

TRAIL FEATURES AND NOTES

- A** Pine bluff on Dry Creek 250' east of FR 780. Good camping site in pines on top. To reach top, cross creek on FR 780 and turn right to ascend bluff. Water from spring on Dry Creek 100' west of creek crossing or pooled water at base of bluff.
- B** FR 780 Crossing. Trail offset on road about 125' to the right and re-enters woods.
- C** Enter area of bluffs to north, on Dry Creek. Continues until creek splits, about 200 yards ahead. Seasonal dripping and pooling of water, lots of crevices and nooks, ledge above creek to explore them. Potential camp sites.
- D** Ridge above Kenyon Hollow. Good view of hollow and field area. Has water in season.
- E** Lover's Leap. Scenic overlook of valley at treetop level from overhanging rock cliffs. Trees are home to blue herons in springtime. A must stop.

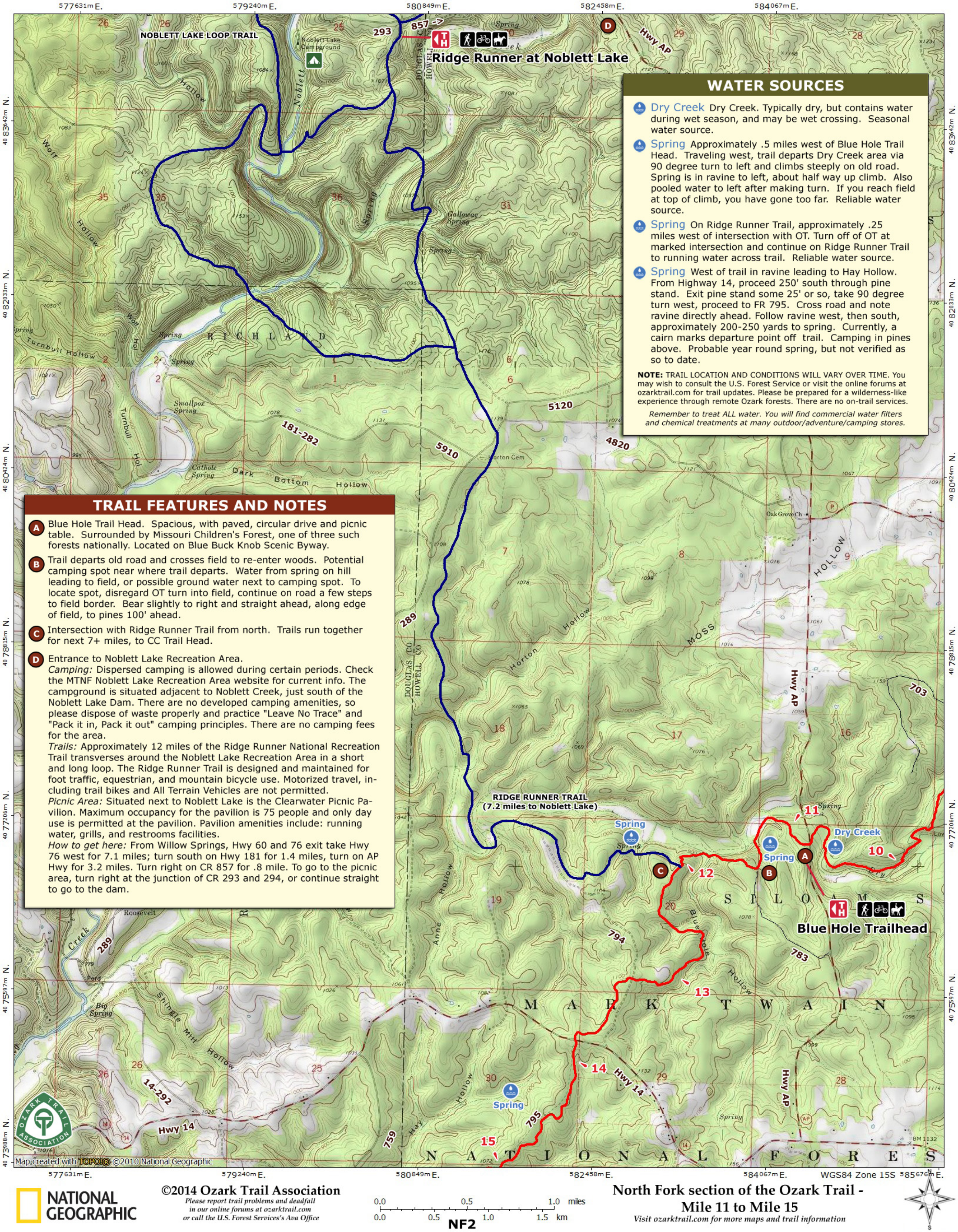
WATER SOURCES

- Pool** Pooled water on Dry Creek at base of pine-covered bluffs, .1 mile east of FR 780. Located near point where trail swings close to creek. Likely seasonal.
- Spring** Spring on Dry Creek From FR 780, cross creek bed and proceed about 50' on road. Turn left and follow along creek 100' to spring. Reliable water source.
- Pond** Pond located approximately 125-150' north of trail. Look for depression area with pond at the base. Seasonal, but will hold water in all but the driest months.
- Pooled water on Dry Creek, near cliffs** Turn north off trail - opposite point at which trail turns southward - and proceed to split of creek into two branches. Pool is located in the split area. Appears year around, but may be seasonal.
- Pond** Locate cattle guard slightly offset from crossing at FR 703. Cross guard and proceed approximately 100 yards up road. Note pond tucked in woods to left. Reliable water source.

NOTE: The eastern half of the Ozark Trail's North Fork Section has few reliable water sources. In periods with no rain, there will likely be no on-trail water. While there are generally reliable water sources just off, and alongside, the trail, water planning is crucial on this portion of trail.

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- **Dry Creek** Dry Creek. Typically dry, but contains water during wet season, and may be wet crossing. Seasonal water source.
- **Spring** Approximately .5 miles west of Blue Hole Trail Head. Traveling west, trail departs Dry Creek area via 90 degree turn to left and climbs steeply on old road. Spring is in ravine to left, about half way up climb. Also pooled water to left after making turn. If you reach field at top of climb, you have gone too far. Reliable water source.
- **Spring** On Ridge Runner Trail, approximately .25 miles west of intersection with OT. Turn off of OT at marked intersection and continue on Ridge Runner Trail to running water across trail. Reliable water source.
- **Spring** West of trail in ravine leading to Hay Hollow. From Highway 14, proceed 250' south through pine stand. Exit pine stand some 25' or so, take 90 degree turn west, proceed to FR 795. Cross road and note ravine directly ahead. Follow ravine west, then south, approximately 200-250 yards to spring. Currently, a cairn marks departure point off trail. Camping in pines above. Probable year round spring, but not verified as so to date.

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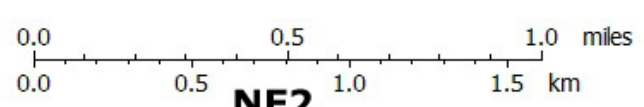
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- A** Blue Hole Trail Head. Spacious, with paved, circular drive and picnic table. Surrounded by Missouri Children's Forest, one of three such forests nationally. Located on Blue Buck Knob Scenic Byway.
- B** Trail departs old road and crosses field to re-enter woods. Potential camping spot near where trail departs. Water from spring on hill leading to field, or possible ground water next to camping spot. To locate spot, disregard OT turn into field, continue on road a few steps to field border. Bear slightly to right and straight ahead, along edge of field, to pines 100' ahead.
- C** Intersection with Ridge Runner Trail from north. Trails run together for next 7+ miles, to CC Trail Head.
- D** Entrance to Noblett Lake Recreation Area.
Camping: Dispersed camping is allowed during certain periods. Check the MTNF Noblett Lake Recreation Area website for current info. The campground is situated adjacent to Noblett Creek, just south of the Noblett Lake Dam. There are no developed camping amenities, so please dispose of waste properly and practice "Leave No Trace" and "Pack it in, Pack it out" camping principles. There are no camping fees for the area.
Trails: Approximately 12 miles of the Ridge Runner National Recreation Trail transverse around the Noblett Lake Recreation Area in a short and long loop. The Ridge Runner Trail is designed and maintained for foot traffic, equestrian, and mountain bicycle use. Motorized travel, including trail bikes and All Terrain Vehicles are not permitted.
Picnic Area: Situated next to Noblett Lake is the Clearwater Picnic Pavilion. Maximum occupancy for the pavilion is 75 people and only day use is permitted at the pavilion. Pavilion amenities include: running water, grills, and restrooms facilities.
How to get here: From Willow Springs, Hwy 60 and 76 exit take Hwy 76 west for 7.1 miles; turn south on Hwy 181 for 1.4 miles, turn on AP Hwy for 3.2 miles. Turn right on CR 857 for .8 mile. To go to the picnic area, turn right at the junction of CR 293 and 294, or continue straight to go to the dam.

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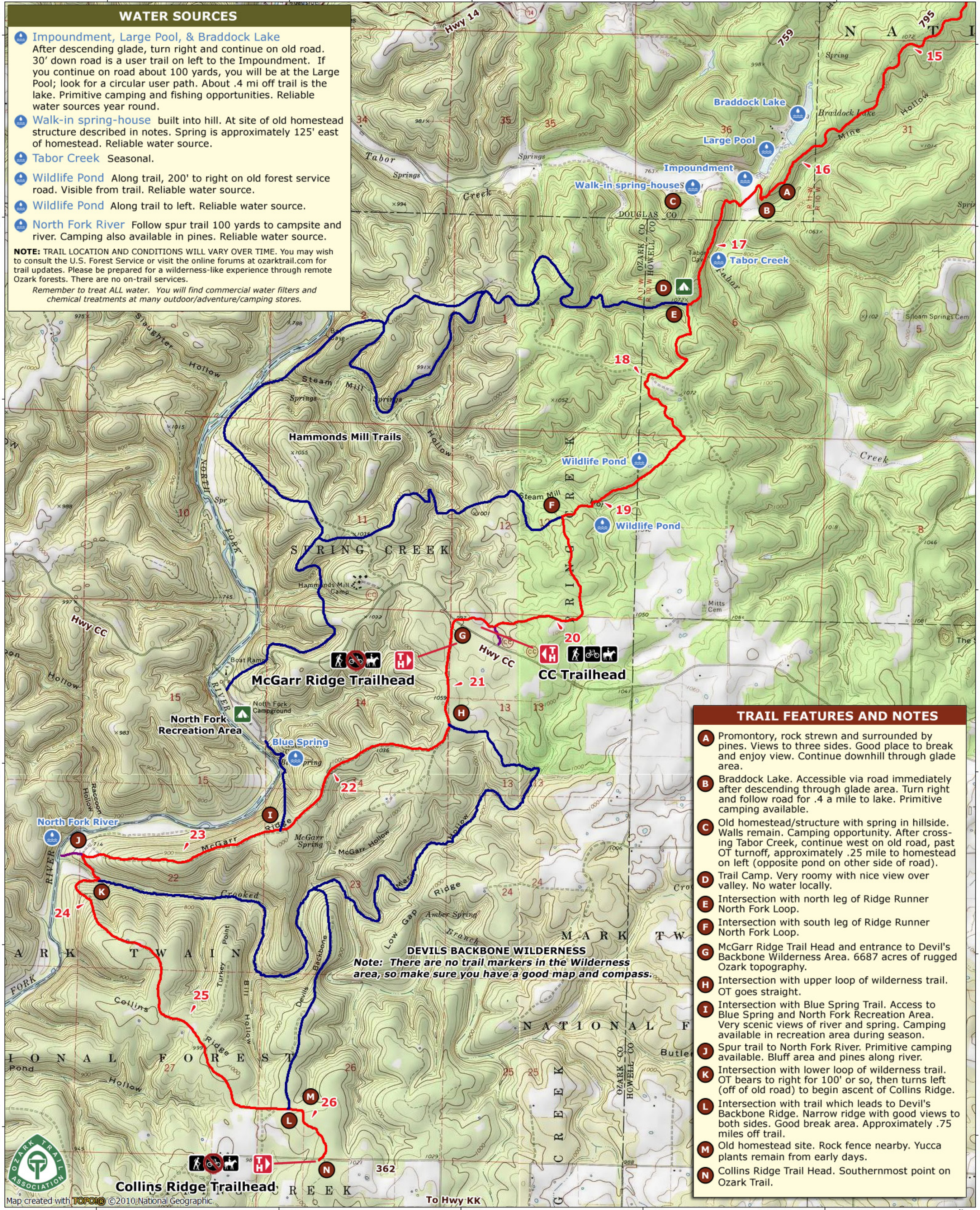
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WATER SOURCES

- Impoundment, Large Pool, & Braddock Lake**
After descending glade, turn right and continue on old road. 30' down road is a user trail on left to the Impoundment. If you continue on road about 100 yards, you will be at the Large Pool; look for a circular user path. About .4 mi off trail is the lake. Primitive camping and fishing opportunities. Reliable water sources year round.
- Walk-in spring-house** built into hill. At site of old homestead structure described in notes. Spring is approximately 125' east of homestead. Reliable water source.
- Tabor Creek** Seasonal.
- Wildlife Pond** Along trail, 200' to right on old forest service road. Visible from trail. Reliable water source.
- Wildlife Pond** Along trail to left. Reliable water source.
- North Fork River** Follow spur trail 100 yards to campsite and river. Camping also available in pines. Reliable water source.

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- A** Promontory, rock strewn and surrounded by pines. Views to three sides. Good place to break and enjoy view. Continue downhill through glade area.
- B** Braddock Lake. Accessible via road immediately after descending through glade area. Turn right and follow road for .4 a mile to lake. Primitive camping available.
- C** Old homestead/structure with spring in hillside. Walls remain. Camping opportunity. After crossing Tabor Creek, continue west on old road, past OT turnout, approximately .25 mile to homestead on left (opposite pond on other side of road).
- D** Trail Camp. Very roomy with nice view over valley. No water locally.
- E** Intersection with north leg of Ridge Runner North Fork Loop.
- F** Intersection with south leg of Ridge Runner North Fork Loop.
- G** McGarr Ridge Trail Head and entrance to Devil's Backbone Wilderness Area. 6687 acres of rugged Ozark topography.
- H** Intersection with upper loop of wilderness trail. OT goes straight.
- I** Intersection with Blue Spring Trail. Access to Blue Spring and North Fork Recreation Area. Very scenic views of river and spring. Camping available in recreation area during season.
- J** Spur trail to North Fork River. Primitive camping available. Bluff area and pines along river.
- K** Intersection with lower loop of wilderness trail. OT bears to right for 100' or so, then turns left (off of old road) to begin ascent of Collins Ridge.
- L** Intersection with trail which leads to Devil's Backbone Ridge. Narrow ridge with good views to both sides. Good break area. Approximately .75 miles off trail.
- M** Old homestead site. Rock fence nearby. Yucca plants remain from early days.
- N** Collins Ridge Trail Head. Southernmost point on Ozark Trail.

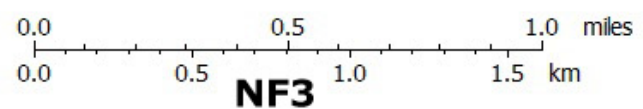
DEVILS BACKBONE WILDERNESS
Note: There are no trail markers in the Wilderness area, so make sure you have a good map and compass.



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