

Eight West Horse Trail

Region

Ouachita Mountains (Ouachita National Forest)

Trail Manager

District Ranger; Mena Ranger District; 1603 Hwy. 71 North; Mena, AR 71953; (501) 394-2382; (north of Mena on Ark. Hwy. 71 N)

Location

The Eight West Horse Trail is accessed by taking Arkansas Highway 8 to Peach Orchard Road (41) north to Forest Service Road 420, then following the trail markings.

TOTAL LENGTH OF TRAIL

Varies according to sections traveled; time varies

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Easiest

DESCRIPTION

The western portion of the Eight West Horse Trail travels along Self Mountain and offers an outstanding view to the south. The lowlands of this trail network are set among beautiful bottomland hardwoods and clear running streams. The trail passes several old home sites; these are marked by old rock fences. This unsurfaced trail is marked with fluorescent green and yellow horseshoes.

SITE AMENITIES

Ponds and streams supply drinking water for horses, but none is available for human consumption.



CAMPING

Horse camping is available at Mac Morgan Ranch, 697 Polk CR 47, Mena, AR 71953 (501-394-6643). Other camping is available at Queen Wilhelmina State Park and at private campgrounds in the town of Mena.

LODGING

Lodging and dining facilities are available in the nearby community of Mena.

USGS QUADRANGLE MAPS

Mountain Fork, Rich Mountain, Potter, Mena

SPECIAL NOTE

- Bring your own drinking water; none is available on site.
- Treat water from springs, streams and lake before drinking.

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