

Buffalo National River

Mill Creek

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Attractions:

The Mill Creek trail begins at the Pruitt launch, and winds along the banks of the creek creating a nice easy hike for all visitors. The trail leaves the parking area and passes through an old field that has been reverted back to a hardwood forest. These fields were once planted with corn, potatoes, and pumpkins. The farmer used the garden for his family and also would take the corn by mule drawn wagons to the gristmill that once stood upstream of where you stand. The trail continues along the creek until it emerges on the county gravel road. Turn right and cross the low water bridge then turn right again on the continuation of the trail. Continue on your hike till you reach a 1930s cabin that has a 1870s history. Once reached you will be standing on what was once the Shaddox homestead. Continuing on, the trail passes in front of the cabin. The trail will lead to a fork in the trail: take the left fork till you reach the cemetery spur. Turn left on the spur and follow it the short distance to the Shaddox Cemetery. There you will see headstones that date back to the 1860s. If you explore the cemetery please do so with respect. Sion and his wife Rebecca are buried here along with his parents and other family members. Be sure and lock the gate behind you as you leave the cemetery.

Return to the main trail by way of the cemetery spur trail. Take the left fork to continue the hike.

Stay on the trail until you pass by the cabin once again and you reach the county gravel road. Turn left onto the gravel road and after walking across the low water bridge turn left onto the main trail which will take you back to the trailhead and the 21st century.

Trail Distance:

Mill Creek Loop (1.4 miles)

Location:

Take Hwy. 7 out of Harrison and travel approximately 15 miles to the Pruitt Access parking area located on the left side of Hwy. 7.

Information Contact:

Tyler Bend Visitor Center
(870) 439-2502

Emergency Contact:

MROCC Emergency Dispatch
1-888-692-1162

Trailhead Coordinates:

Lat/Long:

- Lat: 36.0640160
- Long: -93.3602305

Degrees Minutes Seconds:

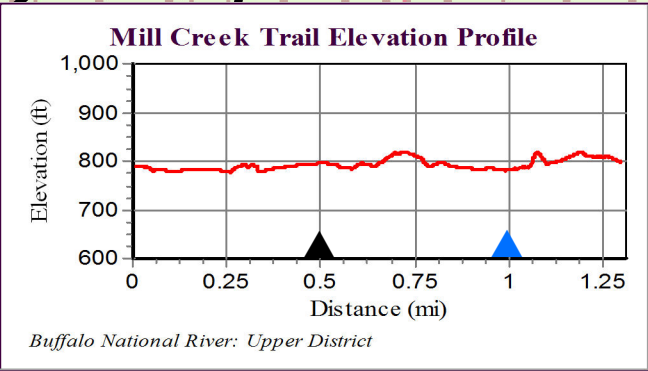
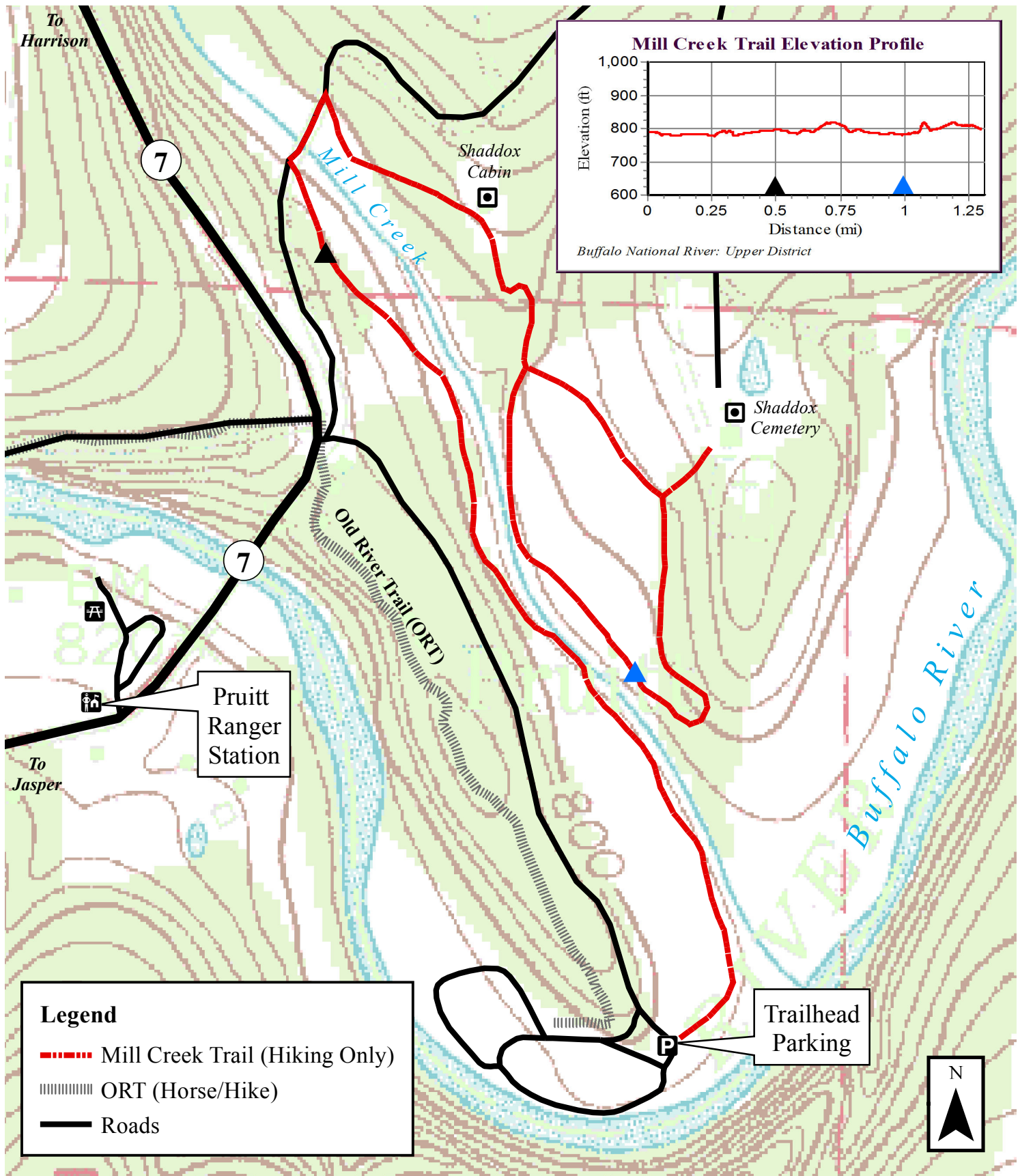
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- Long: 93 21' 36.831

Helpful Information: Pets are permitted on the Mill Creek Trail. Cell Phone service is very spotty within the Buffalo River; visitors should not depend on cell service in case of emergency.

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