

The yellow lady slipper is one of Cane Creek's flowing beauties. This rare plant belongs to the orchid family and blooms in April. It is on the Arkansas endangered species list and on the verge of becoming extinct.

The lady slipper is assured of cross pollination. Once a bee enters the lip of the blossom it can't escape the way it came in because the lip is rolled toward the inside. The bee fills itself with nectar and escapes by way of a tiny hole designed to scrape the pollen make the pollen rub onto the bee's back. As it struggles to escape, more pollen gets on its back and goes along to the next plant.

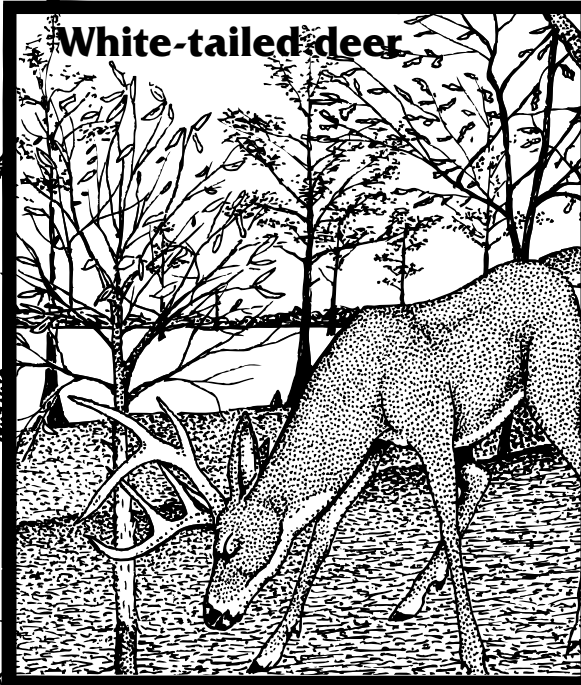
Other common names for the plant include whippoorwill shoe and Noah's ark. The species name, *calceolus*, is Latin and means "a little shoe."

Yellow lady slipper



The white-tailed deer is a common sight here at Cane Creek State Park.

White-tailed deer



During the fall or winter you may see freshly rubbed trees along the trail. Deer use small tress and brushes to rub off the velvet that nourished the antlers during the summer. This prepares the antlers for becoming sparring weapons, which are used in rutting behavior. The average deer population in the Mississippi Delta is 30-35 deer per square mile and 25-30 deer per square mile in the Gulf Coastal Plain.

We hope you have enjoyed the Delta View Trail. If you have questions or have seen anything of interest that you would like to report, come by the visitor center and let us know.

For further information on park hours, fees or activities, contact:

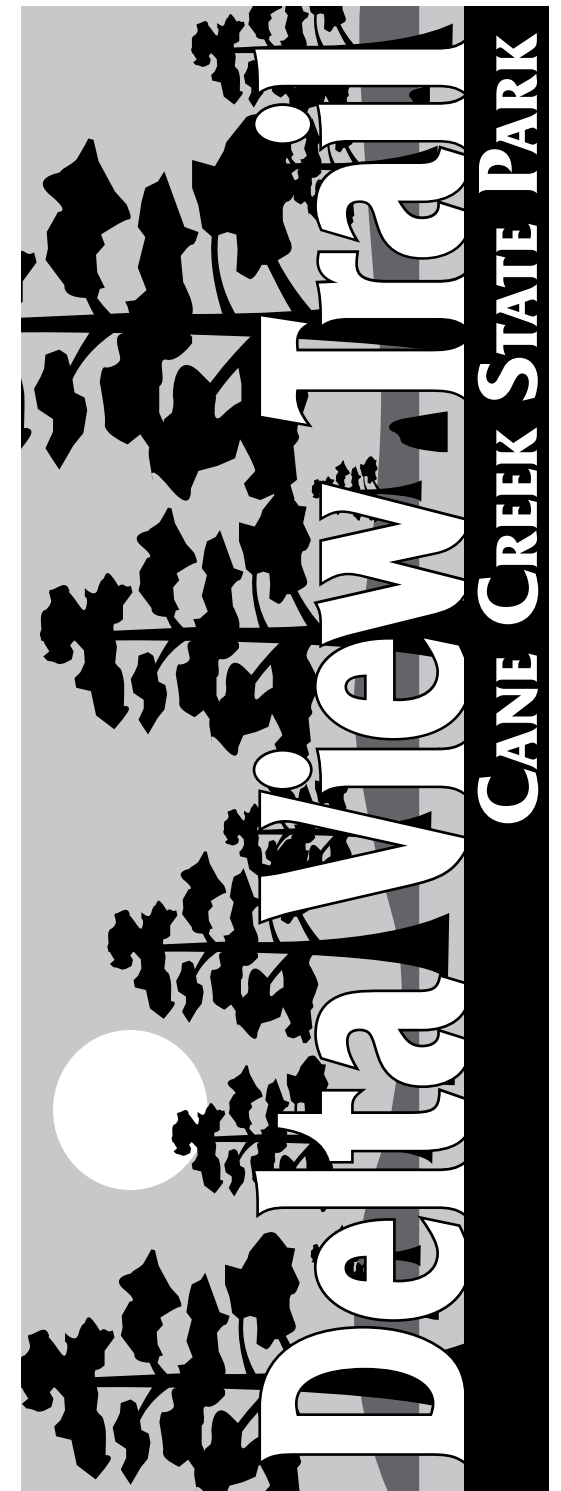


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DELTA VIEW TRAIL

Delta View Trail is a 2.4 mile loop trail that explores the Gulf Coastal Plain forest and provides an excellent opportunity for wildlife viewing. The trail begins across from the picnic area pavilion.

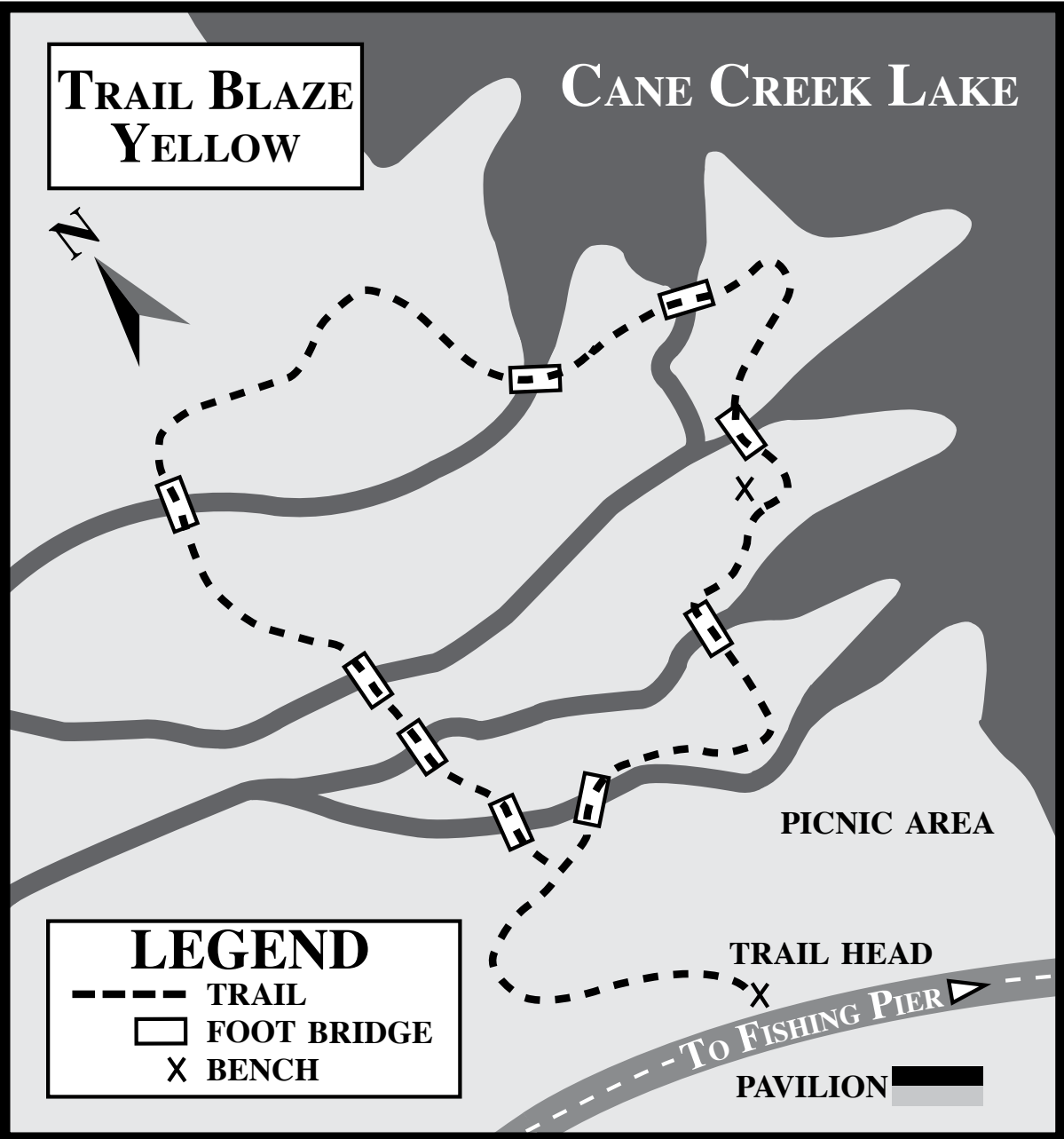
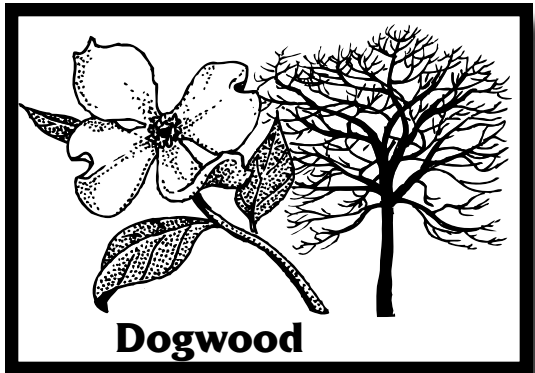
Cane Creek State Park uniquely sits on the border of two natural divisions of Arkansas. The Gulf Coastal Plain and the Mississippi Alluvial Plain, also known as “The Delta.” Delta View Trail is located within the “Coastal Plain” and is characterized by gently sloping hills. The bench at the 1 mile mark will give you a fantastic view of Cane Creek Lake, which lies within “The Delta.”

Enjoy your walk along the trail. Remember, all plants and animals are protected. Please do not disturb them.

HIKING SUGGESTIONS

Trail difficulty is easy to moderate but do not underestimate the ruggedness.

- Wear appropriate shoes.
- Take water (especially on hot days)
- Do not litter - If you take it, pack it out!

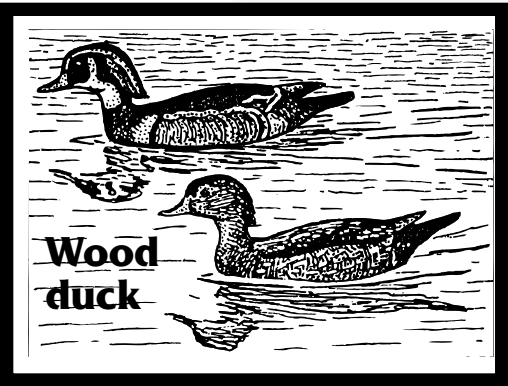
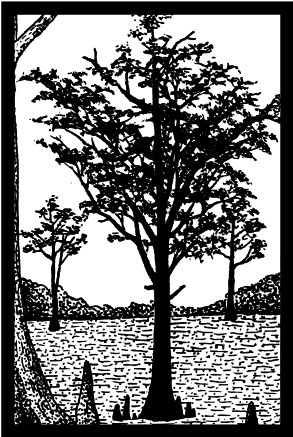


Cane Creek Lake is a man-made lake completed in 1987 and is controlled by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. The lake has a surface area of 1,675 acres, and its major tributary is Cane Creek. This shallow cypress filled lake provides excellent fishing and has proven to be a favorite stop for migratory waterfowl.

As you walk along the trail, you will notice that you are surrounded by a deep, rich oak-hickory-pine climax forest. The forest provides numerous habitats for many animals including fox, deer, squirrels and turkey.

During the spring the dogwoods, red buds and service berries are in bloom and provide a colorful setting for an evening stroll through the forest. The dogwood is used in constructing pulleys, mallet heads, engraver’s bocks and golf club heads.

Bald cypress is used in boat building, fence posts, houses and coffins. This wood is very durable.



The wood duck is highly colored and often perches in trees.