

Fork Ridge Trail



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Hoosier National Forest

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Description

Length: 3.5 miles

Type: Hiking only.

Special Features: This trail has two sections:

The *north end* is the more scenic, with several overlooks which give panoramic views of the valley below. At the north end of the trail are some unusual pockmarked rocks known locally as Hominy Mortar. Legend held they were rocks used by Native Americans to grind corn, but experts discount this story and believe the pockmarks to be natural.

The *southern section* of the trail offers a quiet walk along a wooded ridgetop.

Etiquette and Rules

Horse, mountain bike, or motorized travel is not permitted on this trail.

Pack out your trash.

Safety

Use caution during hunting seasons. Blaze orange clothing is recommended (do not wear white) during deer season.

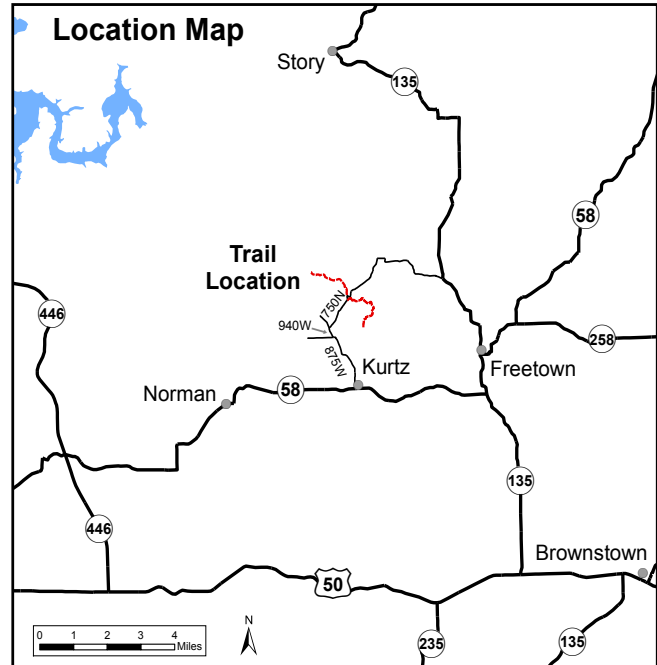
If a parking lot is not available where you wish to access, be sure your vehicle is well off the road. Many trails intersect roadways. If you choose to use a road as part of your trip, be mindful of traffic.

Ticks and chiggers are prevalent in southern Indiana. Take necessary precautions including avoiding tall grass and thick brushy areas.

Loose limbs and hazard trees can fall on the trail at anytime, especially on windy days.

Emergencies

- Nearest hospital is located in Seymour, IN.
- Nearest public phone: Spurgeon's Corner Grocery
- Jackson County Sheriff: 812-358-2141 or 911.
- Indiana Conservation Officers: 812-837-9536.



Facilities

A day use parking area is located in the center of the two trail sections (see map on reverse side).

Directions

From Kurtz: Turn right off Hwy 58 (if coming from the west), left (if coming from the east) onto Cleveland Road (875W). Go 1.7 miles. At "Y" in road continue right on 940W. Go 0.2 miles. Take a right on 750N. At 1.1 mile there is a small parking area on the left in front of a gate. The west part of the trail starts there. The east part of the trail starts across the road, slightly south of this location.

GPS Coordinates for Trailhead: 38°59'49.326"N, 86°12'26.082"W

For More Information

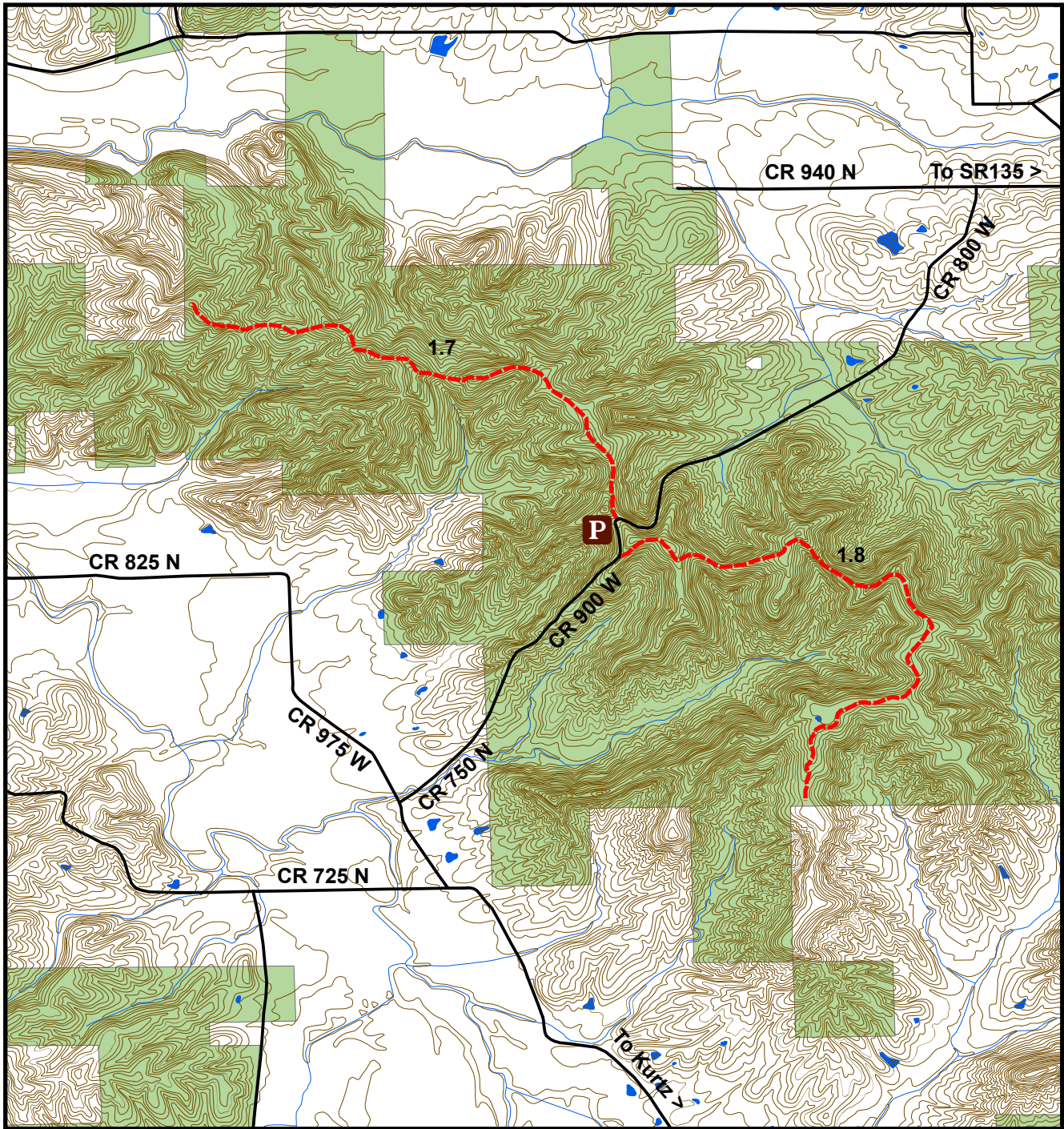
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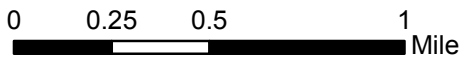
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


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- ◇ Dot or Diamond
-  Post with decals

Trails may be color coded to indicate use type:

- Blue - Hiking, Mountain Biking, and Horse Riding
- Yellow - Hiking and Mountain Biking Only
- White - Hiking Only



Legend

-  Trail
-  Water
-  Road
-  Forest Service
-  Stream
-  0.2 Miles Between Intersections
-  10' Contour
-  Parking