

Viles Branch Equestrian Trail

Ouachita National Forest



Hiking



Equestrian



Biking

Trail Highlights: View the designated Wild and Scenic Little Missouri River through the Winding Stairs area. This area is known for its unique geological formations and outstanding water features.

The most popular segment of the trail is from the Winding Stairs area to Shady Lake. Many hikers use a 4-mile section connecting the Little Missouri Trail to the Athens-Big Fork Trail.

This trail consists of a 19.4 mile-loop with a 3.3-mile section. Part of the route travels along Forest Roads 38 and 106. The remainder of the route travels an old road that is no longer open to motor vehicle traffic.

Surrounding Areas:

- **Albert Pike Recreation Area**, offers swimming and fishing opportunities.
- **Little Missouri Falls**, a forested picnic area, offers fishing and a trail to a waterfall overlook.
- For more hiking experiences in the area try the **Little Missouri** or the **Athens-Big Fork Trail**.

For More Information:

Womble Ranger District
1523 Hwy 270 E.
Mt. Ida, AR 71957
(870) 867-2101

Length: 26 miles.

Travel Time: 6 to 10 hours on horseback.
2 days hiking.

Access: From Langley, AR, take Highway 369 north 3 miles to Forest Road 2106. The trailhead has no equestrian facilities.

Surface Type: Gravel and dirt.

Water: Treat all lake and stream water before drinking.

Difficulty Level: Horseback - difficult;
Hiking - easy to most difficult.

Safety: Watch for motor vehicles on Forest Roads 38 and 106. Use caution when crossing river and streams during high water.

Trail Marking: Yellow rectangles.



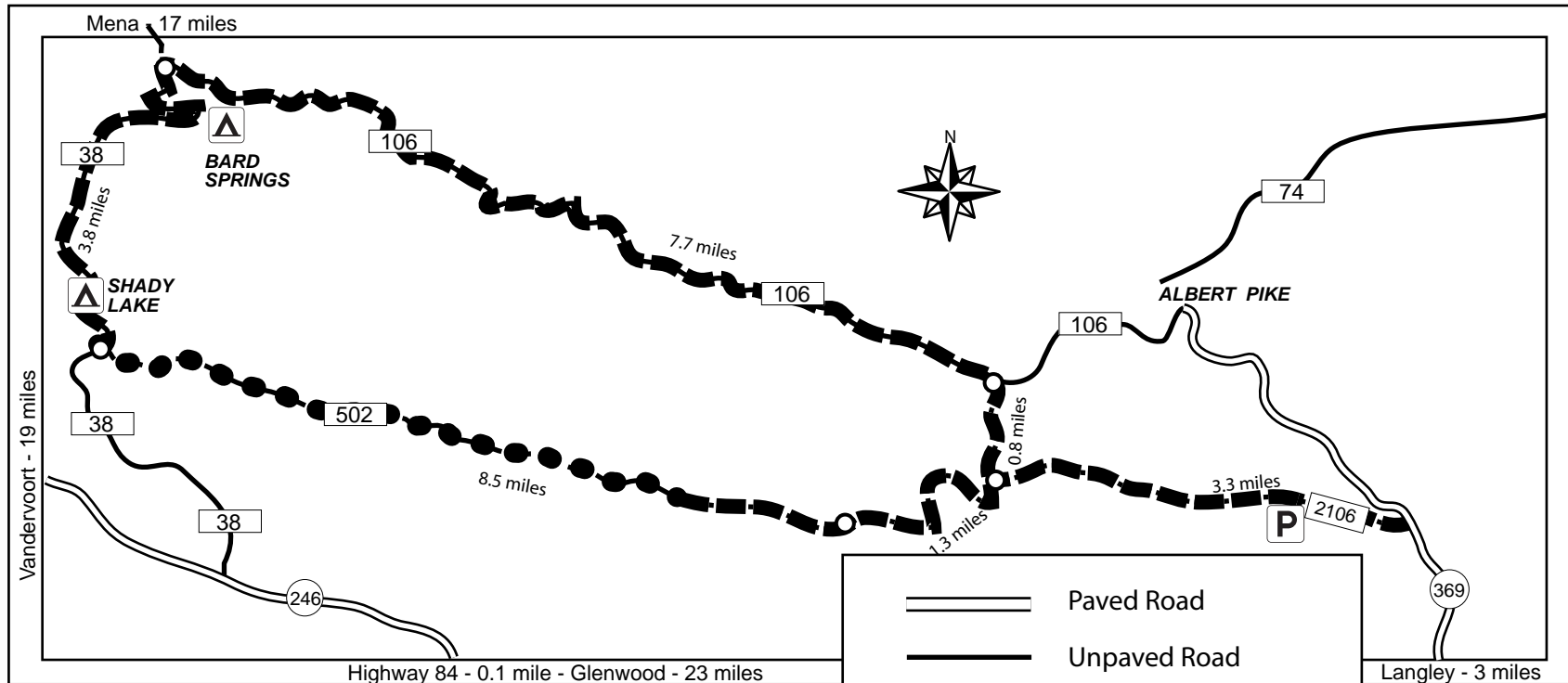
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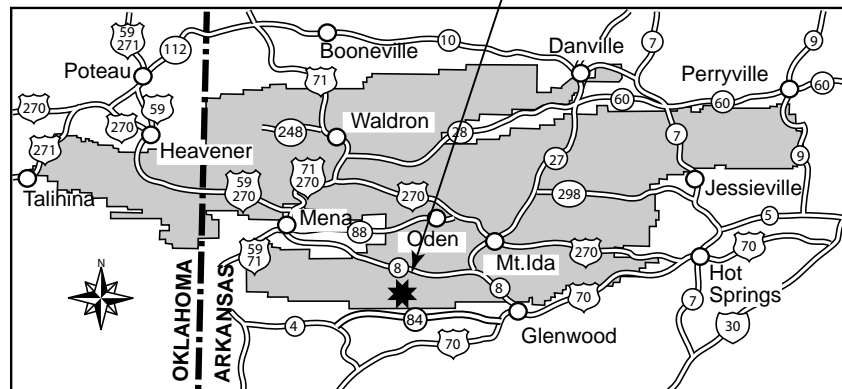
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USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangles: Athens, Umpire, Nichols Mountain, Big Fork

Trail Location



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| | Paved Road |
| | Unpaved Road |
| | Rough Road |
| | Trail |
| | Viles Branch Trail |
| | State Highway |
| | Forest Road |
| | Recreation Area |
| | Trailhead Parking |