Poison Springs State Forest Guidelines for Use

Valid: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

By signing and dating below, you agree to have read, understood, and will follow all Poison Springs State Forest (PSSF) Guidelines for Use.

Name (Print): _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____

State Forest Emergencies

To report an emergency at Poison Springs State Forest (PSSF), call the Forestry Dispatch Center at **(800) 468-8834.**



PSSF is located in portions of Ouachita and Nevada counties. Established in 1931, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division's mission is to protect Arkansas's forests, and those who enjoy them, from wildland fire and natural hazards while promoting rural and urban forest health, stewardship, development, and conservation for all generations of Arkansans.

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture offers its programs to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Questions?

We're here to help!

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Poison Springs State Forest (PSSF) includes 24,090 acres in western Ouachita and eastern Nevada counties. Purchased by the Arkansas Forestry Commission (AFC) in 1957, PSSF got its name from a nearby spring of the same name, and is a historic Civil War battle site.

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture (Department) manages PSSF for multiple uses, including demonstration of good forest management practices, timber production, recreation, water quality protection, research, and wildlife habitat.

PSSF includes 100 primitive campsites, White Oak Lake, an equestrian trail, and firing range.

- White Oak Lake is a 2,845 acre man-made lake that adjoins PSSF.
- The equestrian trail is open from June 1 to September 30 and February 1 to March 31 each year.
- The firing range is open all year.

Be advised of the following guidelines while hunting, fishing, visiting, or enjoying any type of recreation at PSSF:

ATVs/UTVs

- The use of all-terrain (ATV) and utility-terrain vehicles (UTV) is allowed all year.
- Individuals may use ATVs/UTVs only on gravel roads, logging roads, or trails, unless the roads or trails are closed by use of a sign. New trails may not be created with ATVs/UTVs.
- ATVs/UTVs are not allowed on boundary lines that have been cleared by the Department.



Hunting

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- No hunting is allowed from gravel roads. Hunters must be 100 feet from the centerline of a gravel road to hunt. Individuals may hunt from unimproved logging roads or trails.
- Horses and mules are allowed for legal hunting activities at night during furbearer season.
- Hunters with an Arkansas Game & Fish Commission (AGFC) mobility impaired permit may ride ATVs/UTVs on PSSF property boundary lines only to: 1) Assist in reaching hunting locations; and/or 2) Carry a deer stand or retrieve downed game for haul out. Mobility impaired permits can be acquired through the AGFC.
- Hunters may use ATVs/UTVs off established roads and trails to retrieve their downed game for haul out. Only one ATV is authorized to leave the road or trail to retrieve downed game. The shortest practical route to the game must be taken. Hunters MAY NOT use ATVs/UTVs to scout areas or to look for game. ATVs/UTVs must remain on roads or trails to carry in and remove deer stands.

Equestrian Trails

- Recreational equestrian travel is restricted to existing trails and roads. The equestrian trail is open from June 1 to September 30 and February 1 to March 31 each year.



Camping

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- Campsites must be occupied within 24 hours of the date on the camping permit.
- Campsites must be clean of all trash and debris before departure.
- Campfires must be kept under control.
- All individuals are required to have a permit from the Department to camp on PSSF.

PSSF will be closed to camping from July 1-15, 2026 and March 22-28, 2027.

General

- No tree may be severed, damaged, or destroyed.
- Violation of the following general restrictions may result in revocation of the PSSF camping permit:
  - Excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages.
  - Use of illegal drugs.
  - Public endangerment with a firearm.
- All permit holders are subject to all applicable state and federal game and firearm laws and regulations.
- Posting on PSSF property is prohibited.
- This signed Guidelines for Use notice must be carried by each individual on PSSF property.