# Huckleberry Mountain Horse Trails

## Region

Ozark Mountains (Ozark National Forest)

## **Trail Manager**

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### Location

**White Trail:** accessed from Mt. Magazine Camp located just off Scenic Byway 309 on Forest Road 1638. From this camp, the trail heads east down to and across Scenic Byway 309.

**Orange Trail:** accessed from Sorghum Hollow Camp on Forest Road 1604. From Highway 22, follow gravel Forest Road 1604 (Sorghum Hollow Road) 2.3 miles. Turn right on Forest Road 1604, 0.2 miles past Shoal Creek low-water bridge. Huckleberry Mountain Camp is located at the end of Forest Road 1613. From Highway 22, turn south of Paris on Highway 309. Continue approximately 11 miles to Forest Road 1601. Turn left and travel 8 miles to Forest Road 1613. Turn left and continue 3.5 miles to the camp location.

#### SPECIAL NOTE

- Organized rides of 25 or more participants will require a special-use permit.
- From April to May a portion of the Orange Trail is closed for turkey hunting and nesting/hatching season. Contact the district office for specific dates and locations.

#### TOTAL LENGTH OF TRAIL

40 miles; time, 10-20 hours

#### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Easy to more difficult

#### DESCRIPTION

The trail consists of two main loops which offer 40 miles of the most scenic horseback riding, hiking, and mountain bicycle riding opportunities in the Ozark National Forest. Deep winding valleys framed by rugged mountain bluffs give way to clear mountain streams.

The 28.6-mile Orange Trail contains an 8.6-mile loop for those seeking a shorter trail. The White Trail provides an 11.4-mile continuous loop. Each trail crosses several gravel roads, allowing you to plan trips from one-half mile to 40 miles. Portions of the trail are located along old logging roads and open forest roads.

The trail system meanders through numerous creeks and alongside several ponds, which provide water for horses. Pond locations not adjacent to the trail are designated by signs and blue horseshoes on trees.

Bulletin boards with trail registration boxes are located at many trail access points. For monitoring purposes, please sign the registration form only at the point of access.

The White Trail provides easy riding terrain along 11.4 miles of existing forest roads and old logging roads. This is marked with white sign posts and/or horseshoe-shaped marks on trees. Mt. Magazine Camp offers group camping and day-use parking.

The Orange Trail covers 28.6 miles of easy to more difficult terrain. This trail is marked with orange sign posts and/or horseshoe-shaped marks on trees. For beginners, the 8.6-mile loop covering easier terrain is recommended. Group camping and day-use parking are provided at two undeveloped camp locations, Sorghum Hollow Camp and Huckleberry Mountain Camp.

#### SITE AMENITIES

Sorghum Hollow Camp has a pond for watering horses, a vault toilet, and day-use parking (no electric hookups). Day-use parking is also available at two undeveloped camp locations, Old Walnut Tree Camp and Huckleberry Camp.

#### **CAMPING**

Listed in description

#### **USGS** QUADRANGLE MAPS

Scranton, New Blaine, Chickalah Mountain West

#### SPECIAL NOTE

- Horse riders are required to remove all hay and manure from designated day-use parking areas.
- High water levels make for dangerous crossings along Shoal Creek. The crossings are easily negotiable at normal water levels. Stay posted on weather forecasts so you will know what to expect when crossing creeks. Exercise caution when riding on open forest roads.





