

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests

Sylamore Ranger District

Blanchard Springs Recreation Area

Camping
Picnicking
Swimming
Hiking



Southern Region National Forests

Arkansas

May 2012

Attractions:

The Sylamore District is located within the heart of the Ozarks. Visitors can view picturesque rock bluffs, swim in crystal clear streams and hike wooded hillsides.

The Blanchard Springs Recreation Area offers a rich outdoor experience. Stroll on the paved trail to where the Blanchard Springs gushes as a waterfall from the hillside. Swim in the clear waters of the North Sylamore Creek. Hike into the Ozark woods for an hour or a weekend. Try your luck catching rainbow trout from Mirror Lake, an accessible facility. To get to the Blanchard Springs Recreation Area from Mountain View, take Arkansas Highway 14 West for 12.1 miles, turn right (north) at the Blanchard Springs Caverns sign. Follow signs to the different facilities.

Surrounding Areas:

Discover one of the most spectacular and carefully developed areas anywhere, Blanchard Springs Caverns, located just minutes away. Visitors can enjoy float fishing and canoeing on the Buffalo and White Rivers that border the district to the east and west. The Ozark Folk Center State Park is devoted to preserving the rich heritage of the life in the Ozark Mountains through music, crafts and dance. It is located in nearby Mountain View, the Folk Music Capitol of the World. The Syllamo Mountain Bike Trail is an added nearby attraction for bike enthusiasts across the nation.

Facilities:

- 18 campsites with grills, tables, lantern poles and tent pads, but no electrical hookups.
- 2 group camps available by reservation only for a minimum of 8 and maximum of 50.
- Restrooms with hot showers.
- Trailhead connecting campground to the North Sylamore Creek Hiking Trail.
- Drinking water.
- Summer interpretive programs.
- Guided Cavern Tours.
- Access to Syllamo Mountain Bike Trail.
- Swim Areas.
- RV Sewage Dump Station.

Length of Stay: To give more forest visitors a chance to camp at Blanchard, the stay is limited to 5 consecutive nights during the summer.

Location: Latitude: 35.97438
Longitude: -92.1772

Fees: Current user fees and regulations are posted at the self service pay station. There is a parking fee for day use.

For more information, contact:

Sylamore Ranger District
1001 East Main Street
Mountain View, AR 72560
(870) 269-3228 or the Caverns at (870) 757-2211

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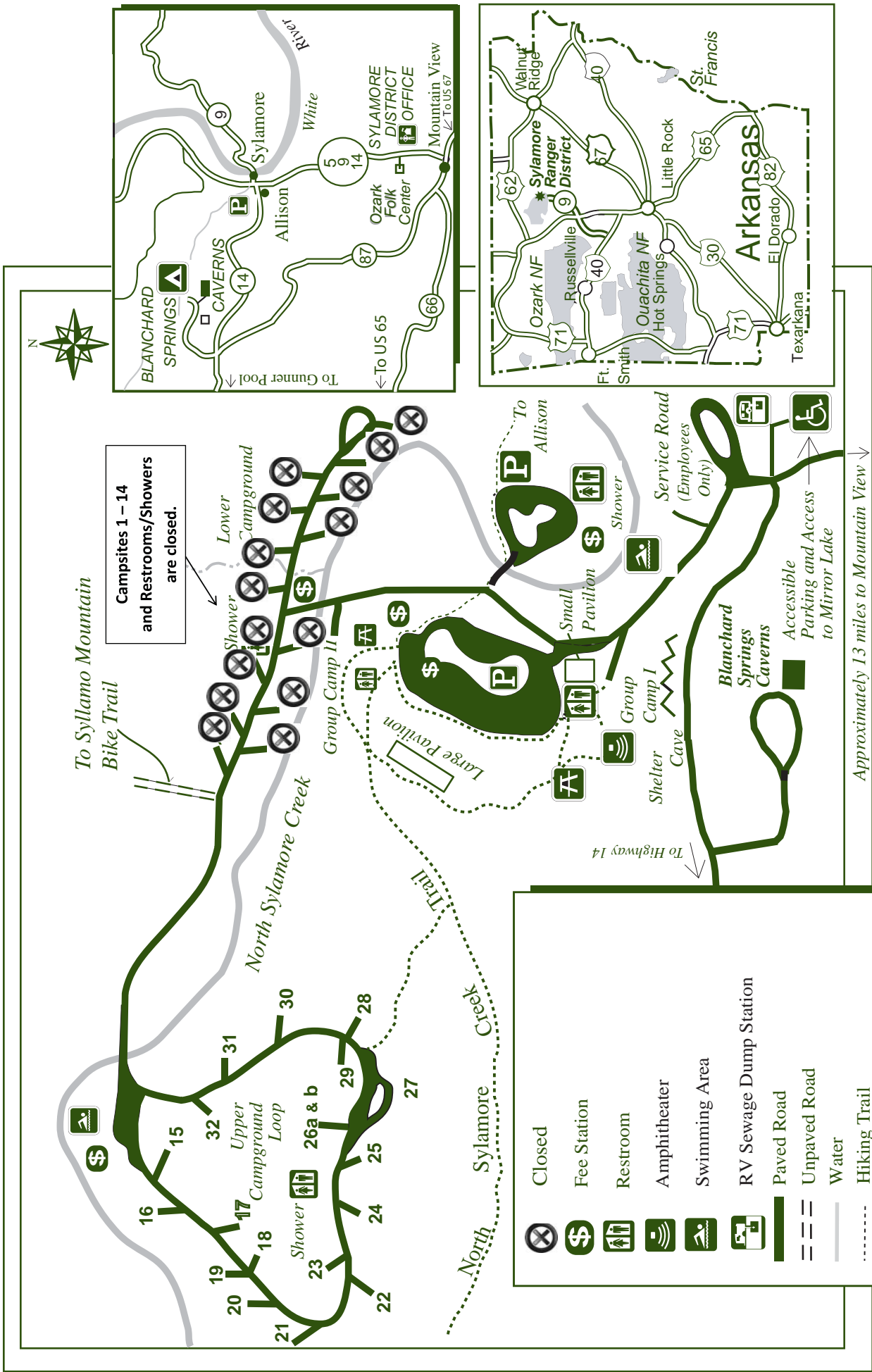
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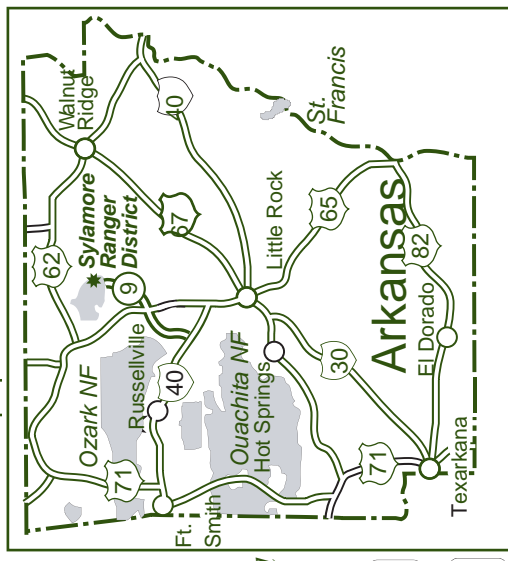
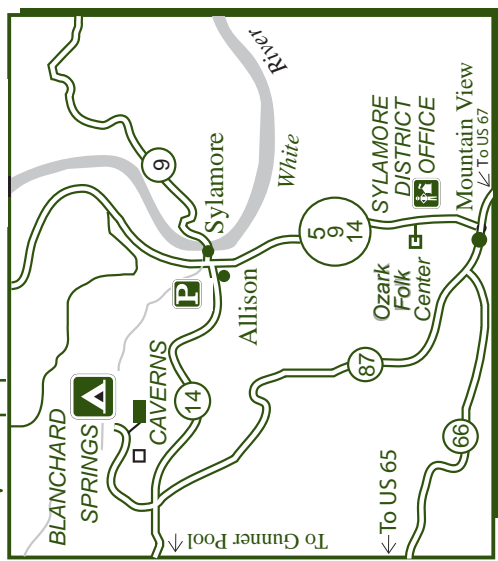


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Campsites 1 - 14 and Restrooms/Shower are closed.



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| | Closed |
| | Fee Station |
| | Restroom |
| | Amphitheater |
| | Swimming Area |
| | RV Sewage Dump Station |
| | Paved Road |
| | Unpaved Road |
| | Water |
| | Hiking Trail |
| | Trail Parking |

Approximately 13 miles to Mountain View