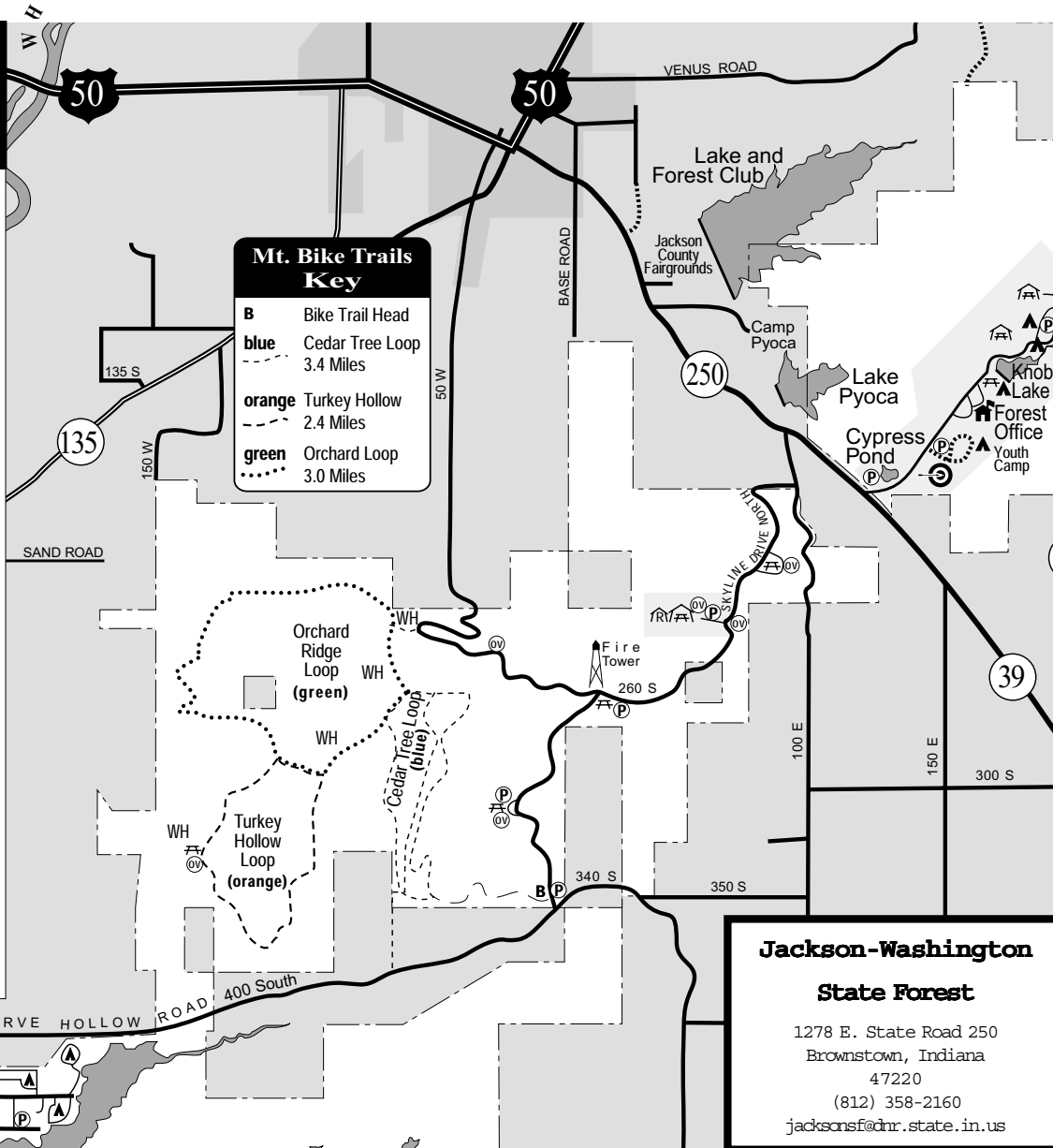


Welcome to Jackson - Washington State Forest

Jackson-Washington State Forest encompasses more than 17,000 acres in Jackson and Washington counties in the heart of southern Indiana. This part of the state contains unique topography known as the "knobs" region, and has scenic views from Skyline Drive and some breathtaking hiking trails. The main forest area, including the forest office and campgrounds, is located 2.5 miles southeast of Brownstown on State Road 250. The majority of the land that now makes up the state forest was purchased by the State of Indiana in the 1930s and 1950s. The Heritage Trust program, using funds from the sale of environmental license plates, has made possible the acquisition of additional state forest land.

State Management Policy

State forests are managed under a policy of multiple use in order to obtain benefits of recreation, forest products, watershed protection, wildlife habitat, and aesthetics. The growth and harvest of timber is planned to be compatible with ecosystem management, and to retain the watershed protection that forests naturally provide.



Jackson-Washington & Starve Hollow Mt. Bike Trails

Welcome to the mountain bike trails on Jackson-Washington State Forest and Starve Hollow S.R.A. The trails are located within two miles of each other and have easy access from parking areas. Starve Hollow's trail begins at the east side of the "B" campground and makes a loop behind the lake. The rider has the choice of going south to County Road 275 W or back to the campground. Follow the bike symbols on your right as you leave the camping area, at half way the posts will be on your left with the campground symbols indicating you are heading back to the campground. The trail is 3.65 miles long. Mountain bike trails are shared with hikers.

Load up your bike and head east on Starve Hollow Road to get to the other bike trail on Jackson-Washington. You will travel approximately three miles on the county road to get to the trail head. Look for the wood sign pointing towards Skyline Drive on the left side of the road. The parking lot is just off of the county road. You will be sharing the trail with horse riders and others. Please be courteous to the other trail users. The trail is broken down into three colored loops. Again, bike decals on the right indicate that you are leaving the parking area. The letter P for parking lot will be on a brown post to your left when you reach the halfway point of a loop and indicate that you are heading back to the parking lot. The three colored loops are blue, green, and orange. The total distance for the loops is 8.5 miles. These trail loops are difficult and will take many hours to complete.

PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES

Wearing helmets and safety equipment is highly recommended.

Stay on designated bike trails only.

Only non-motorized bicycles are permitted.

These are shared trails. Ride carefully!
(Bike riders should yield right of way to others)

Please try to avoid skidding on downslopes and wheel spinning on upslopes.

Avoid riding trails after saturating rains or snowmelt.

Overnight camping along bike trails is not permitted.

Maximum speed is 15 M.P.H.

We recommend wearing orange during hunting season.

In case of emergency contact the
Sheriff's Department at 911

Enjoy your ride!