Wolf Pen Gap Trail Complex **Ouachita** National Forest





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TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS: Featuring high mountain vistas, the trail leads the rider through an array of areas, including scenic Gap Creek and Board Camp Creek.

The trail continues through a forest of large pines and hardwoods before passing the unique 2-footed oak tree and an abandoned mine shaft.

The trail loops are connected to accommodate riders who want to vary the length of their trips.

SURROUNDING AREAS:

- Enjoy the beautiful scenery along the **Cossatot Scenic and Recreational** River.
- For an extended hike, there are 18 miles of hiking trails in the Caney Creek Wilderness.
- South of Caney Creek is the **Shady** Lake Recreation Area, which offers camping, fishing, swimming, boating and hiking at the 66-unit campground.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mena Ranger District 1603 Hwy. 71 N. Mena, AR 71953

(North of Mena on State Hwy. 71 N.)

(479) 394-2382

LENGTH: 35 miles of loop trails

DIRECTIONS: West Trailhead: From Mena, take State Highway 8 east for 1 mile to Arkansas 375, then south 8 miles to the trailhead near County Road 277.

South Trailhead: Farther south on Arkansas 375 on the left.

North Trailhead: From Mena, take Hwy, 8 east for 10 miles to Polk County Rd. 61, travel 3.5 miles, turn right at the sign, go 1/2 mile to the North Trailhead.

East Trailhead: From Mena take Hwy. 8 east about 20 miles (about 1 mile east of Big Fork), turn right on Polk County Rd. 83 (Forest Road 38), travel 5 miles to the East Trailhead.

TRAIL INFORMATION: Trail surface is either gravel or unsurfaced.

SITE AMENITIES: Vault toilets at all trailheads. All four trailheads are graveled and built for 16 foot trailers. There are 3 Medevac Helispots for emergencies.

DIFFICULTY LEVEL: Trails are easy to most difficult. Trails 5, 6, 826 and 836 have sections for experienced riders only.

SAFETY: Watch for truck and automobile traffic on Trails 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 816. Watch for other off-highway vehicles (OHVs) on all trails. There is two-way traffic on all trails.

REQUIREMENTS: OHV use within the Wolf Pen Gap Trail complex is limited to designated roads and trails. Camping is limited to designated camp sites. Trailheads are not available for camping. Helmet use is recommended. OHVs are not allowed in recreation areas.

RECOMMENDED SEASONS: Trail complex is open yearround.

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