

Knobstone Hiking Trail

Data Book



(2025 Edition, Revision 3 – W/ New Route of Spurgeon Hollow To Oak Heritage TrHd)

	Total KHT	Notes
KT - Southern Terminus - Deam Lake to Jackson Road Trailhead 0-5.9		
Deam Lake Trailhead	0	
Deam Lake Dam	0.3	Reliable Water
East End of Deam Lake Dam	0.5	
Intersection with Deam Lake Loop Trail #3	0.7	
Cross Flower Gap Loop Trail #6	1.8	
Cross Tree Lane Loop Trail #5	2.8	
Campsite	4.0	
Cross Bartle Knob Road	5.3	
Access Trail to Jackson Road Trailhead (320-foot climb over 0.6 mile to the trailhead)	5.9	Seasonal Creek
KT - Jackson Road Trailhead to Pixley Knob Road Trailhead 5.9 to 9.1		
Mountain Grove Loop Trail Intersection	6.0	Walk along Mountain Grove Loop Trail for about 40 feet
Round Knob	6.5	Great views in this area
Ledges Overhang Campsite (room for 2) and Rock Inscriptions	7.6	
Mountain Grove Loop Trail	8.3	Walk along Mountain Grove Loop Trail for 0.1 before crossing
Pixley Knob Road	9.1	Parking and Trailhead accessed by a short side trail under a power line
KT - Pixley Knob Road Trailhead to New Chapel Road Trailhead 9.1 to 16.6		
Campsite	10.0	
Begin steep descent to Hwy 160	11.2	
Hwy 160	11.4	Seasonal Stream
Small pond	13.5	Water (but manmade pond is muddy and difficult to access)
Intersect access trail from South Casey Road to Cross Country Trail	14.0	Knobstone runs parallel to the Cross Country Trail for 0.6 miles
Intersection with the Bowen Loop Trail	14.8	
2nd intersection with the Bowen Loop Trail, follow it briefly then, leave to the west	16.0	
Descend to the access trail from the New Chapel Trailhead	16.6	New Chapel Trailhead is 0.2 miles southwest on the access trail
KT - New Chapel Road Trailhead to Leota Trailhead 16.6 – 24.6		
Campsite and intersection with abandoned horse trail	18.1	
Intermittent Stream & Campsite	19.3	Seasonal Water
Another Intermittent Stream	20.0	Seasonal Water
Begin ascent from Bix Ox Creek	21.4	Seasonal Water
Little Ox Creek & Campsite	22.1	Seasonal Water
Pond	22.6	Water
Pond	23.6	
Campsite by a seasonal stream	24.1	Seasonal water
Leota Road	24.4	
Pond at the Leota Trailhead	24.6	Water
KT - Leota Trailhead to Elk Creek Trailhead 24.6 – 31.6		
Campsite	24.7	
Campsite	25.2	
Graveled forest service access road from Smith Road	26.3	
Access to flood control lake (#8)	26.6	Water
Campsite	27.0	
Campsite	27.3	

Campsite	28.8	
Campsite	29.6	
Power Line	29.8	
Elk Creek Lake Shore	30.1	Water
Elk Creek Lake Access Trail (0.2 to the trailhead)	31.6	
KT - Elk Creek Trailhead to Oxley Memorial Trailhead 31.6 – 36.8		
North Leval Ratt Road	32.4	
Campsite by a seasonal stream	32.8	Seasonal water
Climb and descend 2 times till reach Old State Road 56 which is now a county road.	33.5	
Seasonal Creek	33.6	Seasonal Water
Campsite	33.7	
Highway 56	34.4	Creek running along south side of highway
Campsite	35.4	
Seasonal Stream	35.9	
Oxley Memorial Trailhead on Banes Hollow Road	36.8	
KT – Oxley Memorial Trailhead to Spurgeon Hollow Trailhead 36.8 - 42.9		
East New Cut Road	37.8	
Campsite	38.3	
East Pull Tight Road	38.5	
Arnold Creek	38.9	Seasonal Creek
West Point Road	39.9	
Campsite	40.1	
Intersection with the Spurgeon Hollow Loop section of the original Knobstone trail	40.2	Seasonal Creek
Intersection with trail to the back of Delaney Creek Park	42.7	
Spurgeon Hollow Trailhead	42.9	
KT - P - 8 - Spurgeon Hollow to Oak Heritage Trailhead 42.9 – 51.5		
Delaney Park Road	43.2	
Turn off to Delaney Creek Park	43.9	Reliable water
Winslow Road	44.5	
North Old Babe Road	44.8	
East Delaney Millport Road	46.4	
Highway 135	48.8	
North Haleysburg Road	51.1	
Oak Heritage Trailhead	51.5	Trail starts to the left of an old trailer here
KT - P—9—Oak Heritage Trailhead to Sparksville Park 51.5 – 59.4		
Ridge Top	51.7	
Turn off to bench and campsite	51.8	Campsite just past bench on blue blazed trail, Camping permitted on Oak Heritage land
W Ault Saw Mill Road Trailhead	52.3	
West Buffalo Bottoms Road	53.8	
Sparks Ferry Road	57.2	
Bridge Over the White River (Closed to Cars)	58.7	
Sparksville Park- Rivervale Chapel	59.4	Camping, Shelter, Nature Trail, Privy, & Parking Lot
KT - P - 10 - Sparksville Park to Hemlock Cliffs Nature Preserve 59.4 – 64.7		
Heading N on CR 1100 W Pass on Left W CR 625 S	60.2	
Pass Dalton Holler Road on Right (1150 W Becomes 425S)	61.5	
Go N on SCR 1200 W at Intersection of S 1200W & Hill Rd	62.4	

Pass Proctor Rd (S 1180 W)	62.6	
Descend & Cross Dry Creek	63.7	Despite the name, there is reliable water here
Intersection W 200S & W 250S - Hemlock Cliff 0.1 west	64.7	
KT - P - 11 - Hemlock Bluffs Nature Preserve to KHTA Camp 64.7-72.4		
Illegal Dumping Watch Area	64.9	There have been persistent problems with illegal dumping in this area. If you see anyone dumping trash here, please call the Jackson County Sherriff at 812-358-2141. Thank you!
Crossing of Guthrie Creek	65.3	Reliable water
West Baseline Road	67.3	
NCR 1225W	67.7	
Highway 50	68.4	Bedford - 13 miles W - Brownstown 9.3 miles E - Marathon Station & Farmer's Market - 4.3 miles W, Plaza Motel 3.75 Miles West
WCR 100 N	68.7	
SCR 1150 W	69.4	
NCR 1100 W	70.9	
WCR325N	72.2	
HHC Private Easements & Camping	72.4	Camping Permitted on KHTA Land
KTP - 12 - HHC Camp & Private Easement to Hoosier National Forest 72.4-77.7		
Boundary of HHC Property - Cross Fence on Stile	72.6	Best Camp Right Before the Stile in pine grove
Creek Crossing	73.0	
WCR 400 N	73.4	
Emerge From Woods	73.8	
Renter Woods on other side of field	73.9	
Out Flow of Spring Box	74.0	Spring Water
Frank Fisher Barn	74.1	Camp Permitted around the barn
Former ATV Area	74.8	
Former ATV Parking Lot on NCR 980 W	75.7	
Highway 58	76.9	Bedford 19.5 Mile West/ Norman 3 Miles West
Hoosier Nation Forest Trailhead for Trail 16 & 17	77.7	Seasonal Creek at trailhead
KT - HNF - 13 - HNF - Trailhead of 16 & 17 to Hickory Grove Church 77.7 – 83.9		
MUT 16 turns south (continue west on MUT 17)	77.8	
MUT 16 rejoins at an intersection where MUT 17 ends	79.5	
MUT 16 branches to the right (north)	79.8	
Polk Patch Road Intersection	81.0	
Road Walk on Polk Patch Road to MUT 13	81.3	Hoosier Horse Camp 1 mile South- Norman 2.5
Intersect MUT 3	81.9	
Intersect MUT 12	82.1	
Intersect MUT 11	82.1	About 200 feet past the MUT 12 intersection
Hickory Grove Road	83.1	Hickory Ridge Horse Camp 0.5 miles to the South
Intersect MUT 1	83.2	
Intersect MUT 10	83.4	
Side trail to Historic Hickory Grove Church and Cemetery	83.9	Pit toilets, parking lot, and picnic tables here
KT - HNF - 14 - HNF - Hickory Grove Church to Nebo Ridge 83.9 – 92.2		
Intersect MUT 4	84.1	
Cross Hickory Grove Road	84.2	
Intersection of MU Loop Trail 4 & MUT 18	85.2	
Cross N CR 1460 W	87.2	

MUT 18 ends at intersection with MUT 20	89.9	
MUT 20 intersects N CR 1025 W	90.4	
Intersect CR 1000 N	91.0	
Bridge over South Fork Salt Creek	91.1	
Nebo Ridge Southern Trailhead	92.2	Salt Creek Winery - 4 miles East (near Houston)
KT - HNF - 15 - Nebo Ridge So Trailhead to Nebo Ridge No Trailhead 92.2-100.3		
Trailhead on Berry Ridge Road	96.7	
Side trail to Combs Road (closed to vehicle traffic)	98.7	
Northern Terminus of Nebo Ridge Trail	100.3	2.7 Miles East on Elkinsville Road to Story Resort on Hwy 135
KT - HNF - 16 - Nebo Ridge North Trailhead to HNF Boundary 100.3-105.0		
Blue Creek Road	100.7	
Brown County D Southern Trailhead	103.0	
Hoosier National Forest Boundary/Gate	105.0	
KT - TT - 17 – HNF Boundary to Belmont/Highway 46 105.0-111.9		
Connecting trail to Tecumseh	105.1	BC-D continues to BC State Park via 10 O'Clock East Trail to Taylor Ridge Campground 4.8 miles
Original Tecumseh Southern Terminus	105.4	
Miller Ridge Trail Intersection	105.7	
Crooked Creek Road Trailhead of the Tecumseh Trail	107.1	Cross Crooked Creek Road to continue
Cross bridge on Crooked Creek Road	107.3	
Lucas Hollow Trail Intersection	107.9	
Bartley Ridge Trail Intersection (this is labeled a trail, but it's actually a gravel road)	109.1	
TT Intersection with Bartley Ridge Trail	109.3	
Stevens Road	110.9	
Belmont - Hwy 46 - West Intersection	111.9	7.2 miles to Nashville - 16 to Columbus
KT - Tecumseh - 18 – Belmont/Highway 46 to Yellowwood Lake Road 111.9 – 118.5		
Belmont - Hwy 46 - East Intersection - Scarce O Fat Ridge Road	112.4	
Right Turn	112.5	
Parking	112.9	
Yellowwood SF - SF Trail Intersection	114.7	
Bench at the top of High King Hill	116.1	
Yellowwood Lake Trail Loop Intersection (YLT) at the Dam	116.5	Lake, campground is 0.5 miles east on YLT
West YLT Intersections of Trail JC - Handicap Accessible Loop	118.4	
Lake's North End at Yellowwood Lake Trail	118.5	Campground is 1.5 miles south on YLT
Yellowwood Lake Road	118.5	
KT - Tecumseh - 19 – Yellowwood Lake Road to Helmsburg Highway 118.5 – 130.0		
Yellowwood SF - Wildlife Pond	122.7	Pond
Dubois Ridge Road	122.9	Trailhead parking is a short distance south on Dubois Ridge Road
Turn Left (West) on Lanam Ridge Road and pass a Pond	123.1	Pond
End of Dubois & Lanam Ridge Road Walk	123.4	
Salmeron Road Intersection (Road Walk Follows)	125.0	
Intersections of Salmeron, Plum Creek, & Indian Hill (Dollsburly Junction)	125.4	1.2 miles W on Plum Creek Road to 45 and Needmore Store (N on 45)
Indian Hill Charlie's Shelter (Indian Hill Rd Trailhead 0.5 west)	126.9	
Bean Blossom Creek-Indiana Hill Rd Trailhead Parking	127.9	Water
Trevlac Bluffs Trailhead	128.9	
West Lost Branch Road	130.0	Helmsburg General Store is 1.3 miles east on Highway 45, Bean Blossom 3.8 Store & Campground, Needmore Store 2 miles West

KT - Tecumseh - 20 - Helmsburg Hwy 45 to TT North Terminus 130.0 – 148.1

East Lost Branch Road Intersection	130.6	
Return To Trail	130.7	Parking for three cars
Carmel Ridge Road - (Road Walk Begins)	132.7	
Return to Trail	133.0	
Short Side Trail to Fox's Den Shelter	134.1	No good tenting spots
Richards Road Crossing Trailhead Parking	136.1	Reliable creek
Bear Lake & Trailhead Parking	137.9	Reliable Water
Possum Trot Road (Log Road out To Gravel	139.2	
New Backcountry Shelter (Log Road out to Bear Creek Road)	139.5	No good tenting spots around shelter
Low Gap Trail Intersection	139.9	
Back Country Parking - Low Gap Road	142.6	There is one seasonal and one reliable creek just east of here
Rock Shelter Trail Intersection (East)	144.1	
Rock Shelter	144.8	This is an overhanging rock formation, not a shelter. Camping is not allowed.
Low Gap Trailhead and Parking	146.4	
Draper Cabin Trail	146.9	
Tecumseh Trailhead Parking	147.8	
Tecumseh Tr North Terminus/Morgan-Monroe SF Office	148.1	Water At SF Office