



# Rim Rock Trail



A wonderfully scenic trail, Rim Rock National Recreation Trail leads around the rim of a rock escarpment, hence its name. Rim Rock has a long history of drawing people to its forested bluffs for hiking and picnicking. In 1980, it was designated a national recreation trail because of its exceptional scenic beauty and historic values. To early settlers, this unique formation was known as “the Pounds,” an old English term meaning “some sort of enclosure.” This is how the valley lying to the east got its name: Pounds Hollow.

## Trail Highlights

Rim Rock is known for its spectacular show of spring woodland flowers along its upper and lower trails. The upper trail is paved and less strenuous for hikers. The lower trail has a dirt surface and leads along the base of the bluffs before looping back to the parking lot. Along the lower trail, you will find impressive sandstone rock formations, massive bottomland hardwood trees and Ox-lot Cave, a massive rock overhang where 19<sup>th</sup> century loggers kept oxen and horses

The upper trail features interpretive signs explaining the past uses of the area and the natural and cultural characteristics found today. The trail leads past remnants of a stone wall built by prehistoric Native Americans, a CCC plantation and an observation platform. Here you have the option of descending the stairs to the valley and Ox-lot Cave.

**Length:** Rim Rock Trail = 0.8 miles  
Lower Trail section = 0.7 miles  
Lake Trail section = 0.6 miles

**Travel Time:** Rim Rock Trail - 45 minutes

**Trail Difficulty:** Easy to Moderate

**Trail Surface:** Rim Rock Trail – Flagstone  
Lower trails – dirt/natural surface

**Open:** Daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Overnight parking is not allowed.

**Facilities:** Accessible picnic area and vault toilets, interpretive signs and connecting trails to Pounds Hollow Recreation Area.

### Directions:

**From Harrisburg:** Take Highway 34/145 south 6 miles, then continue on Highway 34 south for 9 miles. Then turn east onto Karbers Ridge Road and go 8.3 miles, then turn left into the Rim Rock parking lot and trailhead.

**From Evansville, Indiana:** Take Highway 62 west & continue on IL. State Route 141 to Highway 1. Go south on Highway 1 about 24 miles to Pounds Hollow Road, then west on Pounds Hollow Road 3 miles and turn right into the Rim Rock parking lot and trailhead.

**Safety:** Extra caution should be used near the bluffs and when traveling on wet, slippery rocks. Beware of poison ivy and venomous snakes. Use caution when using the wooden staircase and stone steps leading to the canyon floor and Ox-lot Cave. Be aware that in the winter, large icicles form along the bluff walls.

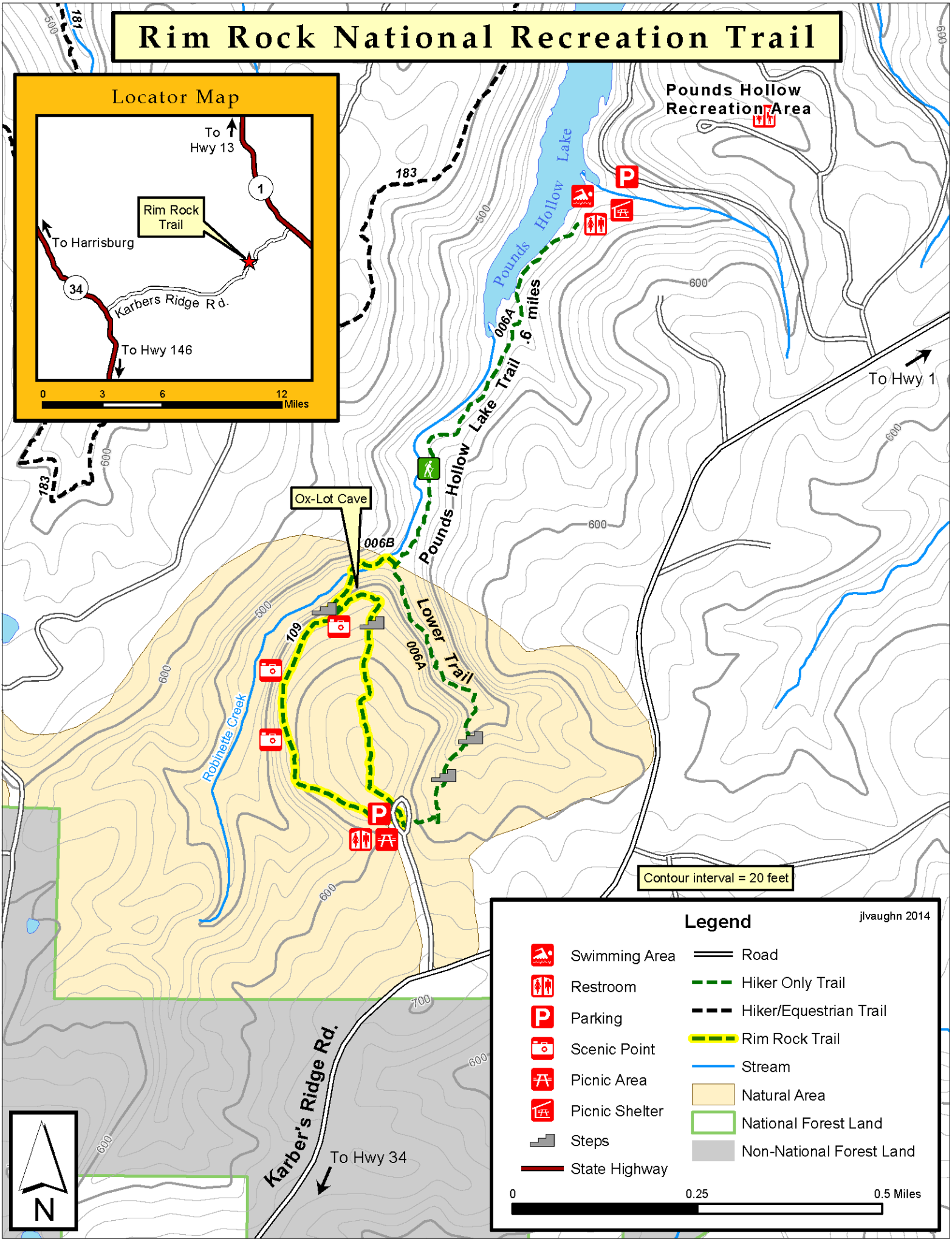
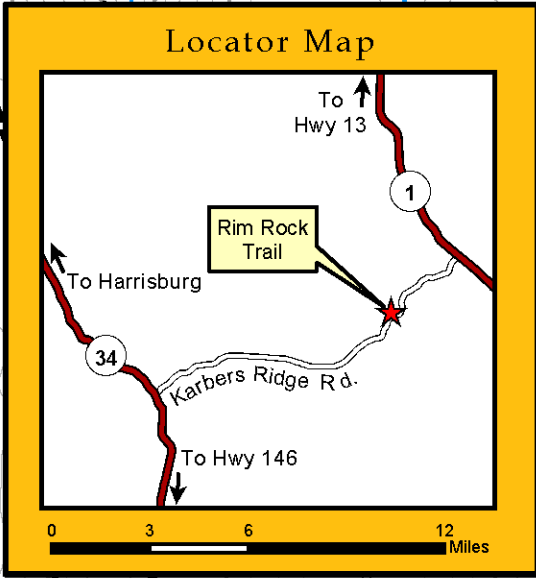
**In the event of an emergency, call 911.**

**Trail Ethics:** Stay on the designated trail.  
**Rappelling and rock climbing are prohibited.**  
Pets must be leashed.



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## Locator Map



Pounds Hollow Recreation Area

Ox-Lot Cave

Pounds Hollow Lake Trail .6 miles

Lower Trail

Robinette Creek

Karber's Ridge Rd.

Contour interval = 20 feet

### Legend

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- Swimming Area
- Restroom
- Parking
- Scenic Point
- Picnic Area
- Picnic Shelter
- Steps
- State Highway
- Road
- Hiker Only Trail
- Hiker/Equestrian Trail
- Rim Rock Trail
- Stream
- Natural Area
- National Forest Land
- Non-National Forest Land

