



United States Department of Agriculture

Charles C. Deam Wilderness

Hoosier National Forest



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Welcome to the Charles C. Deam Wilderness area. This nearly 13,000-acre area of the Hoosier was designated a wilderness in 1982. Wilderness designation places this area in a special legal status (subject to the 1964 Wilderness Act). It is managed to preserve a natural condition and provide opportunities for solitude.

GPS Coordinates for Grubb Ridge Trailhead: 39°1'57.724"N, 86°20'26.973"W; Hickory Ridge Fire Tower: 39°2'5.453"N, 86°19'16.532"W; and Blackwell Horse Camp: 39°1'0.872"N, 86°23'23.089"W

Approximate Length of Trails: 37 miles

Type: Hiking and horse riding.

Special Features: Long distance loop trails in a scenic hardwood forest with a variety of terrain.

Etiquette and Rules

- Use of wheeled vehicles including carts, wagons and bicycles, or motorized travel is prohibited.
- Camping within 100 feet of ponds, Monroe Lake, designated trails, or streams is allowed only in designated sites.
- Camping is restricted within 300 feet of designated trailheads, wilderness access points, and horse-camps. Walk-in camping throughout the rest of the wilderness area is not restricted.
- Horses are permitted at only two designated campsites in the backcountry. Users without stock are permitted to also use these campsites.
- Horse riders (age 17 years and older) are required to have a permit and stay on designated trails. Permits are available from our offices and local vendors.
- Parking is allowed along Tower Ridge Road in only three locations: Blackwell Horse Camp, Grubb Ridge Trailhead, and the Hickory Ridge Fire Tower.
- Campsites must be occupied the first night, and may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours without permission. Camping is limited to 14 days.
- Hunting is permitted in the Wilderness. Target shooting or practicing is not allowed.
- Stock may not be tied within reach of any live tree.
- Group size is limited to 10 persons or less.

- Observe the following trail courtesy:

- Hikers yield to horse riders.
- Horse riders control your horse.
- Pack out your trash.

Safety

Be aware of hunting seasons. Blaze orange clothing is recommended (do not wear white) during deer season.

Some trails intersect roadways. If you choose to use a road as part of your trip, be aware of traffic.

Ticks and chiggers are prevalent in southern Indiana. Avoid tall grass and thick brushy areas.

Map may contain errors, no guarantee is made to its accuracy.

Loose limbs and hazard trees can fall on the trail at anytime, especially on windy days.

Emergencies

- Nearest public phone is at the Paynetown State Recreation Area Office on State Road 446.
- The nearest hospitals are in Bedford and Bloomington, IN.
- Jackson County Sheriff: 812-358-2141 or 911.
- Lawrence County Sheriff: 812-275-3316 or 911.
- Monroe County Sheriff: 812-349-2780 or 911.
- Indiana Conservation Officers: 812-837-9536.

Facilities

- There are three graveled parking areas.
- Blackwell Campground provides a large area for camping with primitive toilets, horse corrals, hitching posts, and mounting ramp.
- Hickory Ridge Fire Tower is open to the public.

Directions

The Wilderness can be accessed off State Route 446 south of Bloomington. Turn on Tower Ridge Road at the Wilderness sign to access the parking areas.

For More Information

Hoosier National Forest
811 Constitution Avenue, Bedford, IN 47421
(812) 275-5987

Toll Free: 1-866-302-4173

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Federal Relay Number for the deaf and hearing impaired is: 1-800-877-8339


















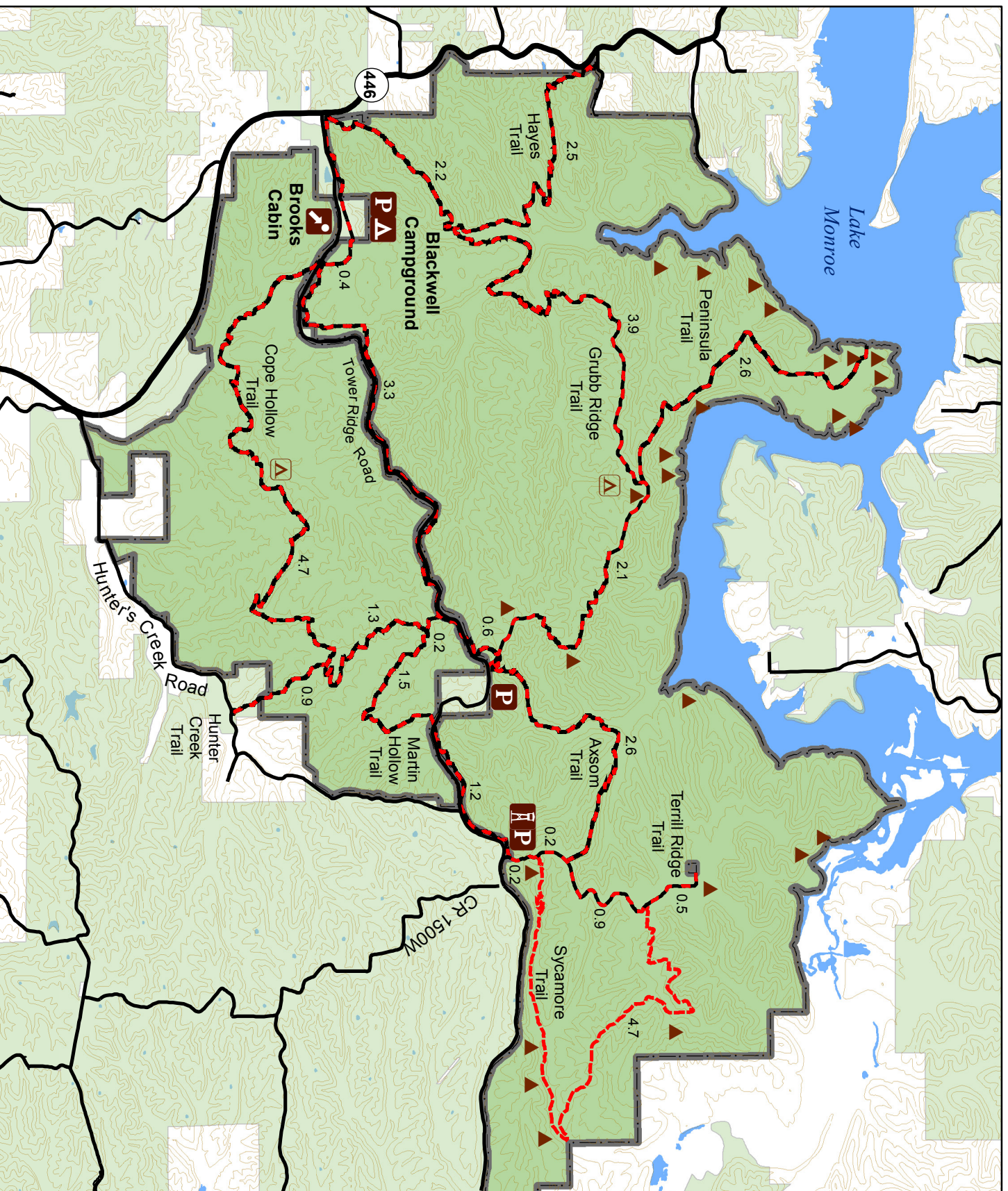
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Legend

-  Horse/Hike Trail
-  Hike Only Trail
-  Road
-  Streams
-  50' Contours
-  Water
-  Forest Service
-  Wilderness
-  Campground
-  Campsite
-  Stock Campsite
-  Parking
-  Point of Interest
-  Fire Tower
-  Miles Between Intersections



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