

Shady Lake Trail

Ouachita National Forest



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Length: 3.2 miles one way

Travel time: 2 hours.

Directions: From State Hwy. 71 at Vandervoort take State Hwy. 246 east for 25 miles to Forest Service Road 38. Go north on Forest Service Road 38 for 3 miles to Shady Lake Recreation Area.

Trail Information: Unsurfaced; white rectangles mark the trail.

Water: Potable water at the campground during the recreation season. The campground is normally closed from December through February.

Difficulty Level: Easiest.

History: The Shady Lake Trail was constructed in the 1970s to provide hikers access to some of the highlights of Shady Lake. It was relocated in 1995 by the Student Conservation Association.

Trail Highlights: The Civilian Conservation Corps developed the Shady Lake Recreation Area in 1937. The Shady Lake Trail traverses Saline Creek and passes the historic Shady Lake Dam. It continues along the eastern edge of the campground. The trail is ideal for day hiking. Mountain bikers may also use the trail.

Other Opportunities:

- Caney Creek Wilderness
- A Valuable Forest Interpretive Trail
- Athens Big Fork Trail
- Shady Lake Recreation Area

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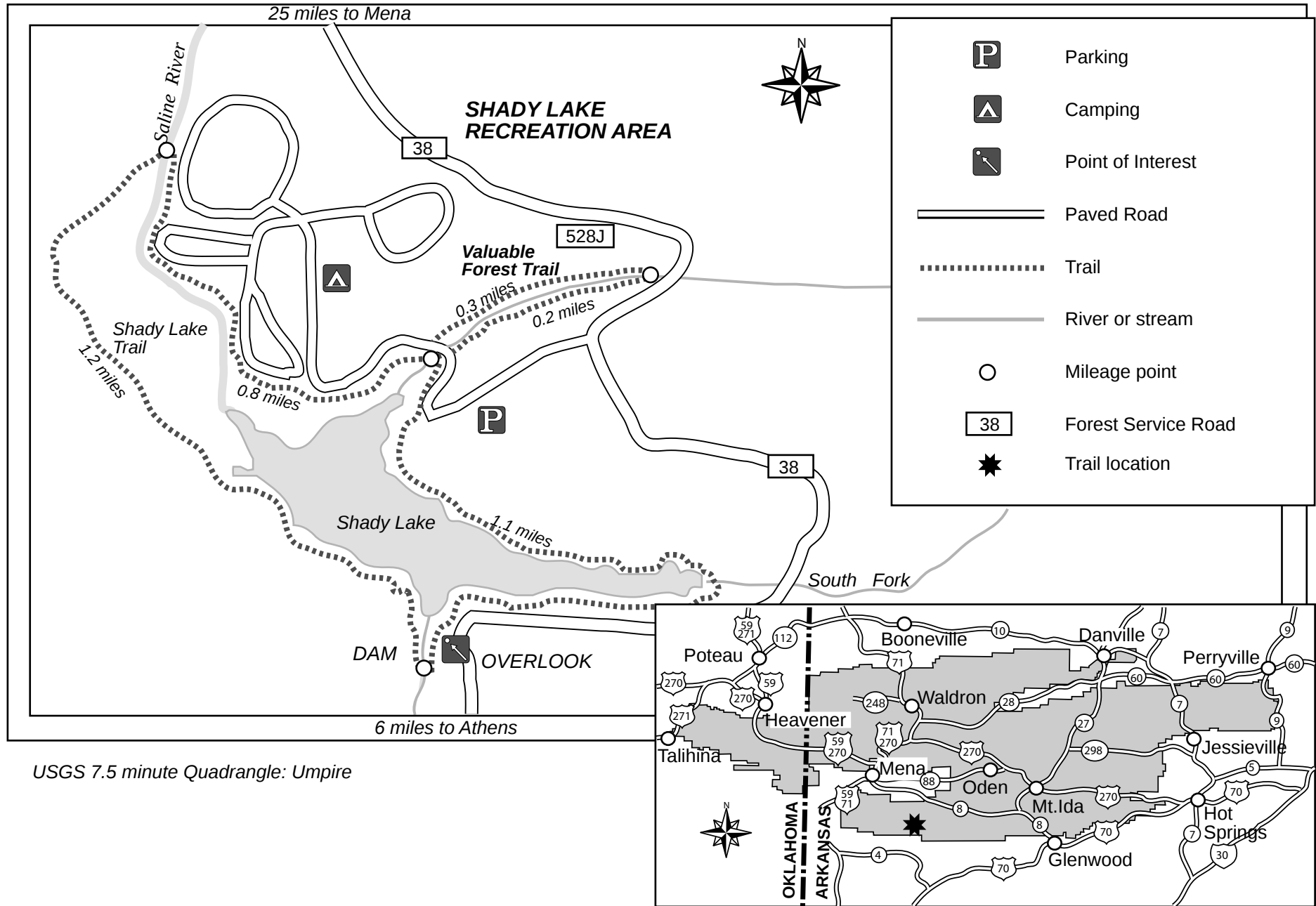
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USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle: Umpire