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Buffalo River Trail

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Trail Distance:

South Boxley to Ponca	(11.0 miles)
Ponca to Kyles Landing	(9.9 miles)
Kyles Landing to Erbie	(7.5 miles)
Erbie to Ozark	(6.7 miles)
Ozark to Pruitt	(2.0 miles)

Information Contact:

Tyler Bend Visitor Center
(870) 439-2502

Emergency Contact:

MROCC Emergency Dispatch
1-888-692-1162

Trailhead Coordinates:

Boxley

- Lat: 34.94532
- Long: -93.39881267

Ponca

- Lat: 36.02158
- Long: -93.35438094

Steel Creek

- Lat: 36.03927
- Long: -93.34587152

Kyles Landing

- Lat: 36.05506
- Long: -93.28176471

Erbie

- Lat: 36.07035
- Long: -93.21188587

Pruitt

- Lat: 36.06100
- Long: -93.13948345

Attractions:

The Buffalo River Trail (BRT) begins near Whiteley Cemetery in Boxley Valley, and winds along the bluffs, gravel bars and banks that cradle the river; approximately 40 linear miles, down to the picnic area near the Pruitt access. The BRT trail passes scenic overlooks, old home sites and rugged wild areas, giving visitors at firsthand look at what best characterizes the Buffalo River.

The Buffalo River Trail (BRT) trail is a moderate to strenuous hike. Hiking is most strenuous between Boxley Valley and Erbie, where long steep bluff lines lead to spectacular views of the river and all the beauty that surrounds it. Downstream of Erbie, the trail gradually gives way to a gentler terrain that is more forgiving to hikers. Trailheads to the BRT are located at south end of Boxley Valley, Ponca Low Water Bridge, Steel Creek, Kyles Landing, Erbie, and Pruitt Ranger Station.

Helpful Information: Pets are not permitted on the Buffalo River Trail. Backcountry camping is allowed on the Buffalo River Trail and all the connecting spur trails. 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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Buffalo River Trail (BRT)-Boxley to Ponca

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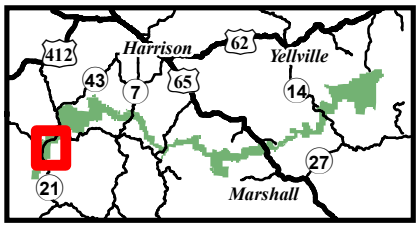

To Harrison

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BRT

Ponca

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To Jasper

Lost Valley (LV)

To Kingston

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Buffalo River

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Walker Mtn. Rd.

Boxley

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Legend

- Park Boundary
- Upper Buffalo Wilderness

Roads

- Highway
- Gravel

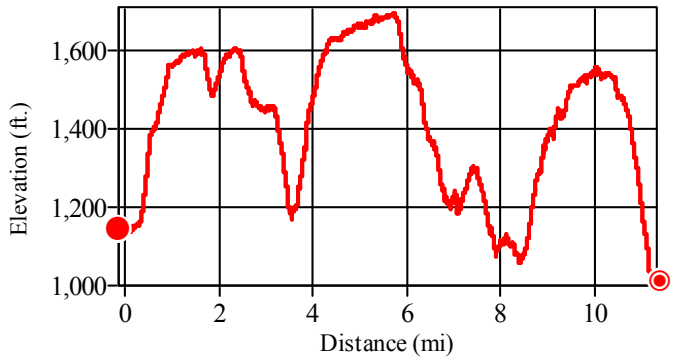
Trail Access-Hiking Only

- BRT (11.2mi)
- see label

Trail Access-Horse/Hiking

- see label

Trail Elevation Profile



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Buffalo River Trail (BRT) Ponca-Steel Creek

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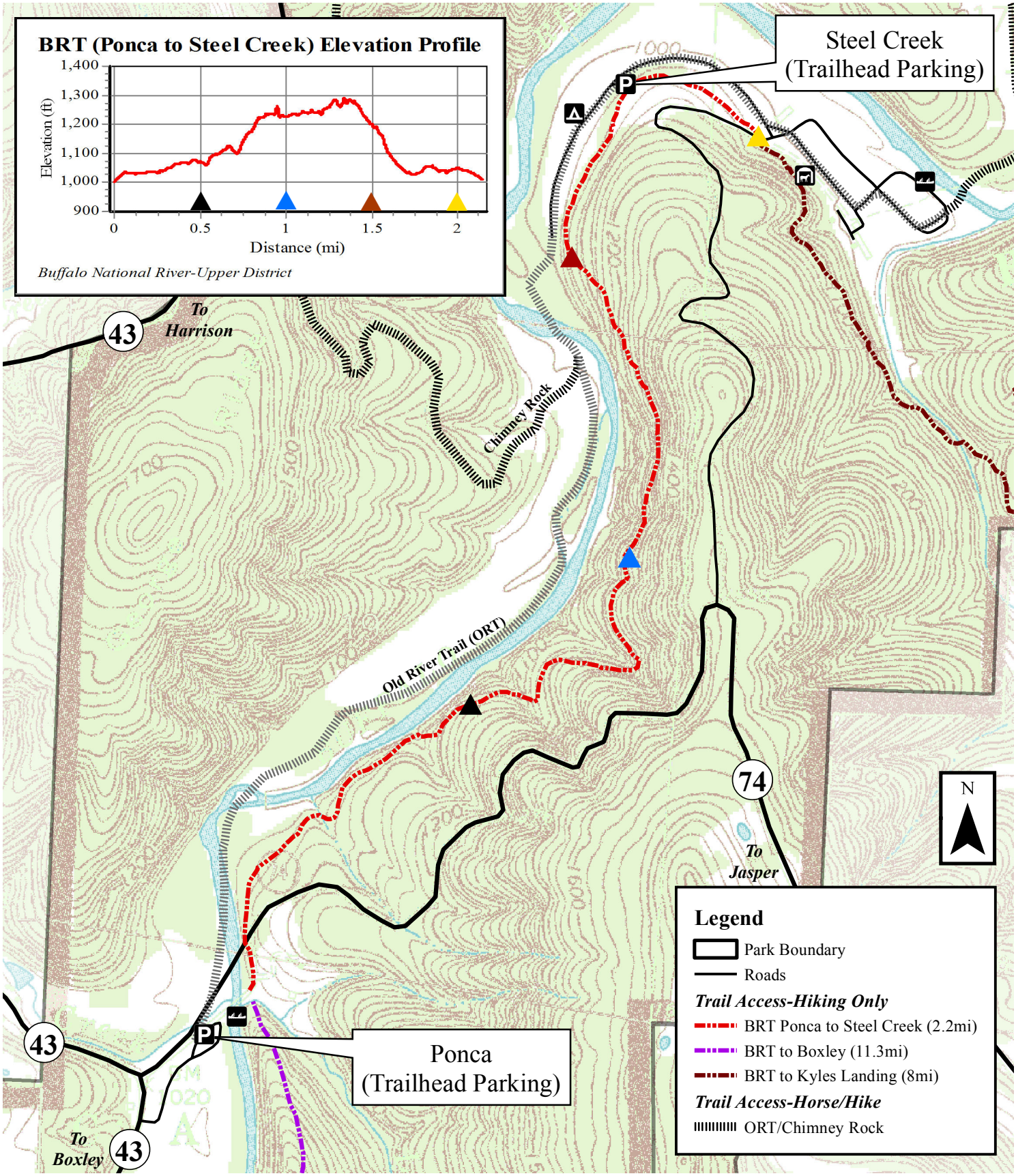

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Buffalo River Trail (BRT)-Steel Creek to Kyle's Landing

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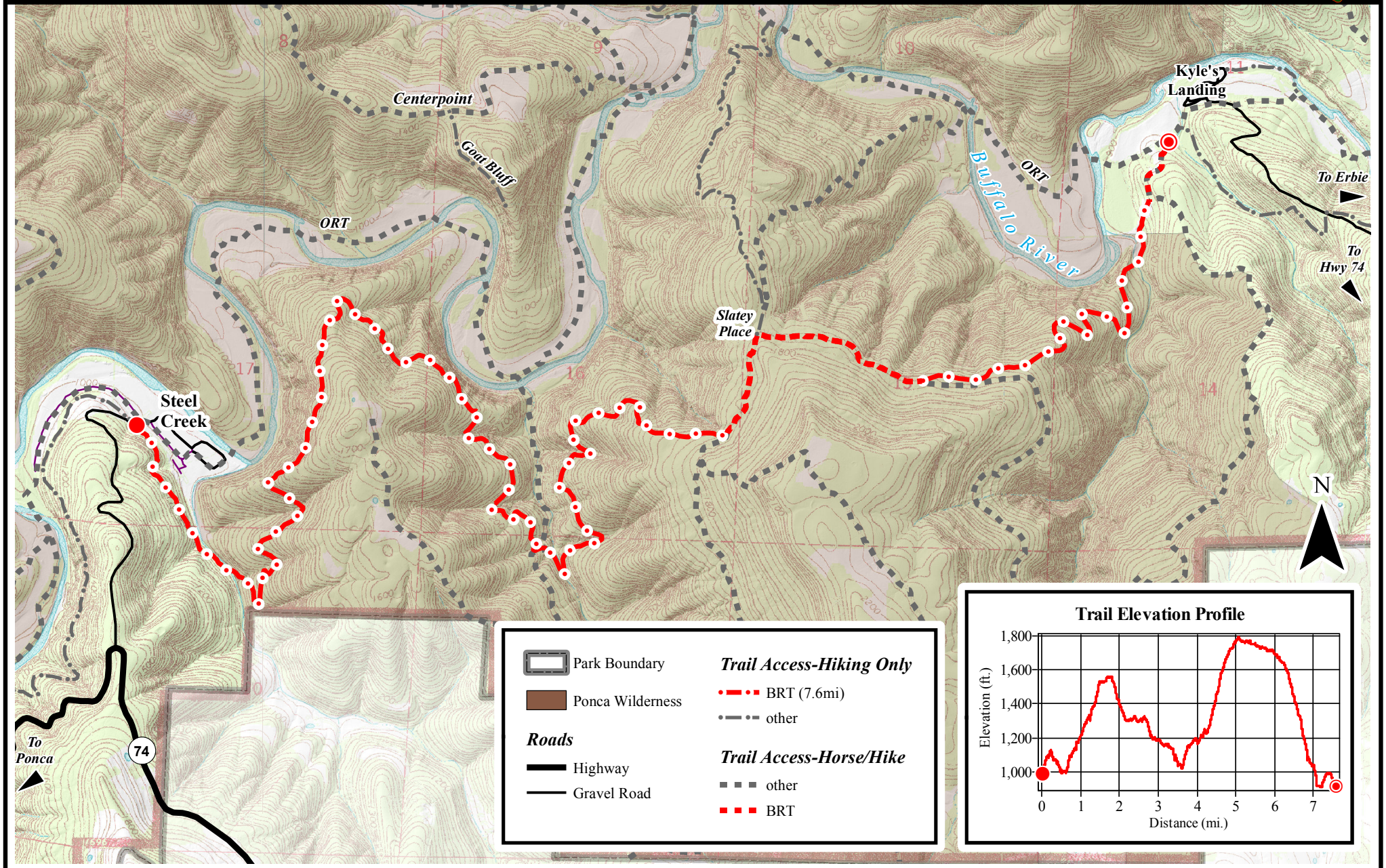

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Buffalo River Trail (BRT) Kyle's Landing - Erbie

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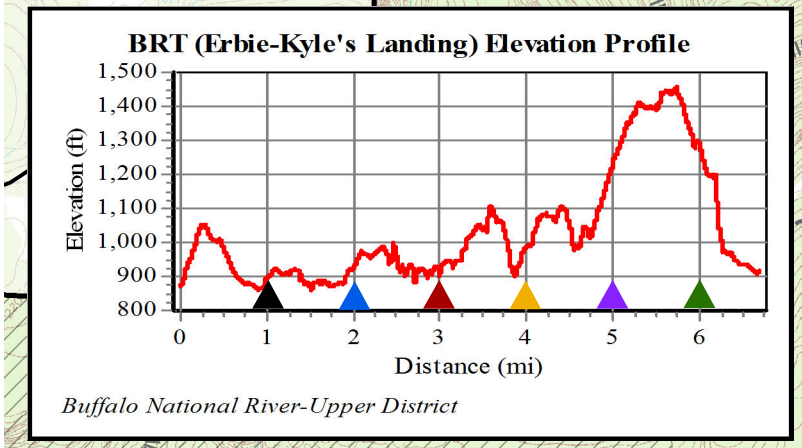

Camp Orr (Boy Scouts)

Kyle's Landing

Farmer Farmstead

Cherry Grove Cemetery

Parker Hickman Homestead

Erbie Rd.

Buffalo River

Erbie Campground

To Hwy 7

Kyle's Landing Rd.

Camp Orr Rd.

To Hwy 74

Legend

Trail Access-Hiking Only

- BRT Erbie to Kyle's (6.7mi)
- BRT to Ozark (5.9mi)
- BRT to Steel Creek (7.6mi)
- Goat Bluff (0.7mi)

Trail Access-Horse/Hike

- Maintained
- Primitive

- Park Boundary
- Ponca Wilderness

Roads

- Maintained
- Unmaintained
- Gated

0 0.5 1 2 Miles

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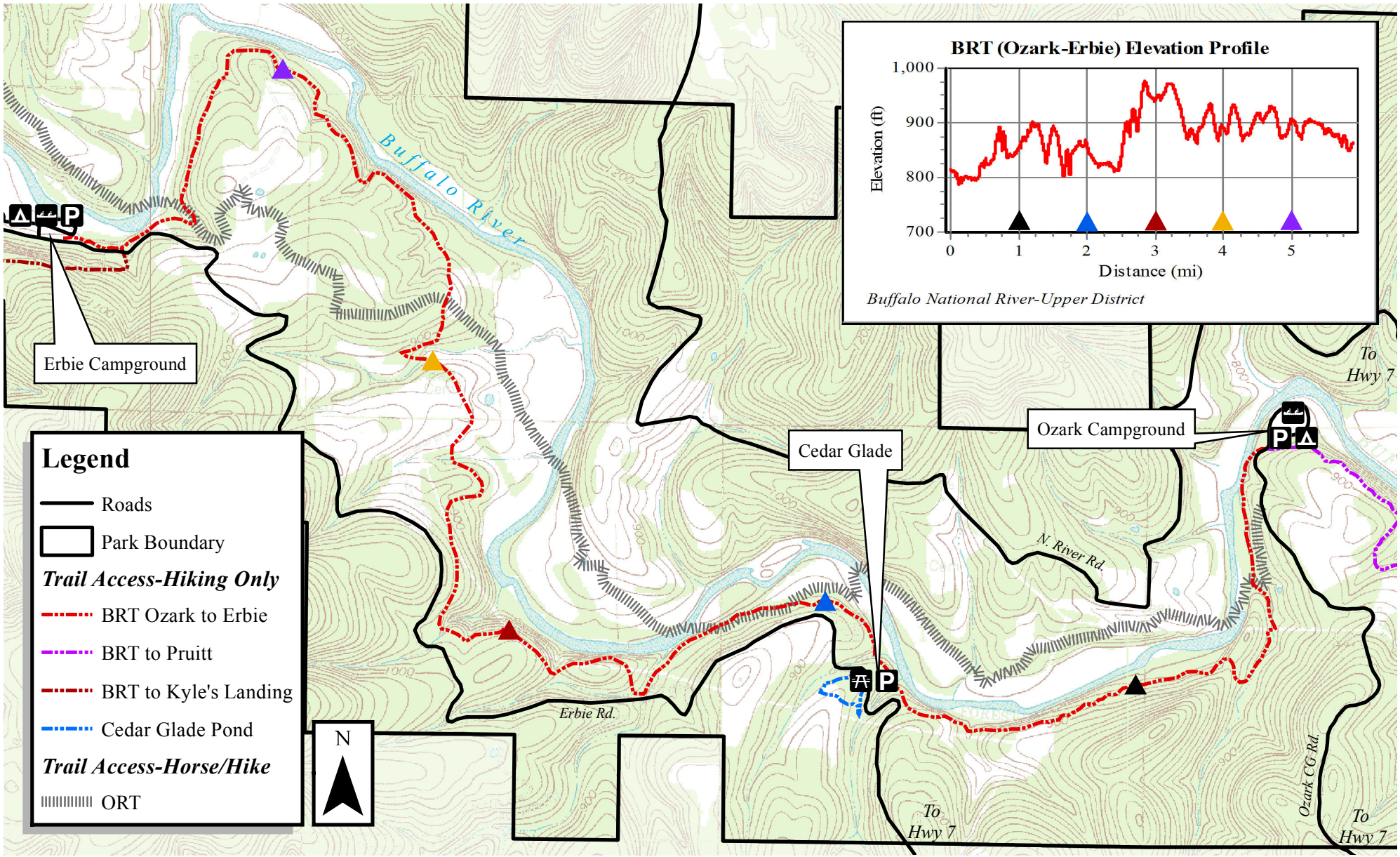

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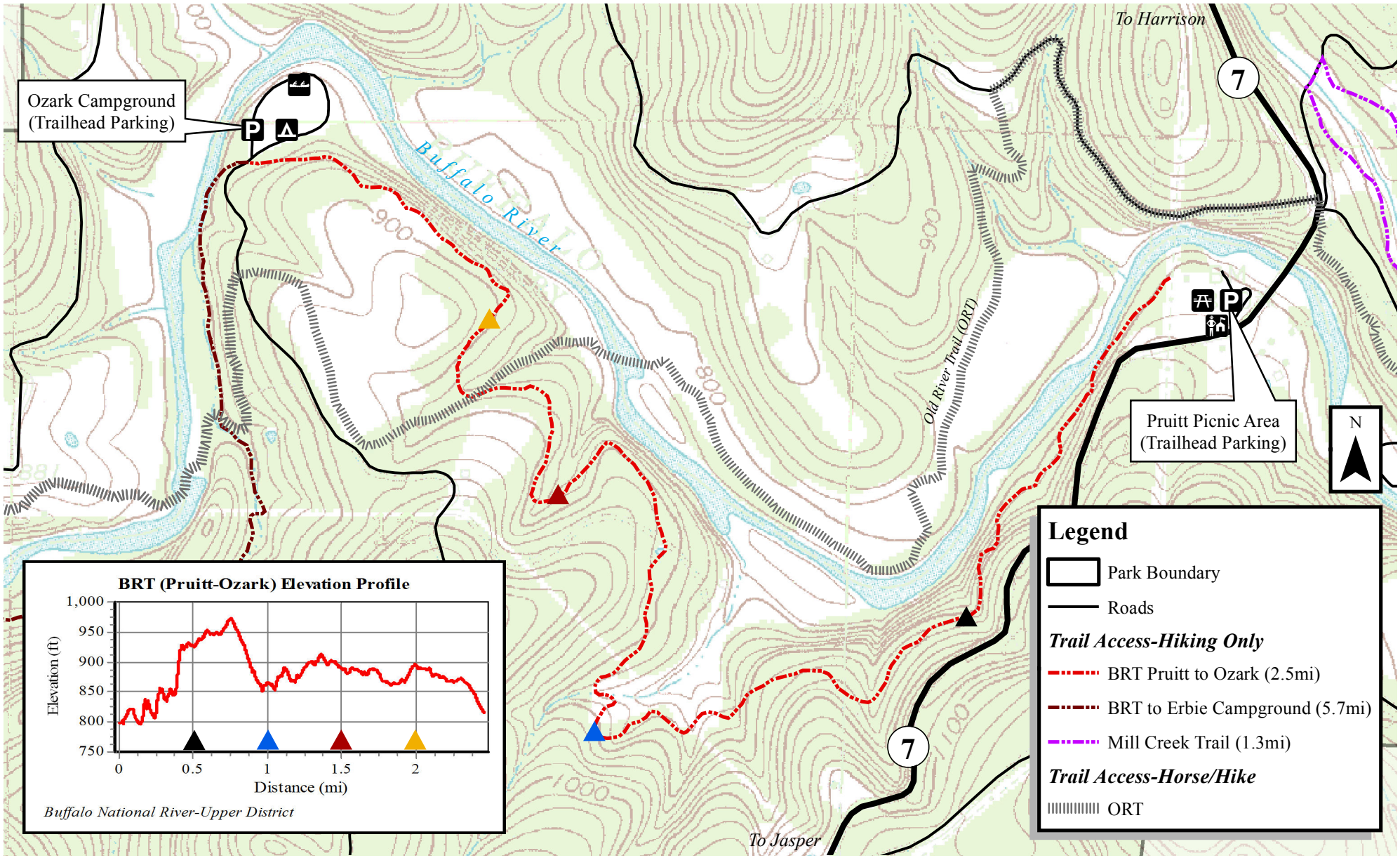

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