

# Lesser known trails of the Shawnee National Forest

Shawnee National Forest  
80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

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A photograph of a dirt road winding through a forest of tall pine trees. The ground is covered in fallen pine needles and leaves. The text "The Shawnee is Yours! Get out and explore it!" is overlaid in white.

The Shawnee is Yours! Get out  
and explore it!



# SAFETY: Leave with good memories, not bad injuries!



LESSER KNOWN TRAILS  
MEANS LESSER KNOWN  
AWARENESS OF  
HAZARDS AND DANGERS!



AREAS MAY NOT HAVE  
PHONE SIGNAL, CALLING  
FOR HELP COULD BE A  
CHALLENGE.



ALWAYS WATCH YOUR  
STEP - SNAKES, FALL  
HAZARDS AND EVEN OLD  
WELLS.



TELL SOMEONE EXACTLY  
WHERE YOU WILL BE.



TRY NOT TO HIKE  
ALONE AND BRING  
GEAR!



# Always Put Safety First!

A scenic view of a waterfall cascading over a rocky ledge in a forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls, creating a misty spray at the base. The surrounding area is covered in fallen brown leaves, and the trees have some autumn-colored foliage. The scene is framed by bare tree branches in the foreground.

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# LEAVE NO TRACE: Pack it in, pack it out!

## Don't litter

Don't litter - leave areas better than you found them.

## Take

Take a trash bag and pick up litter, be a forest hero!

## Don't move

Don't move rocks or natural elements that wildlife depends on.

## Report

Report suspicious behavior to the US Forest Service Law Enforcement!



# Keep Natural Areas Litter Free and All Natural!





# HIKING ETIQUETTE: Be a good Shawnee Trail Steward!



Stay on the trail at all times!



Don't disturb wildlife or plants/flowers!



No more than 10 in a group when in a wilderness area!



Yield to equestrians, share the trail!



No digging or collecting!

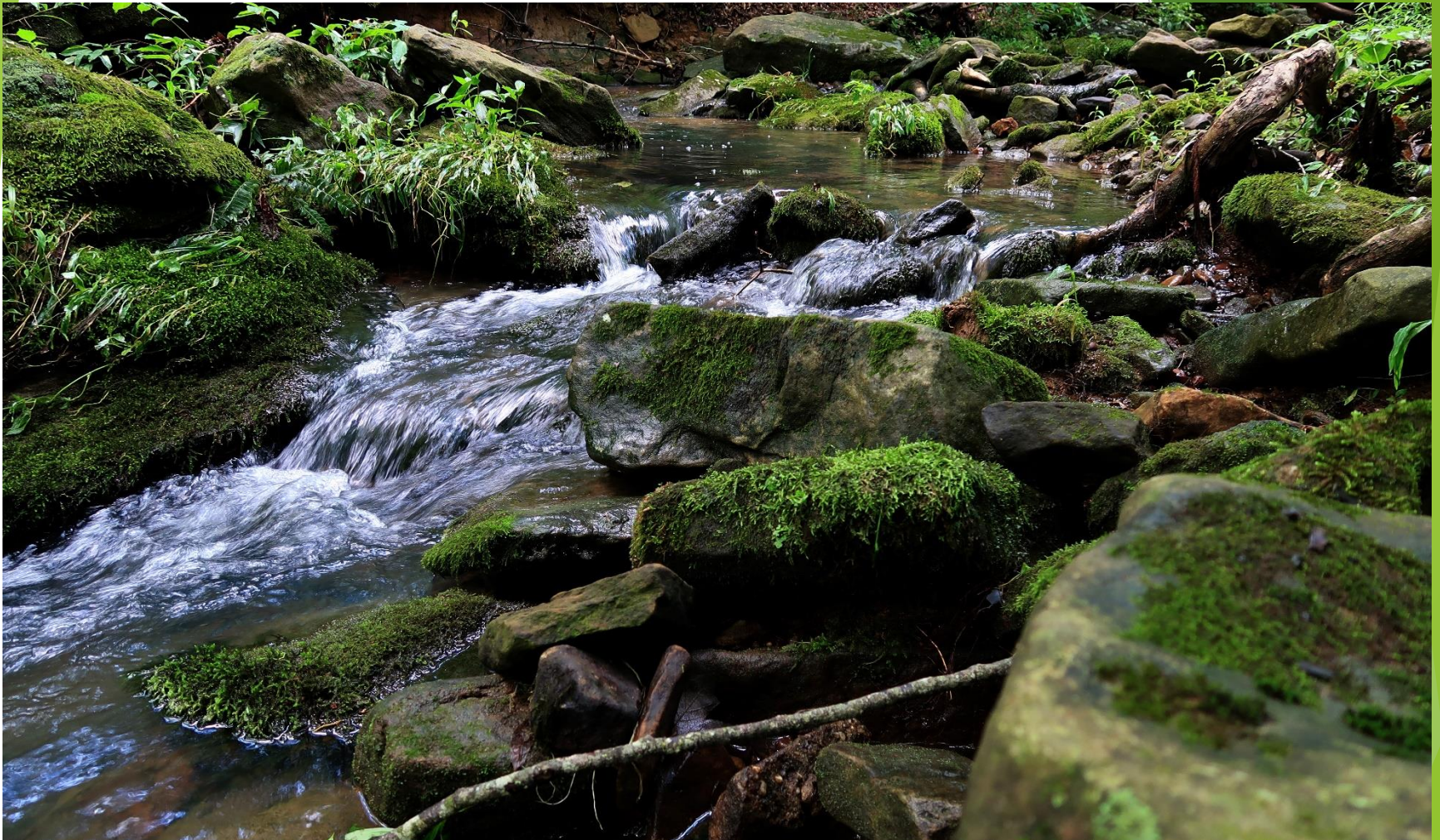


No fires or camping in prohibited areas!



**Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!**





# Trail 030



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Loop (6-8 miles) rugged with creek crossings, rolling hills and muddy conditions when wet. Horse trail.



Bluffage, scenic Bay Creek and wilderness-like forest.



Other nearby areas include Sand Cave and Millstone Lake



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# Trail 030





## Crow Knob



# Crow Knob



Out and back (4-5 miles) rugged with creek, hills, muddy - horse trails.



Bluffage, scenic overlook, forest



Underground Railroad history



Nearby areas are Millers Grove and Jackson Hole EA



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## Crow Knob





## Caney Branch



# Caney Branch



Out and back (4-6 miles) rugged, Horse trail



Bluffage with barrens, waterfalls, old signs of life before the forest, Durfee Cemetery and Burden Falls Wilderness



Nearby areas Burden Falls and Bell Smith Springs



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## Caney Branch





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## High Knob Hiker Trail



# High Knob Hiker Only Trail



Loop (1-2 miles) good for family, no horses allowed



Bluffage, rock formations, forest and scenic overlooks



Recently maintained by Forest Service



Nearby Garden of the Gods and Rim Rock



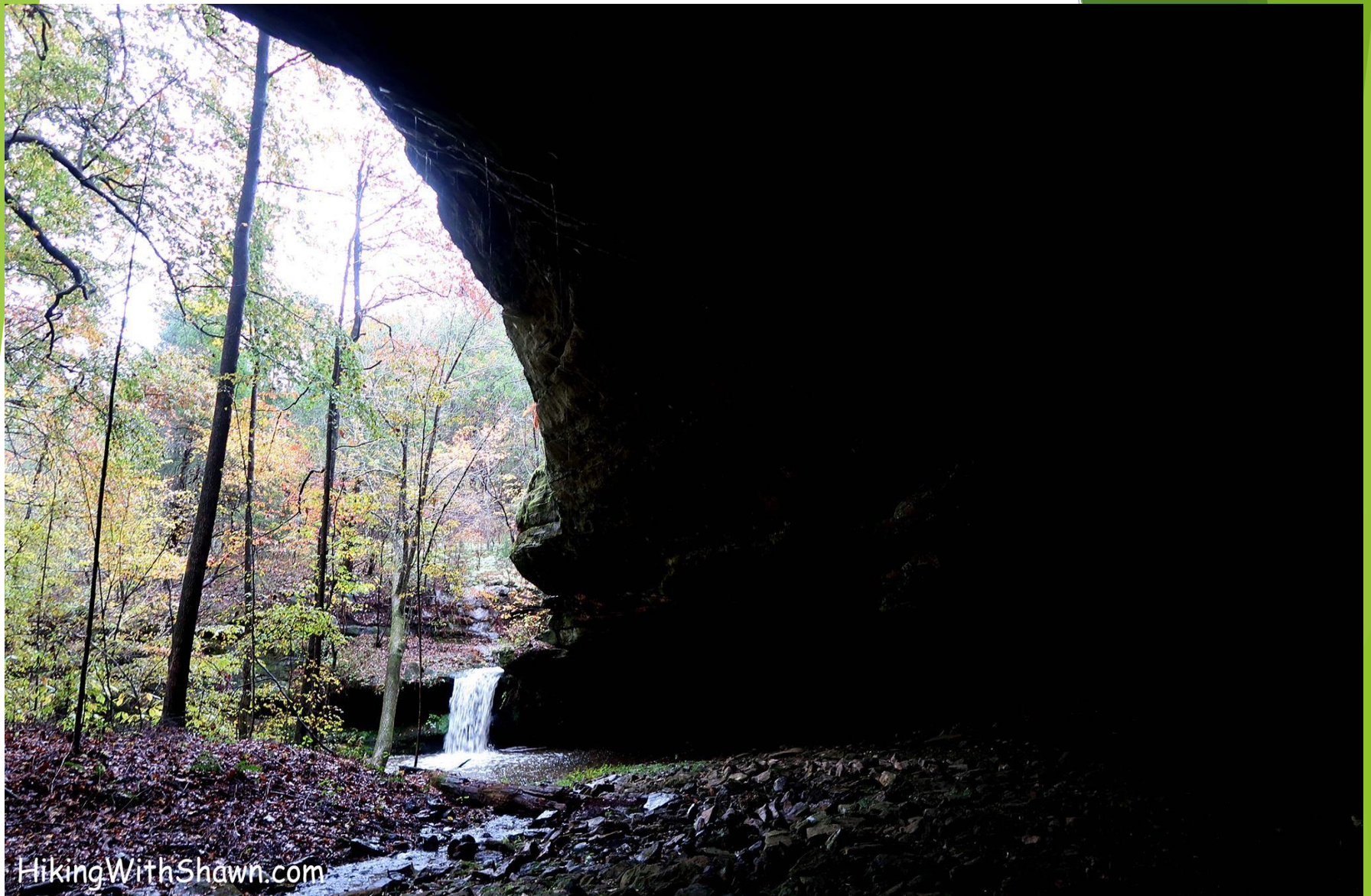
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## High Knob Hiker Trail





## Bulge Hole

# Bulge Hole EA



Out and back (4-6 miles) rugged, no horses



Bluffage, shelters, waterfalls and scenic creeks



Nearby area Tunnel Hill State Trail and Heron Pond



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## Bulge Hole





## Dutchman Lake



# Dutchman Lake



Loop (4-6 miles) rugged, horses present



Bluffage, waterfalls, lake views and rock formations



Nearby area include Schwegman EA and Odum Tract EA



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## Dutchman Lake





## Max Creek



# Max Creek



Loop (4-5 miles) ruggedness, horses present



Legends and lore about Max Creek Vortex



Bluffage, natural shelters, waterfalls, creeks and maybe mysterious events



Nearby Jackson Falls and Trigg Tower



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## Max Creek





## Cedar Wonders



# Cedar Wonders



Out and back (4-6 miles) rugged with horses present



Bluffage, waterfalls, natural arch and old settlement



Nearby areas include Camp Ondessonk and Dixon Springs State Park



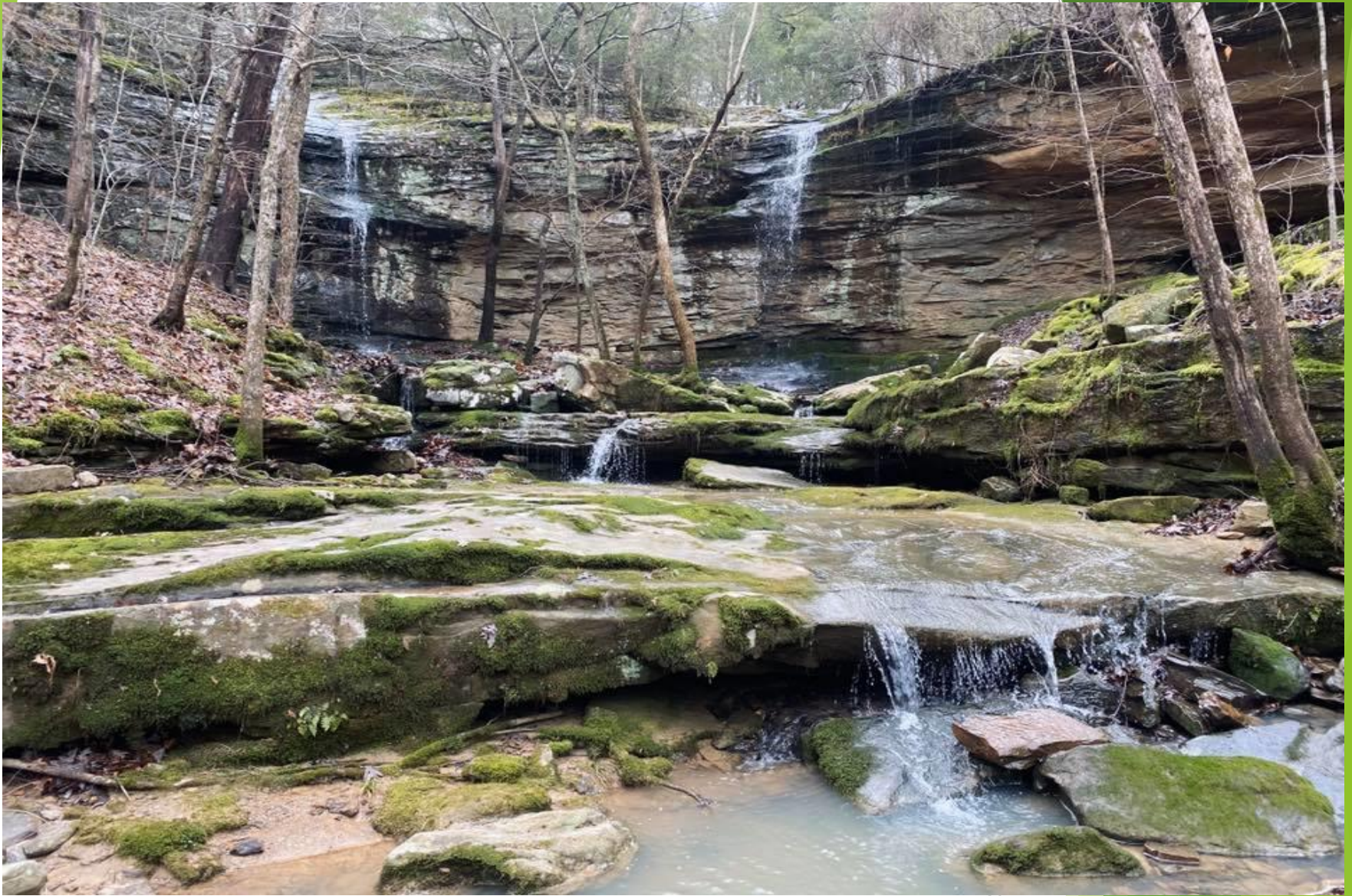
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## Cedar Wonders





## Double Falls



# Double Falls



Out and back (2-3 miles) rugged, no trails



Waterfalls, creeks and bluffage line



Nearby to Panther Den Wilderness and Giant City State Park



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## Double Falls





## Lost Canyon



# Lost Canyon



Out and back (2-4 miles) rugged, no horses



Old trail and road no longer maintained



Area is subject to Big Muddy River flooding



Nearby areas include Little Grand Canyon and Pomona Natural Bridge



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## Lost Canyon





## Hutchins Creek



# Hutchins Creek

Out and back (6 miles) rugged,  
horses present

Wild and scenic river candidate, very  
scenic creek

Areas nearby include Snake Road and  
Bald Knob Cross

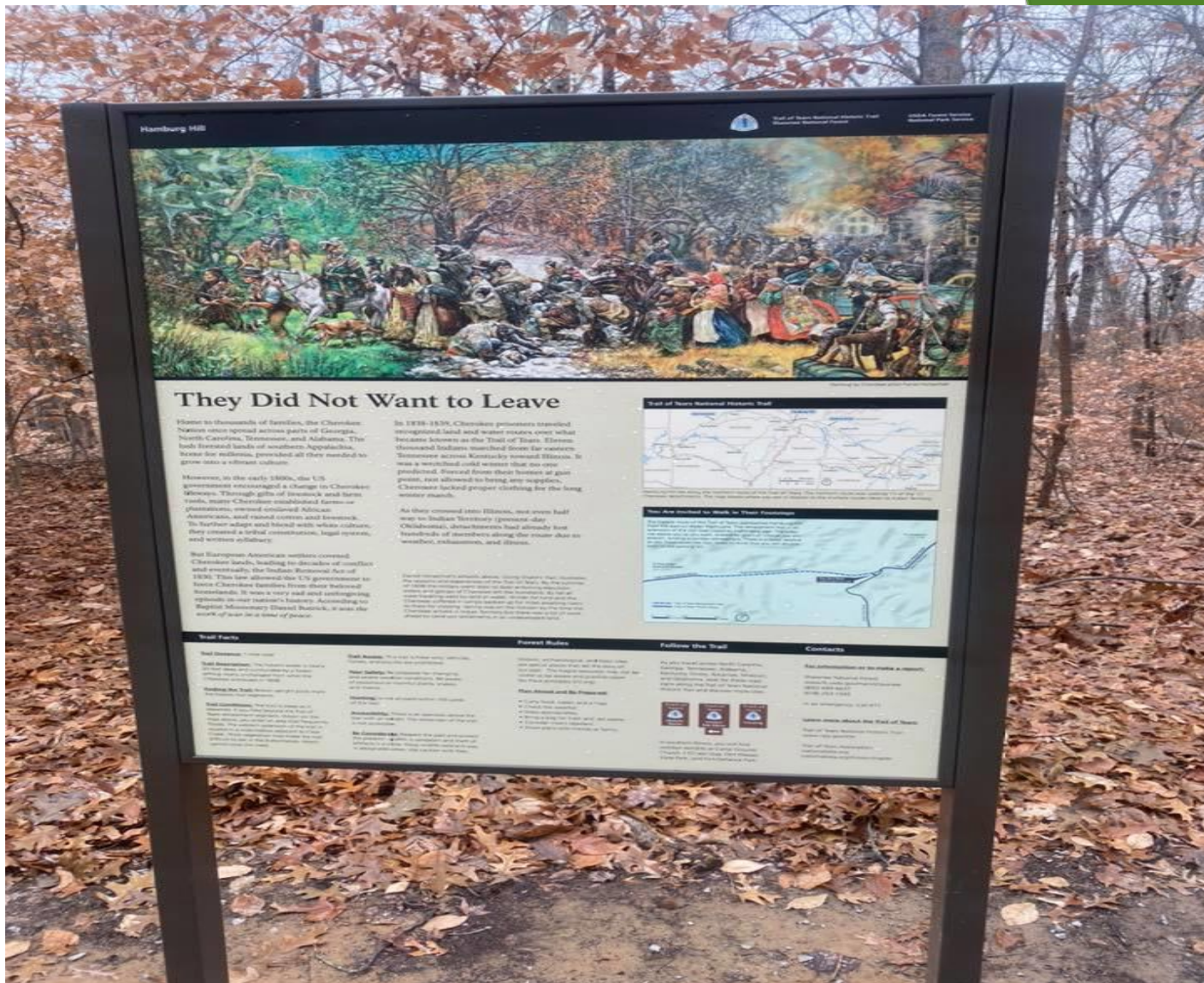
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## Hutchins Creek





## Hamburg Hill



# Hamburg Hill



Out and back (1-8 miles) very rugged and hilly terrain, big trees, creeks



Recently maintained trailhead, old growth forest, Trail of Tears route and bluffage/creeks



Nearby areas Trail of Tears State Park and Horseshoe Lake



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## Hamburg Hill



# Shawnee Forest Maps

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[RiverToRiverTrail.net](https://RiverToRiverTrail.net)

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# Special Thanks...



Forest Service for keeping up with the forest



SIU for assisting with the anniversary



Friends of the Shawnee, IL DNR, R2R Society and Shawnee Trail Conservancy for supporting the forest



Joe Littleton for coming up with all these names of stuff to see



And you, who enjoys the forest!



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Pounds Hollow Arch - Karbers Ridge, Illinois

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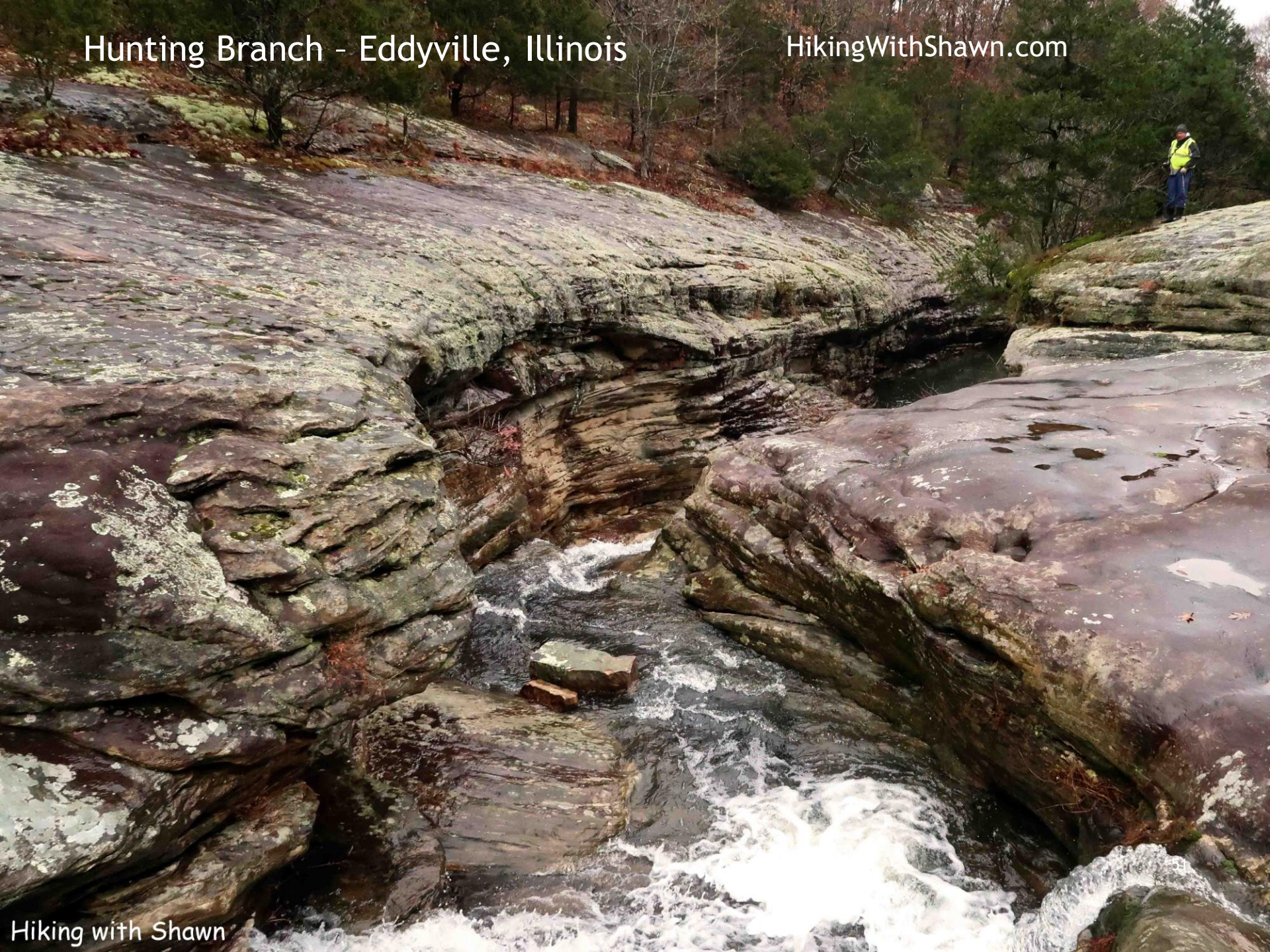
Tunnel Hill Arch - Tunnel Hill, Illinois





Hunting Branch - Eddyville, Illinois

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Rice Hollow - High Knob, Illinois

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Eagle Mountain - Equality, Illinois

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# Questions & Answers



- What would you like to know?