

# Buffalo National River

Cecil Cove

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## Attractions:

The Cecil Cove Trail begins near the historic Erbie Church, and begins a gentle descent down an old wagon road. The trail winds through the wooded valley following Cecil Creek creating a nice moderate hike for visitors. The trail crosses the Cecil Creek 5 times along this first section of trail, so the creek may not be passable during rainy season due to high water. The trail continues at a nice moderate pace for the first 2.0 miles.

The Cecil Cove Trail then begins a steep ascent up the mountain, climbing more than 500 ft. The trail passes old home sites, historic cemeteries, and provides beautiful scenic views during leaf off. The upper section of the trail is known to be fairly muddy throughout much of the year, especially during rainy season. The trail travels approximately 3.0 miles and intersects with the Old Compton-Erbie road (The road is extremely rough, vehicle use is not recommended). The last section of the trail follows the Old Compton-Erbie road down the mountain approximately 2.0 miles, ending at the trailhead where you began.

**Helpful Information:** Pets are not permitted on the Cecil Cove Trail. Compton-Erbie road is not passable for normal vehicle traffic. Cell Phone service is very spotty within the Buffalo River; visitors should not depend on cell service in case of emergency.

## Trail Distance:

Cecil Cove Loop (7.0 miles)

## Facilities:

- Vault Toilet
- Picnic Table

## Directions:

Take Hwy. 7 south out of Harrison and travel 17 miles. Turn right onto the Erbie road (Signs Posted) and travel 7 miles down the dirt road to the trail head. The dirt road is fairly rough 4 wheel drive recommended. The low water crossing past the Erbie Campground may not be passable due to high water.

## Information Contact:

Tyler Bend Visitor Center  
(870) 439-2502

## Emergency Contact:

MROCC Emergency Dispatch  
1-888-692-1162

## Trailhead Coordinates:

*Lat/Long:*

- Lat: 36.0836063
- Long: -93.2335493

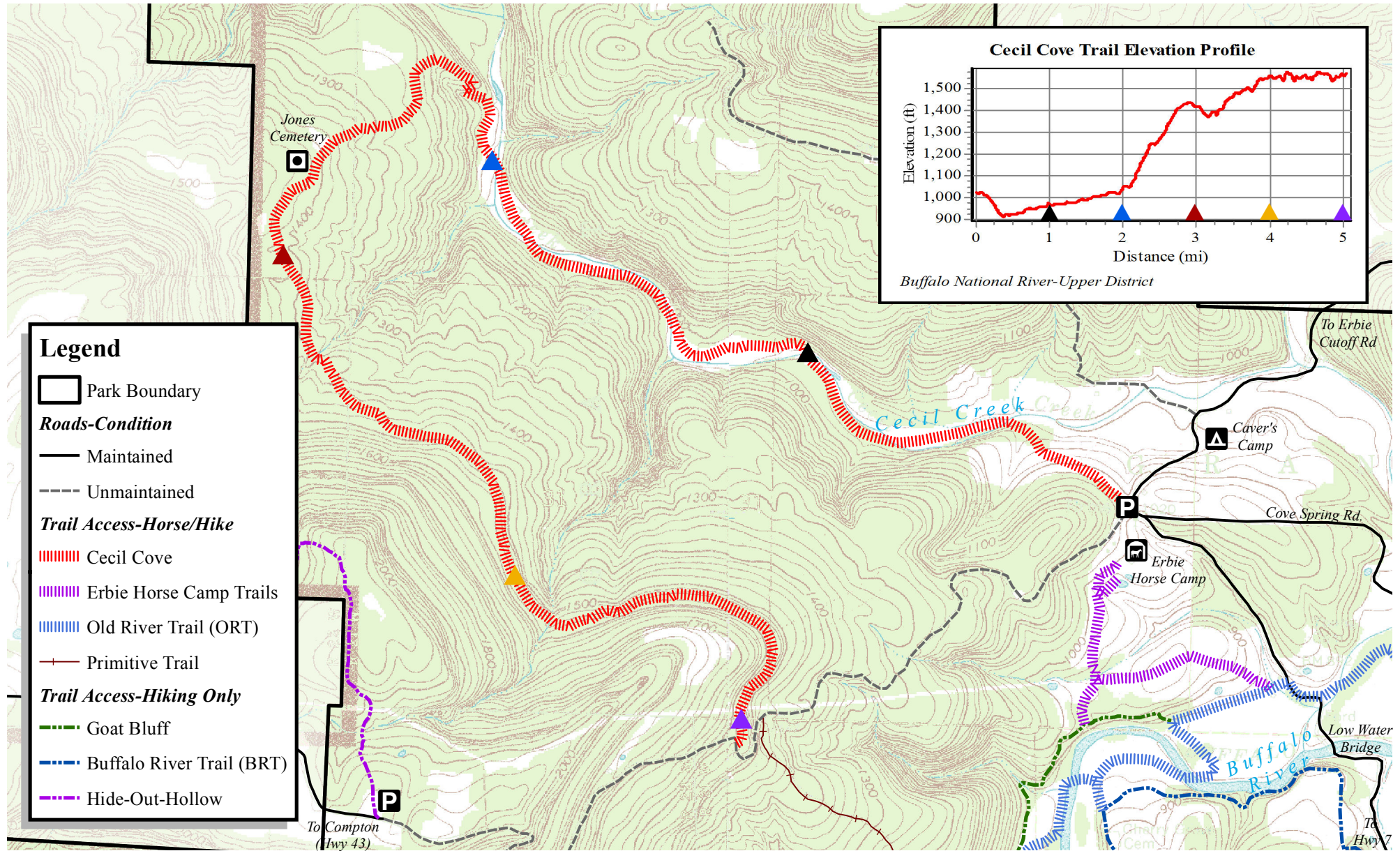
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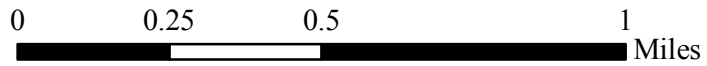
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**Legend**

- Park Boundary
- Roads-Condition**
  - Maintained
  - Unmaintained
- Trail Access-Horse/Hike**
  - Cecil Cove
  - Erbie Horse Camp Trails
  - Old River Trail (ORT)
  - Primitive Trail
- Trail Access-Hiking Only**
  - Goat Bluff
  - Buffalo River Trail (BRT)
  - Hide-Out-Hollow



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