The Norfork Trail, a section of the Trans-Ozark Trail, lies on land managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. At present, over 13 of the 80+ miles of trail to be built around Norfork Lake are completed. The completed segments of the trail were designed to accommodate foot traffic only.

Trailheads are at the southern terminus, located at the Norfork Dam/ Quarry Recreation Area on Arkansas Highway 177; at George's Cove Recreation Area, off Arkansas Highway 342; and at Tracy Recreation Area, at the end of Arkansas Highway 341. The temporary northern terminus is located at County Road 1028. The trail can also be accessed where it crosses Lake Road in the Briarcliff community and at the end of County Road 282, in Sycamore Highlands.

Improved campsites and drinking water are available seasonally at Quarry and George's Cove. The trail is marked by blue rectangles painted on trees. At road crossings and access points, signs mark the places where the trail crosses or begins. There are numerous drainage and stream crossings along the trail, with some short stretches of steep grade. Overall, the trail is rated moderate in difficulty.

The trail takes hikers along the shoreline of Norfork Lake and through a variety of sites typical of the Ozark Plateau. This includes oak/hickory forests, along with shortleaf pine and numerous species of flowering trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. The trail passes through several cedar "balds", which are noted for the different plant and animal life found there.

Other Area Hiking Trails

Norfork Lake

Robinson Point Trail, 3 miles, moderate Trailhead in near Robinson Point Park Entrance Station

Cranfield Trail, 3/4 mile, easy Trailhead in Cranfield Park near 1st Picnic Shelter and Boat Ramp

Pigeon Creek Trail System, 10 miles, easy to moderate, hiking and biking trails Trailheads in Pigeon Creek Park on the east and west sides of Hwy 201N

Bull Shoals Lake

Dogwood Trail, 3 miles, moderate Trailhead near Lakeview Park Dump Station

Bull Shoals - White River State Park

Big Bluff Trail, 1 1/2 miles, easy Trailhead off of Powerhouse Road near Bull Shoals Dam

Lakeside Trail, 1 mile, easy
Trailhead in Picnic Area off of Arkansas
Hwy 178

Emergency Contact Information

Baxter Co Sherriff, 911
Ambulance

U.S. Army Corps of 870-425-2700 Engineers

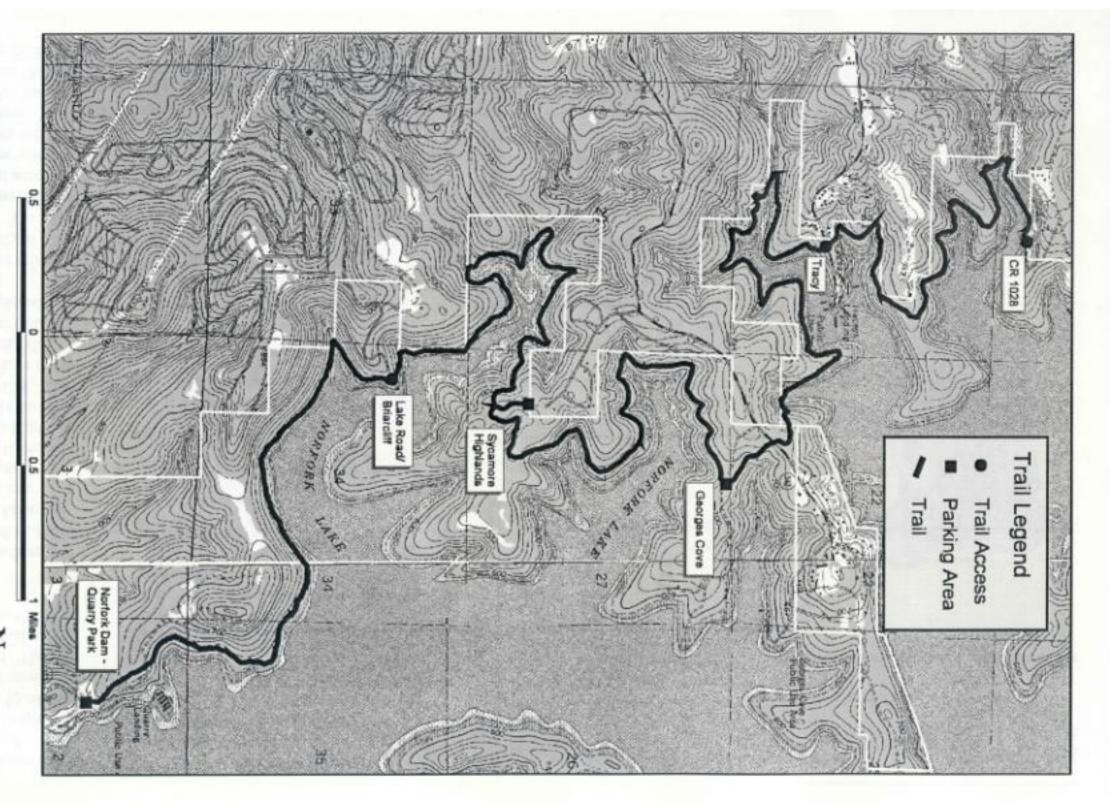
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To ensure your safety and the preservation of the Norfork Trail, please:

- * Carry sufficient quantities of drinking water. Treat all water to be used for drinking.
- * Camp only in designated areas.
- * Bury all human waste at least 200 feet from the trail and water. Pack out everything else you packed in.
- * Enjoy plants in their natural settings; do not collect plants.
- * Be considerate of others; respect the rights of private landowners and remember that solitude is also a resource to be protected.







Norfork Dam to Lake Road/Briarcliff 2.7
Briarcliff to Sycamore Highlands 2.5
Sycamore Highlands to Georges Cove 3.1
Georges Cove to Tracy 2.7
Tracy to CR 1028 2.2

Distances in Miles



Norfork Trail Map