

# Eagle Rock Loop

Ouachita National Forest



Hiking: All trails



Biking: Viles Branch and Athens-Big Fork



Equestrian: Viles Branch



**Trail Highlights:** This trail offers the longest loop trail in Arkansas. A combination of the **Little Missouri**, the **Athens-Big Fork** and part of the **Viles Branch Horse Trail**, this trail travels through the southwestern portion of the Ouachita National Forest. Trail difficulty ranges from easy to most difficult. The trail has nine river/stream crossings and travels over nine mountains. There are also numerous creek crossings.

## Surrounding Areas:

- **Albert Pike Recreation Area**, a well developed camping area, offers swimming, camping, and fishing opportunities.
- **Little Missouri Falls**, a forested picnic area, offers fishing and a trail to a waterfall overlook.
- **Bard Springs**, a 17-unit campground (no utilities) on a scenic stream.
- **Shady Lake Recreation Area**, another well-developed recreation area on a small scenic lake that offers swimming, camping and fishing opportunities.
- For more hiking experiences in the area try the **Caney Creek Trails**.

## For More Information:

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**Length:** 26.8 miles - 2 to 3 days travel time one way.

**History:** This trail was developed along a 100 year-old postal route and old wagon roads in partnership with the Forest Service, the Student Conservation Association, Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society and the Little Missouri Trails Council.

**Surface type:** Unsurfaced.

**Trail Markings:** White rectangles.

**Water:** Albert Pike Recreation Area. Treat all lake and stream water before drinking.

**Access:** There are 5 trailheads:

- Albert Pike Recreation Area off Highway 369
- Winding Stairs 2.1 miles west of Albert Pike on Forest Road 106
- Little Missouri Falls on Forest Road 25
- Upper Little Missouri Falls 4 miles west of Little Missouri Falls on Forest Road 25
- Middle Athens-Big Fork east of Bard Springs Recreation Area on Forest Road 106

**Safety:** Be careful when crossing rivers and creeks during periods of high water.

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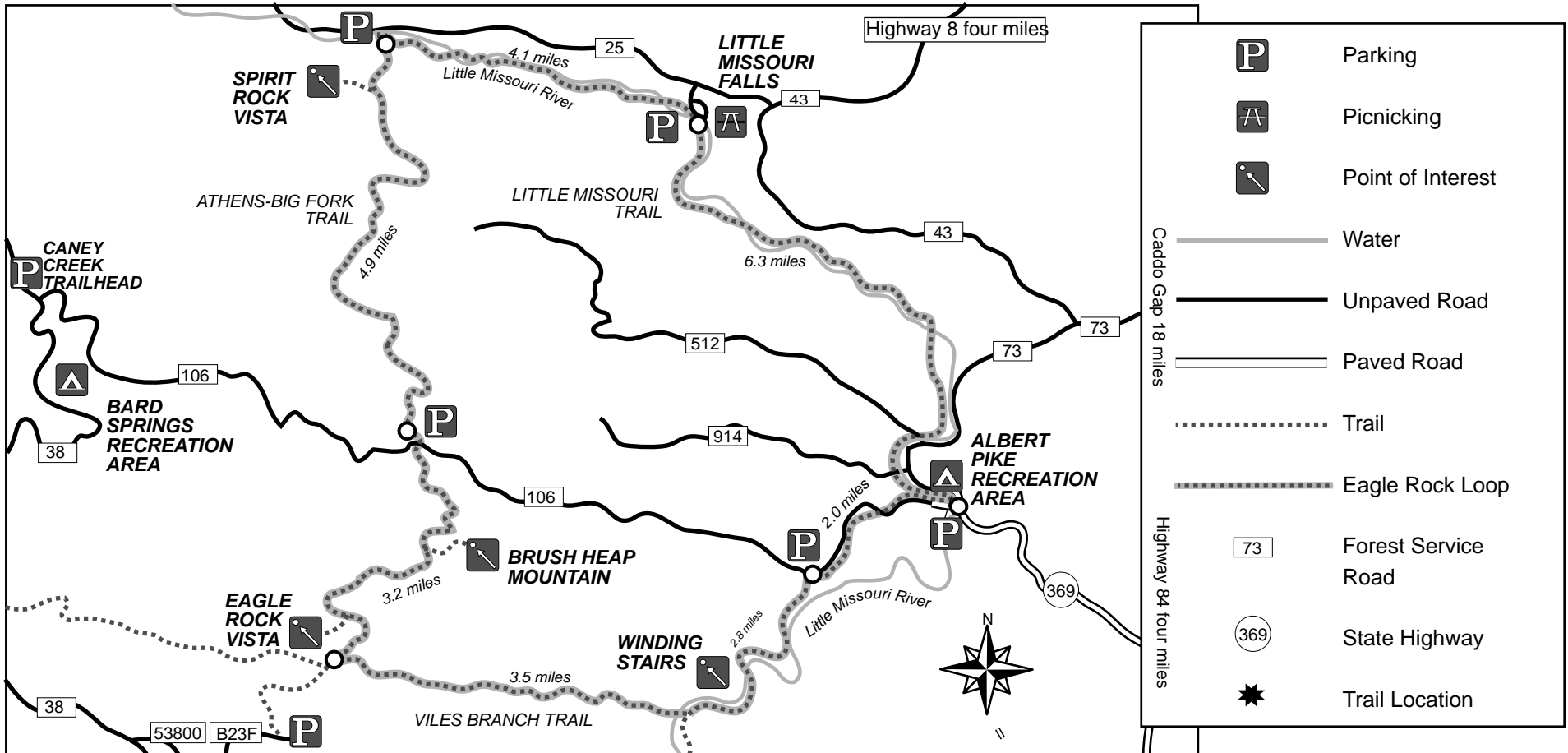
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USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle: Athens, Big Fork

