



You are Riding in a Special Place

The multi-use trails at Village Creek State Park traverse some of the most scenic areas of eastern Arkansas. The park offers incredible beauty with towering forests of sugar maple, tuliptree, and American beech, but the soil is very fragile and special care is needed while riding these trails.

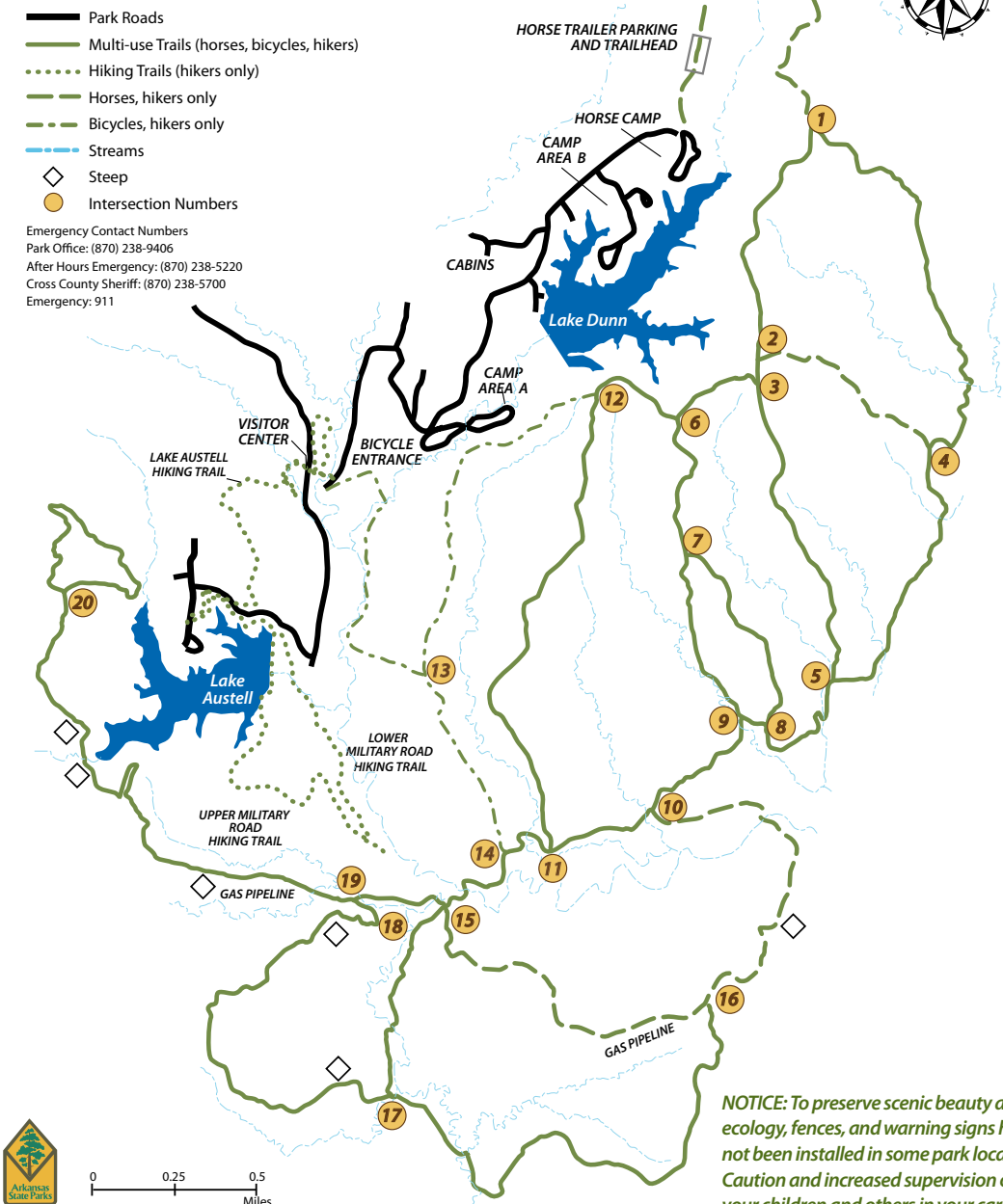
Village Creek State Park lies entirely upon the unique natural division known as Crowley's Ridge. Crowley's Ridge has a sensitive soil known as loess which was glacially created and blown in by the wind. This soil is extremely erosive. For this reason, the multi-use trails are subject to closing to horses and bicycles at any time, depending on wet conditions. Please call ahead for trail closings. Registration at the visitor center is required before using trails.



MULTI-USE TRAILS (BLAZED IN WHITE) Distance Between Intersections

Trail Sections	Distance
Bicycle entrance to Intersection 13	.7 miles <i>(closed to horses)</i>
Horse parking lot to Intersection 1	1.1 miles <i>(closed to bicycles)</i>
Intersection 1 to Intersection 2	.7 miles
Intersection 1 to Intersection 4	1.6 miles <i>(crosses stream, no bridge)</i>
Intersection 2 to Intersection 3	.1 miles
Intersection 2 to Intersection 6	.5 miles
Intersection 3 to Intersection 4	.7 miles <i>(closed to bicycles)</i>
Intersection 3 to Intersection 5	1.1 miles
Intersection 4 to Intersection 5	1 mile
Intersection 5 to Intersection 8	.4 miles <i>(crosses seasonal stream, no bridge)</i>
Intersection 6 to Intersection 7	.5 miles
Intersection 6 to Intersection 12	.3 miles
Intersection 7 to Intersection 8	.7 miles
Intersection 7 to Intersection 9	.6 miles
Intersection 8 to Intersection 9	490 feet
Intersection 9 to Intersection 10	.5 miles
Intersection 10 to Intersection 11	.4 miles
Intersection 10 to Intersection 16	1.1 miles <i>(crosses creek, no bridge; closed to bicycles)</i>
Intersection 11 to Intersection 12	1.6 miles
Intersection 11 to Intersection 14	.6 miles
Intersection 14 to Intersection 15	.4 miles <i>(crosses creek, no bridge)</i>
Intersection 15 to Intersection 16	1.3 miles <i>(closed to bicycles)</i>
Intersection 15 to Intersection 17	.7 miles <i>(crosses creek, no bridge)</i>
Intersection 15 to Intersection 19	.4 miles <i>(crosses creek, no bridge)</i>
Intersection 16 to Intersection 17	2 miles <i>(crosses seasonal streams, no bridge)</i>
Intersection 17 to Intersection 18	1.5 miles
Intersection 18 to Intersection 19	.3 miles
Intersection 19 to Intersection 20	2 miles <i>(crosses creek, no bridge)</i>

Village Creek State Park Multi-Use Trail System



NOTICE: To preserve scenic beauty and ecology, fences, and warning signs have not been installed in some park locations. Caution and increased supervision of your children and others in your care are required while visiting these areas.

Trail Rules & Guidelines

- You must register at the visitor center before using horse trails. Registration begins at 8 a.m. There is a daily trailer fee; contact the park for prices. Please call the visitor center before you travel to make sure the trails are open.
- Riding is permitted from 8 a.m. to sunset only. All users must be off the trails before dark.
- Remember to pack your trash out with you. Never tie your horse directly to a tree, use pickets and scatter the manure before you leave.
- Racing is prohibited.
- Day riders must park in the horse trailer parking area.
- When encountering oncoming traffic, keep right.
- Never approach another horse at a gait greater than a walk.
- If your horse kicks, tie a red ribbon in its tail to warn others.
- When encountering hikers, be respectful by passing at a walk or stopping if necessary; many people are afraid of horses.
- Horses are allowed on designated trails, trailer parking area, horse camp, park roads, day use, and fields.
- Day riders, please place manure back in your trailer. Help us to keep the parking lot area healthy for horses.
- Some parts of the trail are closed to horses (these areas are posted.) Please respect these areas.



Reservations and Camp Area Regulations

- There is a two-night minimum on weekends and three-night minimum on holiday weekends for campground reservations.
- Reservations can be made up to one year in advance. A non-refundable reservation fee equal to one night's stay is required at the time of reservation. If the trails are closed, we will transfer your deposit to another date.
- Stall rental is mandatory with horse campsite rental. Picketing, private pens, and fences are not allowed.
- Horses are not allowed in the campsites for any reason. Please use the hitching posts located just a few yards across the road from your campsite to tack up. We understand this is an inconvenience, but we are trying to prevent campsite erosion. Thank you for your cooperation.
- The trails are closed when wet. The unusual soil type on Crowley's Ridge is very fragile, and we are trying to protect the trails for future use. This soil type drains quickly after moderate rains and the trails are available for use in a short amount of time. Several days of rain, however, generally close the trails for a few days. Please contact the park for trail conditions.

- Remove manure and waste hay from stalls and hitching post areas before departure and place in designated areas. Wheelbarrows and manure forks are provided near the barns for your convenience.
- Do not rinse out your trailer at your campsite.
- Place yellow tickets on your campsite post and stall gates.
- Rinse horses at wash bay only.
- Riding on the roads outside the horse camp is permissible. However, horses are not allowed in camp area A or B, cabin areas, or the Lake Austell day use area.
- All pets must be kept on a leash.

The approximately 23 miles of trails traverse through high ridge tops, streams, and bottomland forest communities, and offer the rider opportunities to view deer, wild turkeys, and a variety of other wildlife species.

Enjoy your ride, and please take special care when using the trails so that future generations of riders may enjoy them as well.

Remember, the way you care for and use the trails will influence trail management decisions and policies. Thank you.

TO REACH THE PARK: From Interstate 40, take exit 242 (near Forrest City) and travel 12 miles north on Hwy. 284. Follow the signs to the park.

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