (east) on Tower Ridge Road. At mile 96.7, pass an intersection with a dead end gravel road going to the north. At mile 96.8, pass Maumee Road heading south. Continuing east, Tower Ridge Road becomes N CR 1190 W as it swings to the south. At mile 97, turn northeast to cross the Maumee Bridge at mile 97.2. Continue east on W CR 100 N till you reach the Nebo Ridge Trail southern terminus at mile 98.2. There is a seasonal creek a short distance east of the trailhead and a more reliable creek south of the trailhead.



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2	5.7	8	1.2	14	1.0	20	1.1
3	3.8	9	1.4	15	2.2	21	1.1
4	4.4	10	1.0	16	6.4	22	2.0
5	0.8	11	1.1	17	2.0		
6	1.2	12	1.5	18	5.2		

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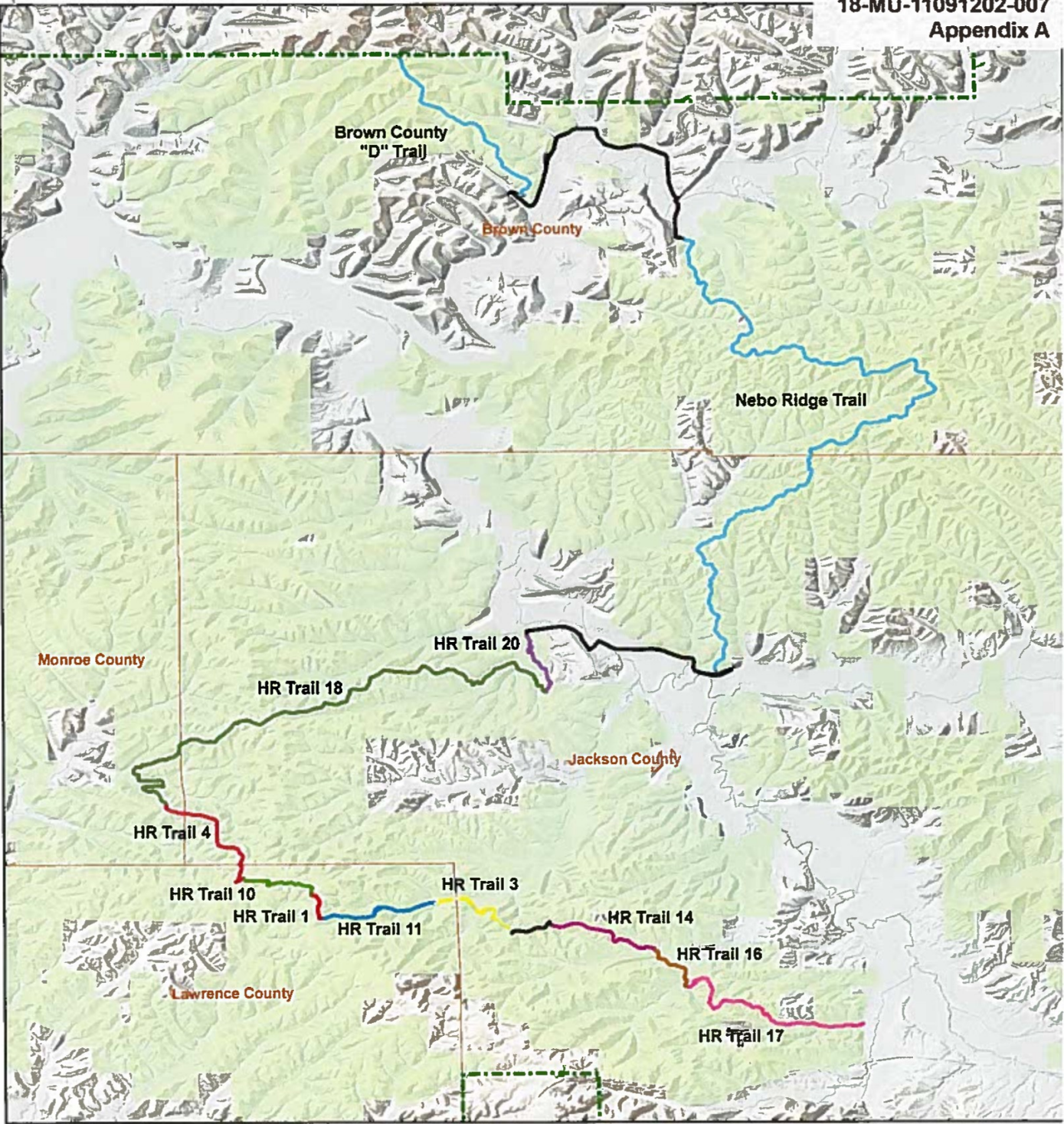
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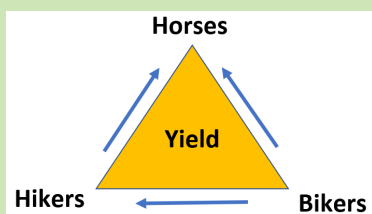


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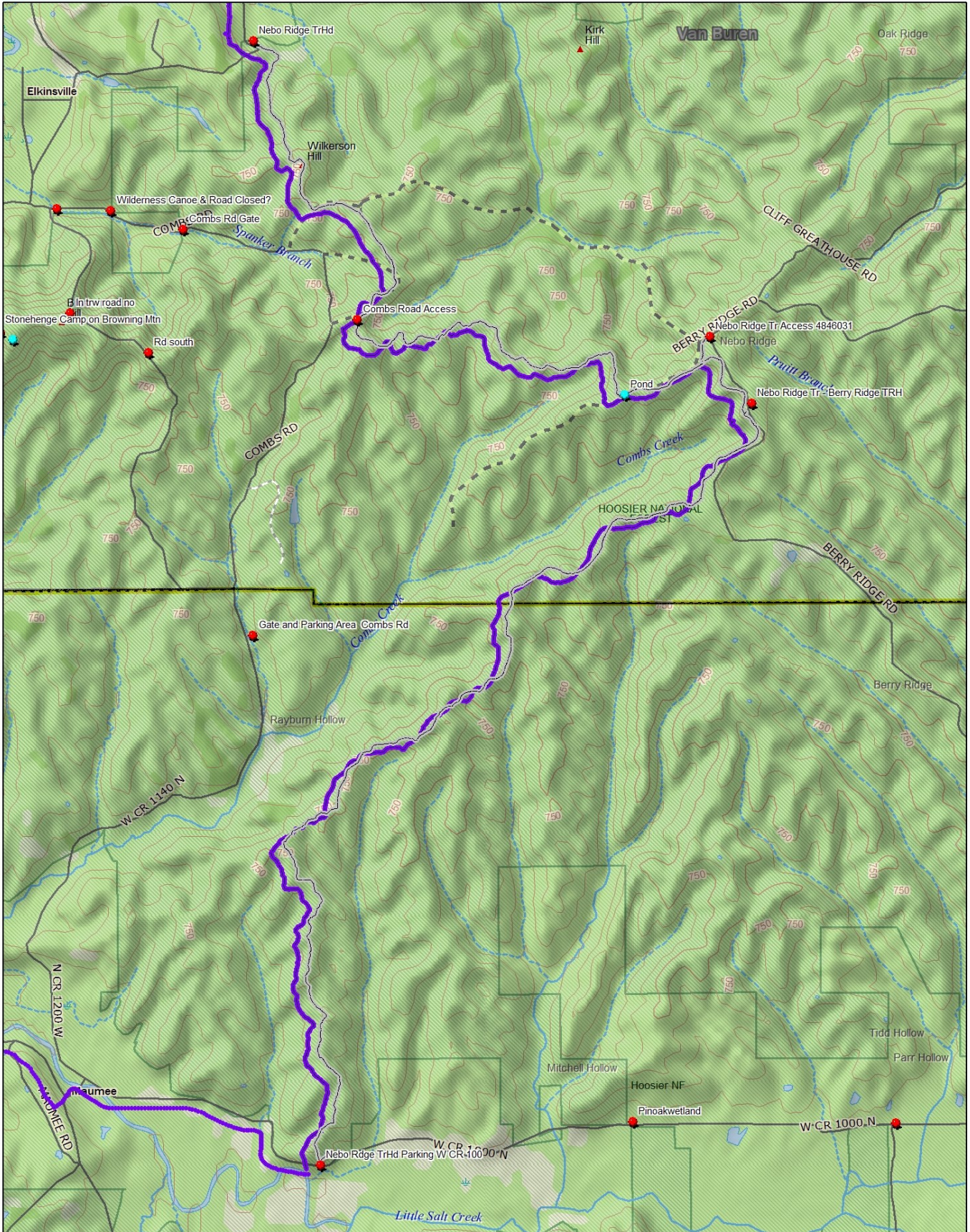


KTP - HNF—15—Nebo Ridge Southern Terminus to the Northern Terminus— 98.2-106.2

From the trailhead at mile 98.2, head north on Nebo Ridge Trail till you reach the Berry Ridge Trailhead at mile 102.6. There is a pond and a campsite not far north of the Berry Ridge Trailhead on the right. At mile 104.7, reach an intersection with an access trail leading to Comb's Road. However, the road is closed to vehicles. Continue north to the Nebo Ridge Northern Trailhead at mile 106.2.



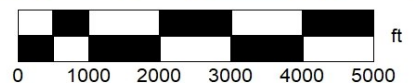
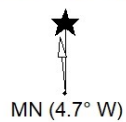
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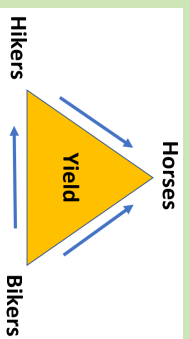


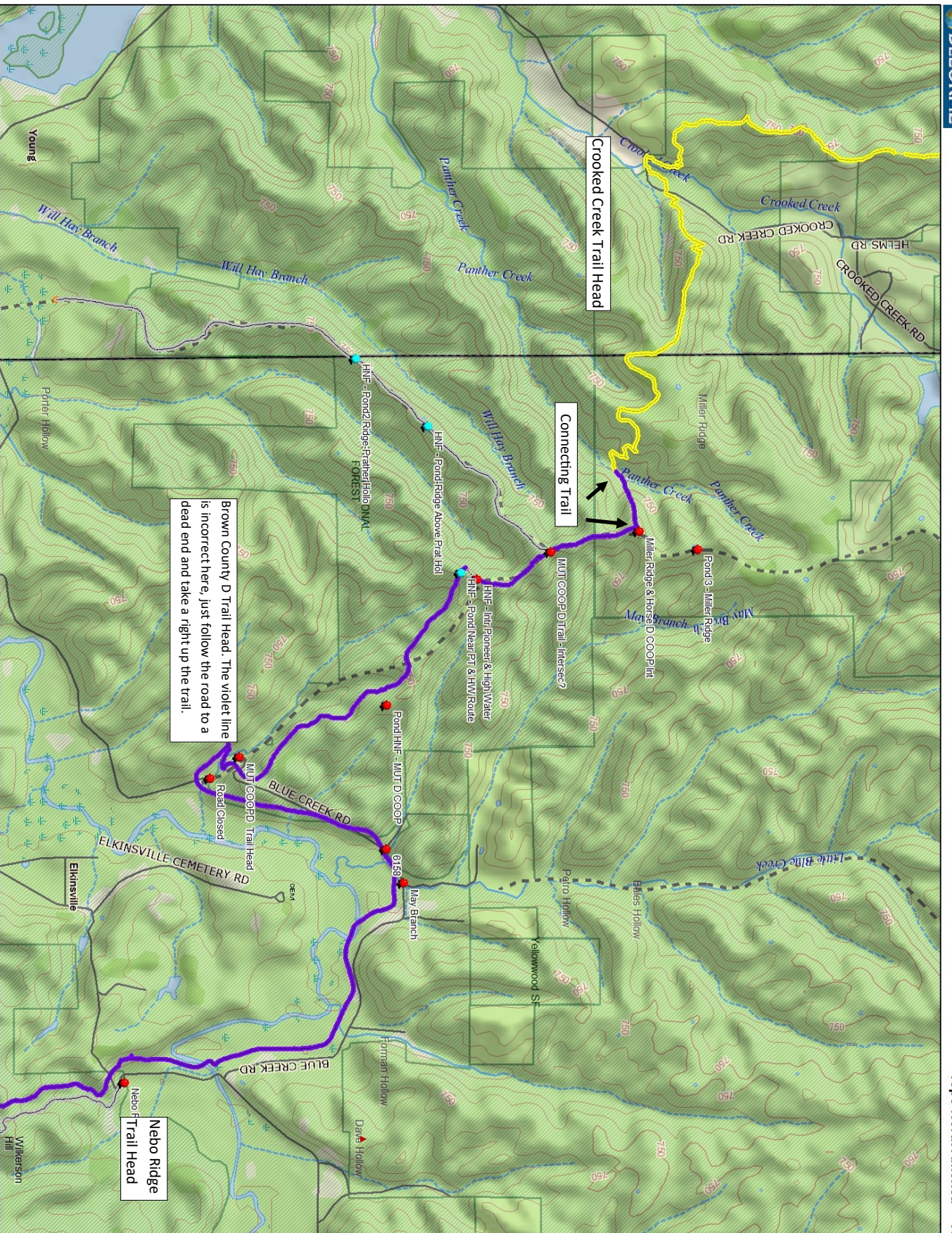
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Recommended KT—Violet
Ponds—Light Blue Circles (Treat All Water)

KTP - HNF—16—Nebo Ridge Northern Terminus to the Tecumseh Trail —106.2-111.3

From the parking lot of the northern trailhead of the Nebo Ridge Trail at mile 106.2, turn right heading north on West Elkinsville Road till you reach an intersection with Blue Creek Road at mile 106.7. Head north on Blue Creek Road. Follow a horse-shoe-shaped route on the gravel road as first you go north, curve west, and then head south. The road dead-ends at a turn around at the southern trailhead of the Coop D Multi-Use Trail at mile 109. Turn right, heading north up the ridge on the Coop D MUT to mile 111.3. There is a gate here at the boundary between the Hoosier National Forest and the Yellow-wood State Forest (pictured below).





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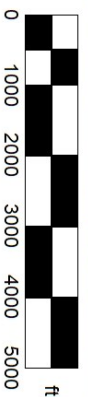
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Camp Sites—Green Tents

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KT - TT - 17 - Southern Terminus to Belmont Highway 46 - 111.3 - 118.4

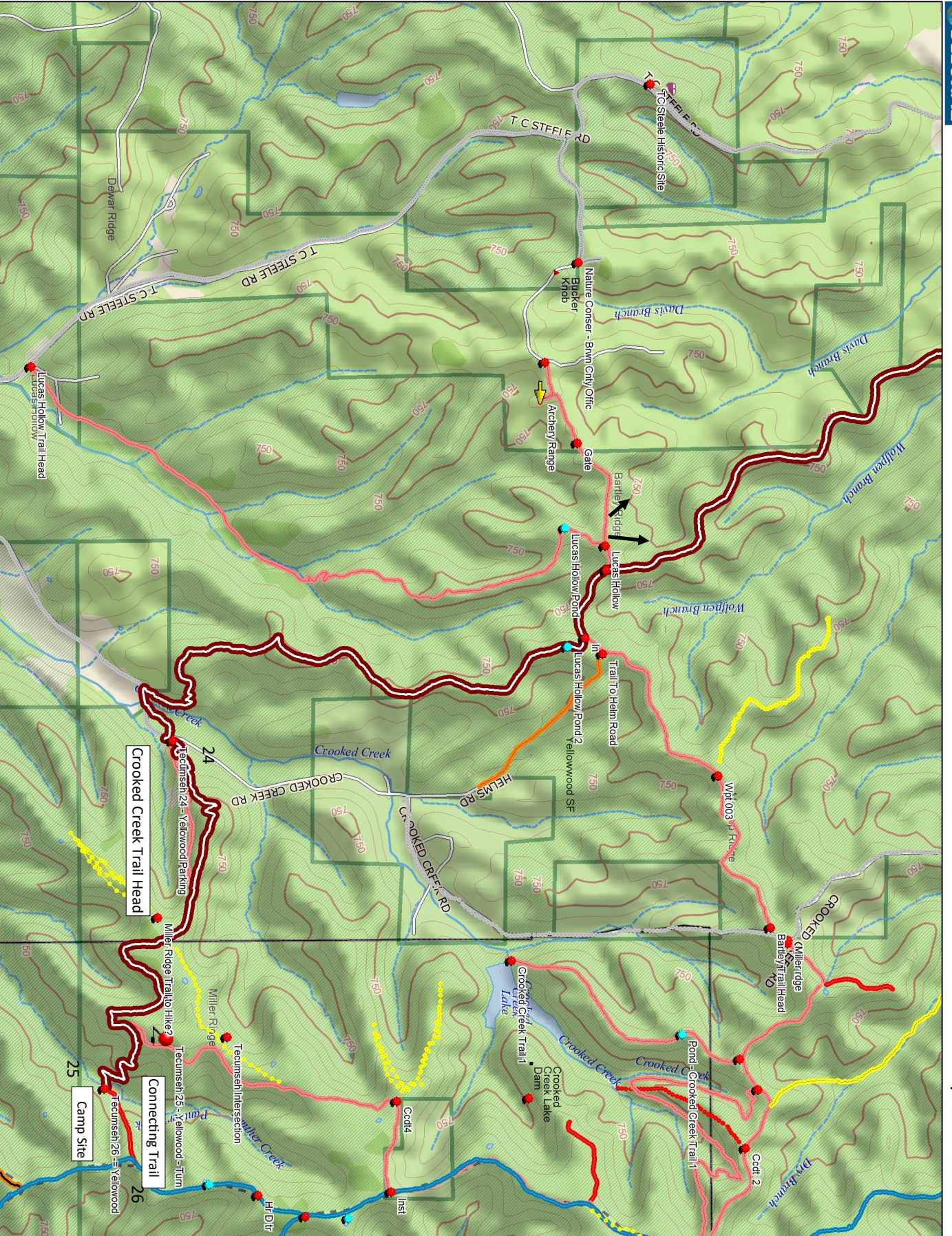
This section starts at the boundary of the Hoosier National Forest and Yellowwood State Forest at mile 111.3. There is a gate here that clearly defines the boundary (26). On the left a short distance past the boundary you will find a connecting trail descending to the southern terminus of the Tecumseh Trail (TT) at mile 111.6 - (25). Nearby to the right is a comfortable shaded campsite with a fire ring and easy access to water in Panther Creek. Across the clearing from the sign there is a bench dedicated to Suzanne Mittenenthal, the founder of the KHTA. From here, follow the well-designed and marked Tecumseh Trail (TT) to its northern terminus in the Morgan-Monroe State Forest. Be prepared for pleasant sights and sounds as you make your way north.

Switchback as you climb through a former logging area to the top of the ridge to the west. At the top you will come to an intersection with the Miller Ridge Trail heading North at mile 112. Go left (west) to stay on the TT. Wind along the top of the ridge before descending to the Crooked Creek Trail Head at mile 113.4 - (24).

Cross Crooked Creek Road and follow a pleasant trail through the woods southwest for about 0.15 mile. Turn right on Crooked Creek Road and briefly walk south to cross Crooked Creek on the road bridge. There is access to water here. At mile 113.6, re-enter the trail on a sharp right turn headed north. Begin a switchback to the ridge top that you will follow north to an intersection with Lucas Hollow Trail (LHT). Go straight (north) following the LHT/TT until it intersects Bartley Ridge Trail (BRT) at mile 115.1. For the next 0.6 miles, all three trails (TT, LHT, and BRT) run together to the northwest. At mile 115.7, the TT splits off to the northwest and the LHT and BRT continue west. (To the west on the BRT there is a former Nature Conservancy facility, an archery range, and the TC Steel Memorial on TC Steel Road.) Continue on the TT on the ridge until you begin a descent and reach Steven Road at mile 117 - (23). Follow Stevens Road to a T-junction with Lower Schooner Road (unsigned) (22). Turn left (west) on Lower Schooner Road and then turn right (north) at the T-junction with TC Steel Road. You quickly cross Jackson Creek and reach Highway 46 at Belmont at mile 118.4.

Resupplies - At Belmont there is the Hickory Shade Motel on the north side of Highway 46. There is a water spigot beside the hotel office door. You can also access Nashville (7.2 miles east) or Bloomington (7.5 miles west). Also, from the start of this section Brown County State Park Campground and Store is accessible (4.77 miles) by way of BC-D, and 10 O'Clock East Trail to Taylor Ridge Campground. Check the Town Guide for details.





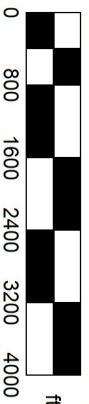
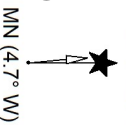
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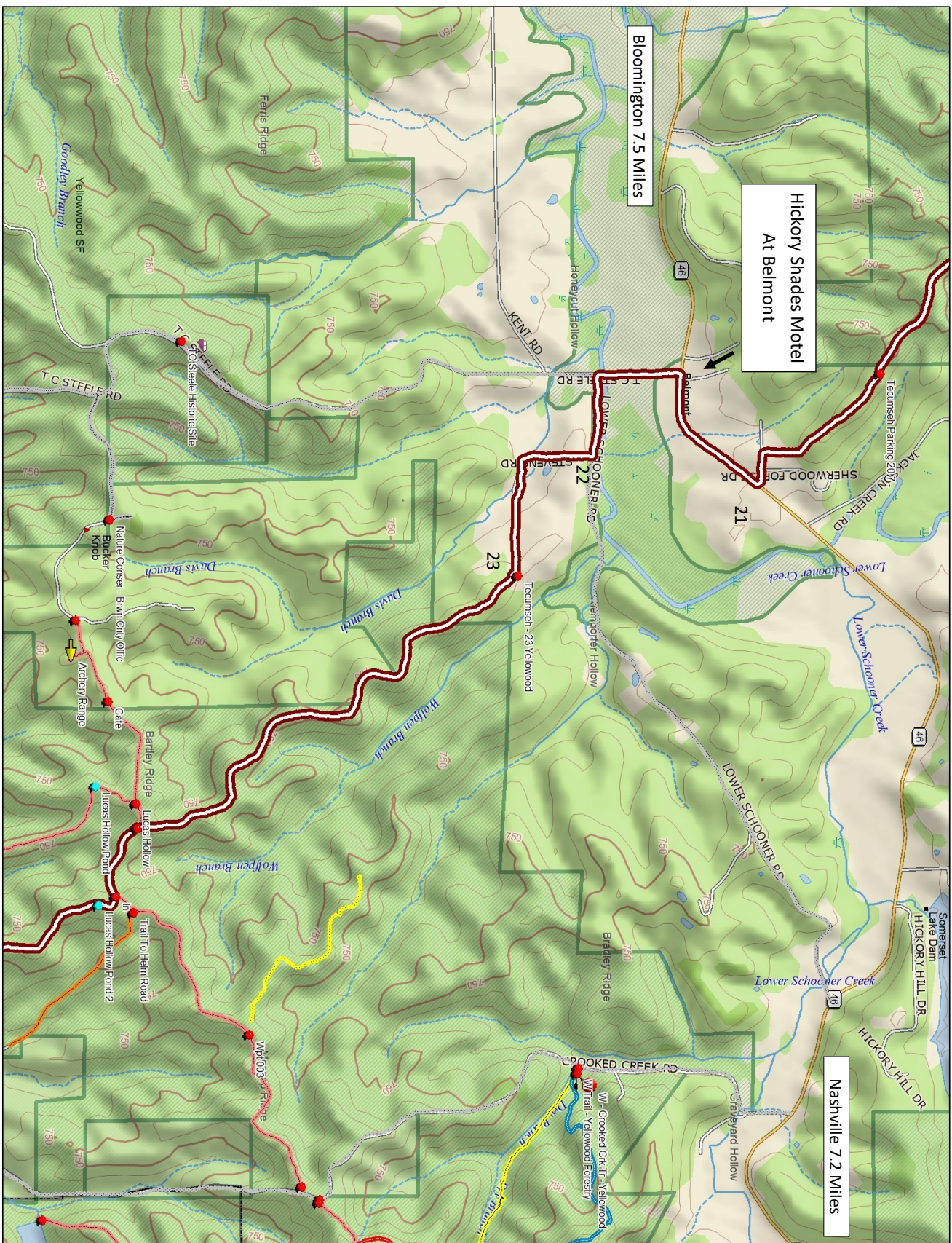
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Tecumseh Trail—Red & White

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Tecumseh Trail—Violet

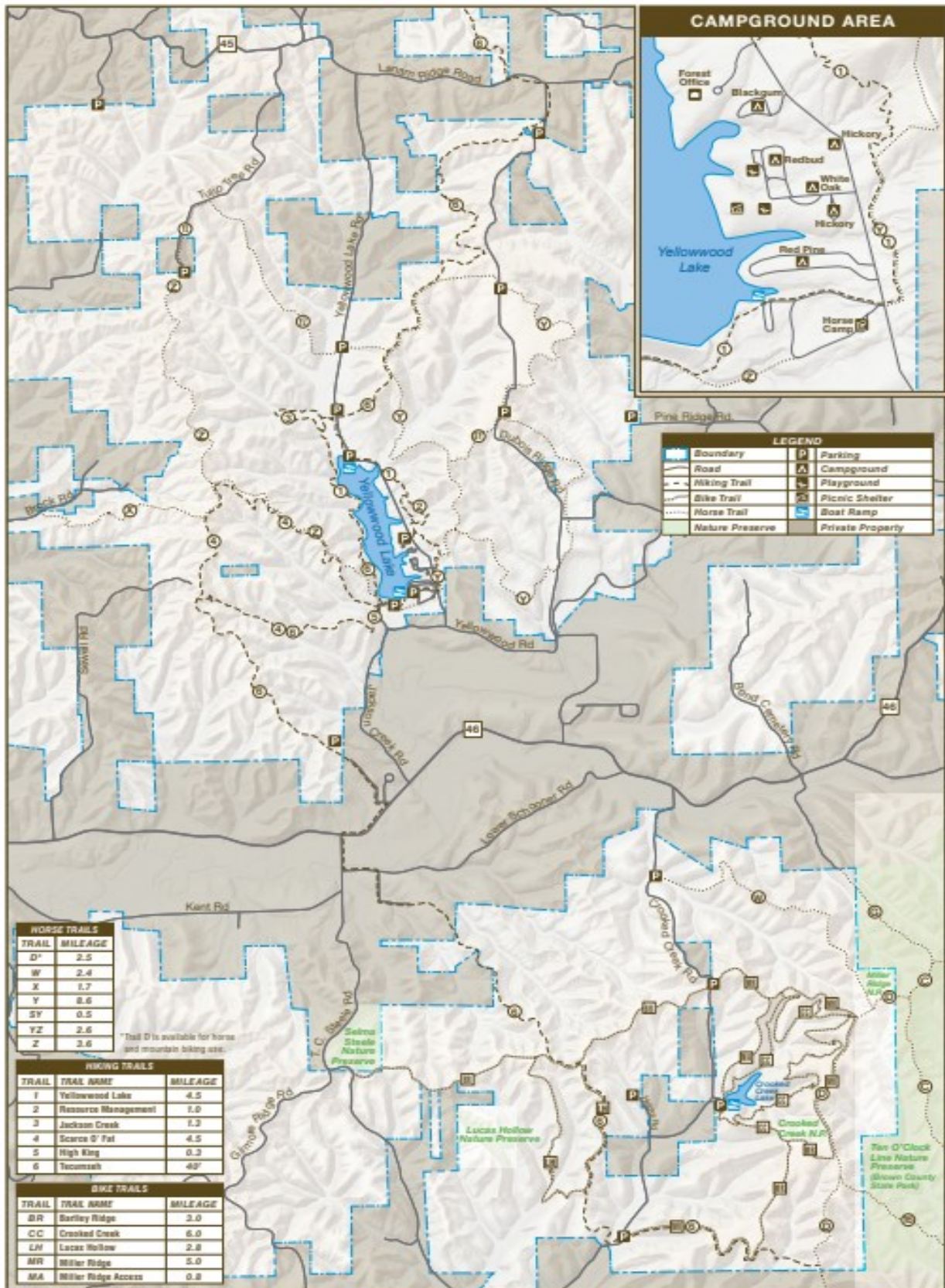


KT - TT—17 - Yellowwood State Forest Boundary to Lanam Ridge Road - 111.3– 129.9

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KT - TT - 18 - Belmont Hwy 46 to Helmsburg Hwy 45 - 118.4 - 135.2

Highway 46 North - From the west intersection of the Tecumseh Trail (TT) with Highway 46, turn right (east) and carefully follow the highway for 0.4 miles to mile 118.8 - (21). Turn left (west) on Scarce O' Fat Ridge Road (might also be known as Tulip Tree Road). Pass Sherwood Forest Drive on the right, and then turn north in 0.1 at mile 118.9. Continue on Scarce O' Fat Ridge Road for 0.5 to a parking lot at mile 119.4. Continue northwest for 1.8 miles to the intersection with Yellowwood State Forest Trail 4, Scarce O' Fat (SF) Trail at mile 121.2 - (20). Turn right (east) on the SF trail and eventually descend to a creek. Follow it for a while then climb steeply to the intersection of Trail SF & High King Trail at the peak of High King Hill in 1.6 at mile 122.8. Descend on the High King Trail to the dam of Yellowwood Lake in 0.3 at mile 123.1 - (19).



Yellowwood Lake Area - You will pass the Northeast end of Trail SF shortly before encountering Trail Z and Yellowwood Lake Trail Loop. (Going east on the Yellowwood Lake Trail will lead you to the campground at Yellowwood Lake in about 0.5 mile. A little further will bring you to Yellowwood State Forest headquarters (18). Boat rentals are available at the camp dock. If you continue on the east side of the lake in another 1.5 miles past the camp you will reach the TT at northern end of Yellowwood Lake at mile 125.1.) Continue on the Tecumseh Trail by following the west shore of Yellowwood Lake on the Yellowwood Lake Trail. In 1.8 at mile 124.9 reach the intersection of the Jackson Creek Trail (handicap accessible). In 0.2 at mile 125.1, reach Yellowwood Lake Road (17). Cross the Road and reach YZ Trail in 0.9 at mile 126.

Yellowwood Lake To Highway 45 - For a while the TT parallels close to Trail Y which you can see to the east from time to time. In 0.1 at mile 126.1 pass a wildlife pond. In 3.4 miles at mile 129.5 reach a parking lot on Dubois Ridge Road (16). Head north on Dubois Ridge Road to the intersection with Lanam Ridge Road in 0.4 at mile 129.9. Quickly pass a pond as you head West on Lanam Ridge Road for 0.3 to mile 130.2 - (15). Leave the road walk as you head north on hiking trail. In 1.2 at mile 131.4 pass a wildlife pond. In 0.5 at mile 131.9 - (14) reach Salmeron Road. Follow Salmeron Road for 0.4 miles north to mile 132.3 - (13) to reach the intersection of Salmeron, Plum Creek, & Indian Hill Roads (the Needmore Store is 1.2 miles west on Plum Creek Road). Return to the trail for 1.6 miles and reach Charlies Shelter at mile 133.9. There are numerous tenting spots around the shelter. (From the shelter, the Indian Hill Access Trail goes 0.5 mile southwest to trailhead parking on Indian Hill Road.) Continue on the trail north



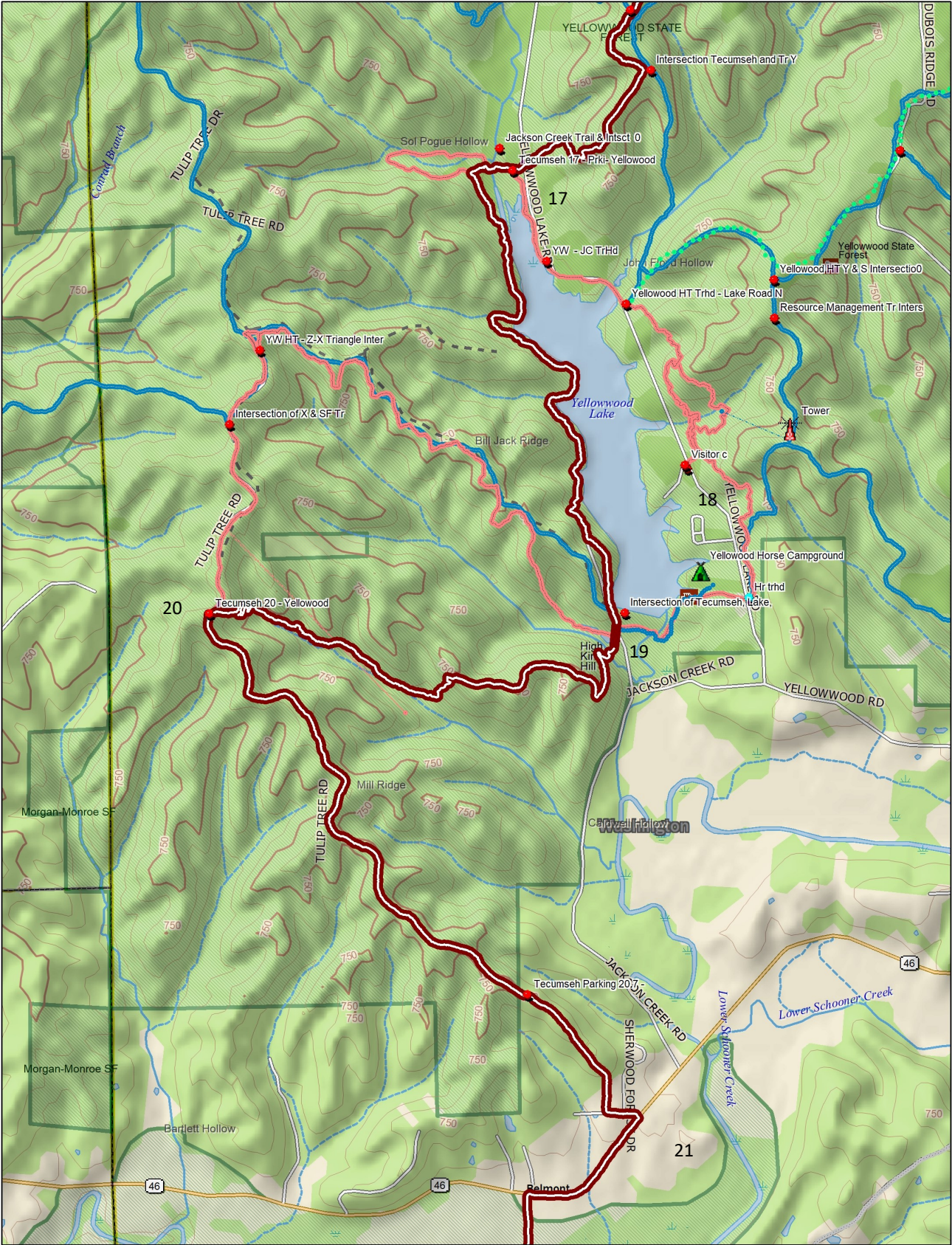
from the shelter 1.1 miles to the Bean Blossom Creek Trailhead at mile 135 (12). Immediately after you cross Bean Blossom Creek, a well-marked trail leads left (west) about a mile to the Trevlac Bluffs trailhead. From there, you can walk back east on 45 to rejoin the trail. Alternatively, a 0.2 mile walk north on Indian Hill Road will bring you to Hwy 45 at mile 135.2 (11).

Helmsburg is 1.33 miles east with its small store and Post Office. And 3.8 miles East to Hwy 135 is Beanblossom with a Dollar General, Wild Hair salon, and Bill Monroe "Bluegrass" music park, campground and museum.

KT - TT - 18 - Belmont Hwy 46 to Helmsburg Hwy 45 - (118.4 - 135.2) - 118.4- 125.1



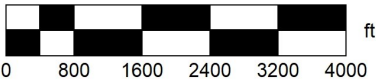
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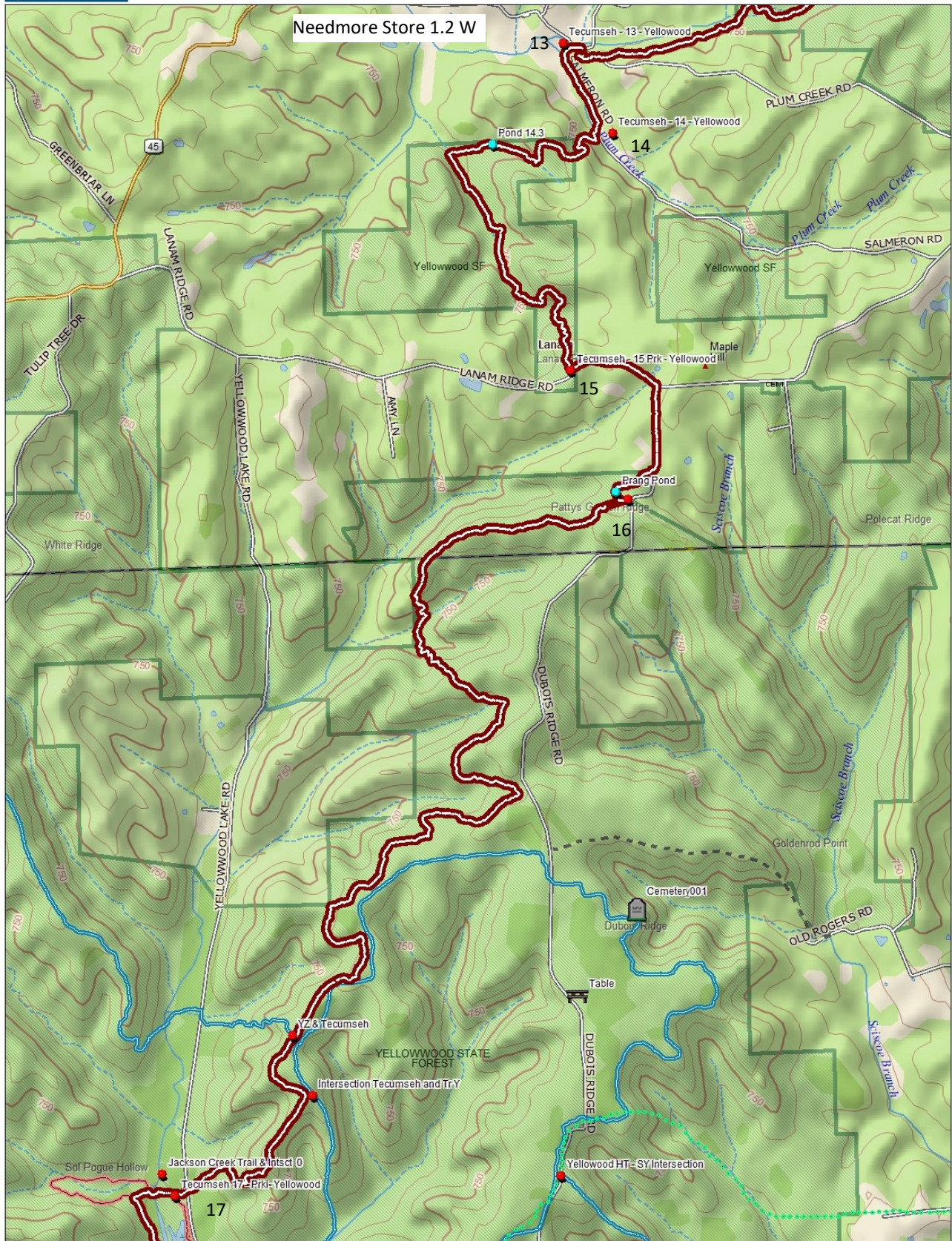


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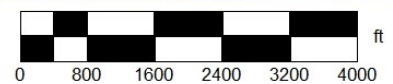
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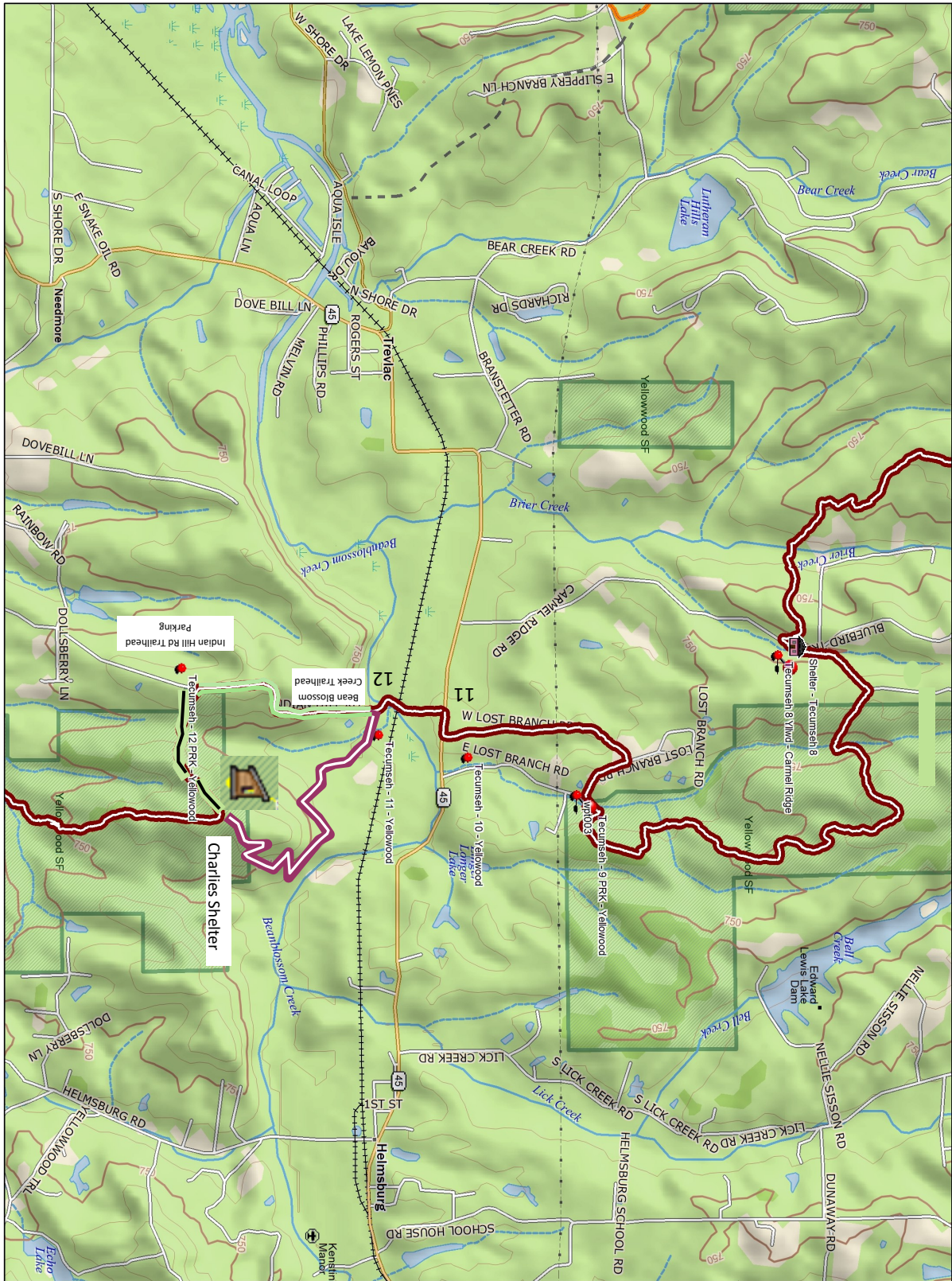


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KT - TT - 18 - Belmont Hwy 46 to Helmsburg Hwy 45 - (118.4 - 135.2) - 132.3-135.2



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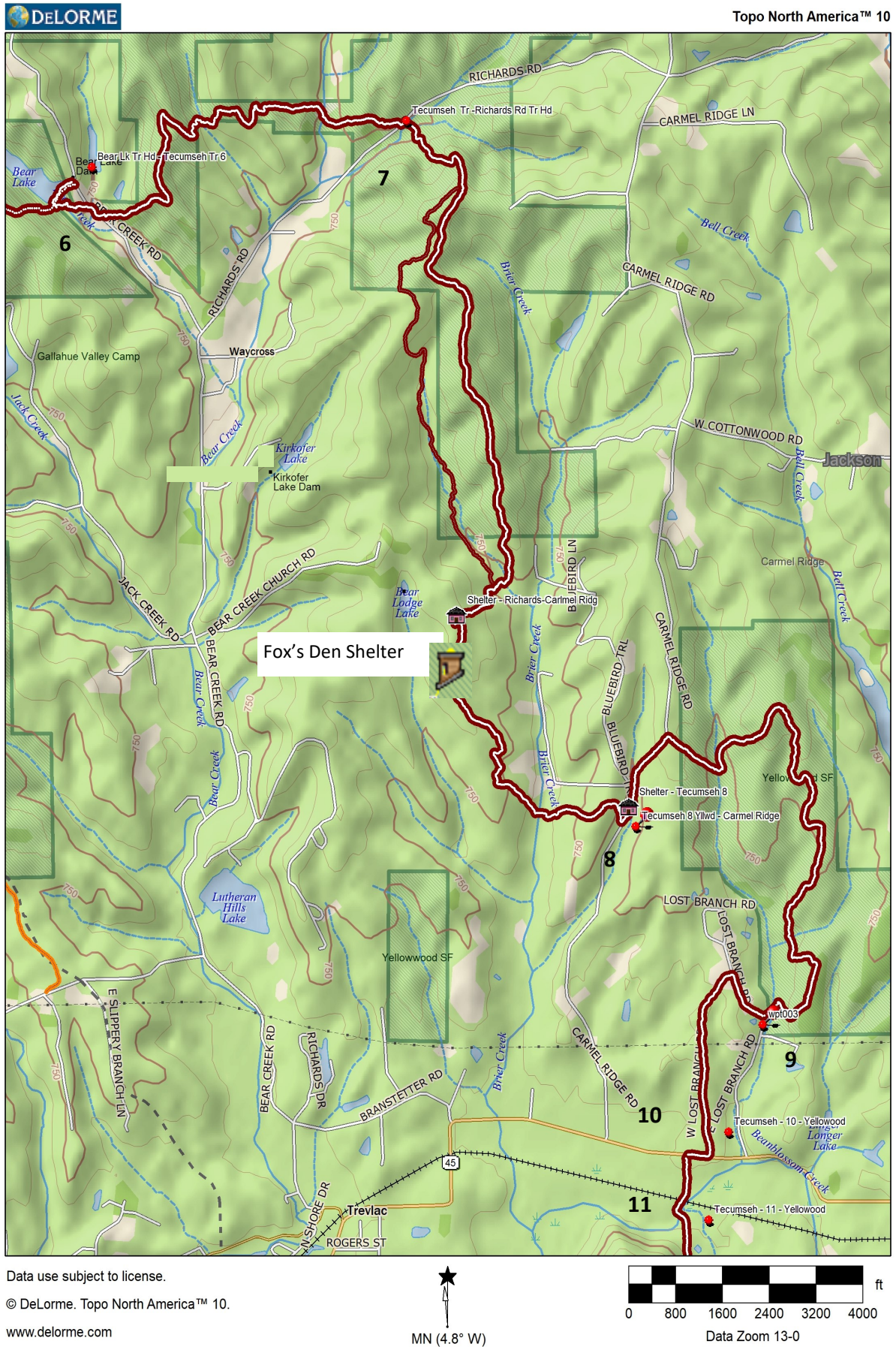
KTP - TT - 19 - Helmsburg Highway 45 to TT Northern Terminus - 135.2-154

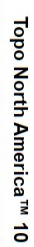
Head east on Highway 45 for 0.1 mile to West Lost Branch Road at mile 135.3 (10). Turn north and continue for 0.6 to the intersection with East Lost Branch Road at mile 135.9. Head southeast for 0.2 and return to trail at the trailhead at mile 136.1 (9). Climb up and down a bit on the trail for 1.9 miles to Carmel Ridge Road at mile 138. Turn left (south) on Carmel Ridge Road and walk 0.3 mile to reach the intersection of Blue Ridge Road at mile 138.3 (8). Continue south on Carmel Ridge Road for 0.1 mile to reach a trail to the west at mile 138.4. Continue west and then north for 1.2 miles to reach Fox's Den Shelter at mile 139.6. Tenting options around the shelter are limited at best. From here, continue north for 2 miles to reach the crossing of Richard's Road with trailhead parking at mile 141.6 (7). (The alternate route marked on the map appears to no longer exist.) Climb a bit and then descend for 1.8 miles. Reach Bear Creek Road and cross the road, following a trail under a power line to your right to reach Bear Creek Lake parking. Take a left and walk across Bear Creek Dam. (Many maps show a cutoff trail that bypasses the dam, but this trail no longer exists.) (6) Head west from Bear Lake for 1.5 miles and reach Possum Trot Road at mile 144.9. Possum Trot is a dirt log road that becomes graveled. Continue for 0.3 and reach the new TT shelter at the intersection with the logging road out to Bear Creek Road. The area around the shelter is covered in large gravel, and



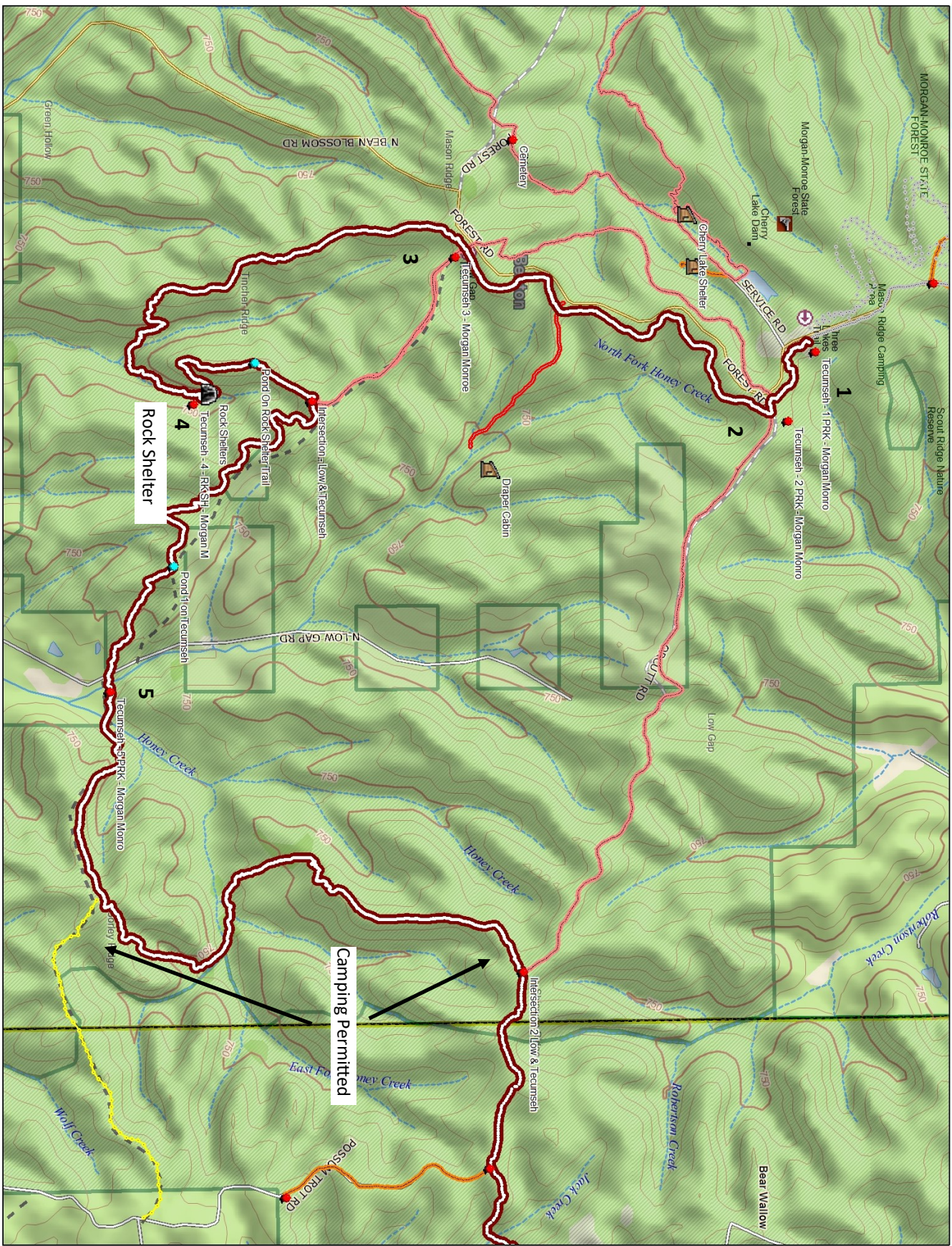
does not have any nice spaces for tenting. Continue west for 0.4 miles to the east intersection with Low Gap Trail at mile 145.6. Back country camping is permitted between here and shortly before Low Gap Road. Head south (left) and then west for 2.7 miles to reach Back Country Parking on Low Gap Road at mile 148.3 - (5). Head northwest for 1.6 miles to reach the east intersection with Rock Shelter Trail at mile 149.9. Head south for most of 0.8 before turning sharply north, and then sharply south, and then reaching Rock Shelter in Low Gap at mile 150.7 (4). In a short distance head south, then west, and then north for a total of 1.6 miles to reach the Landram Trailhead Parking at mile 152.3(3) at the west intersection with Rock Shelter Trail. Head north for 0.5 miles and cross the Draper Cabin Trail at mile 152.8. Continue north for 0.9 miles to reach the Orcutt Road Trailhead Parking at mile 153.7 (2). Head west-northwest on the asphalt hike/bike trail for 0.3 miles to reach the Northern Terminus Trailhead Parking of the Tecumseh Trail at the Morgan-Monroe State Forest office at mile 154 (1). Congratulations, your journey is complete!

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