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Buffalo Point – Indian Rockhouse

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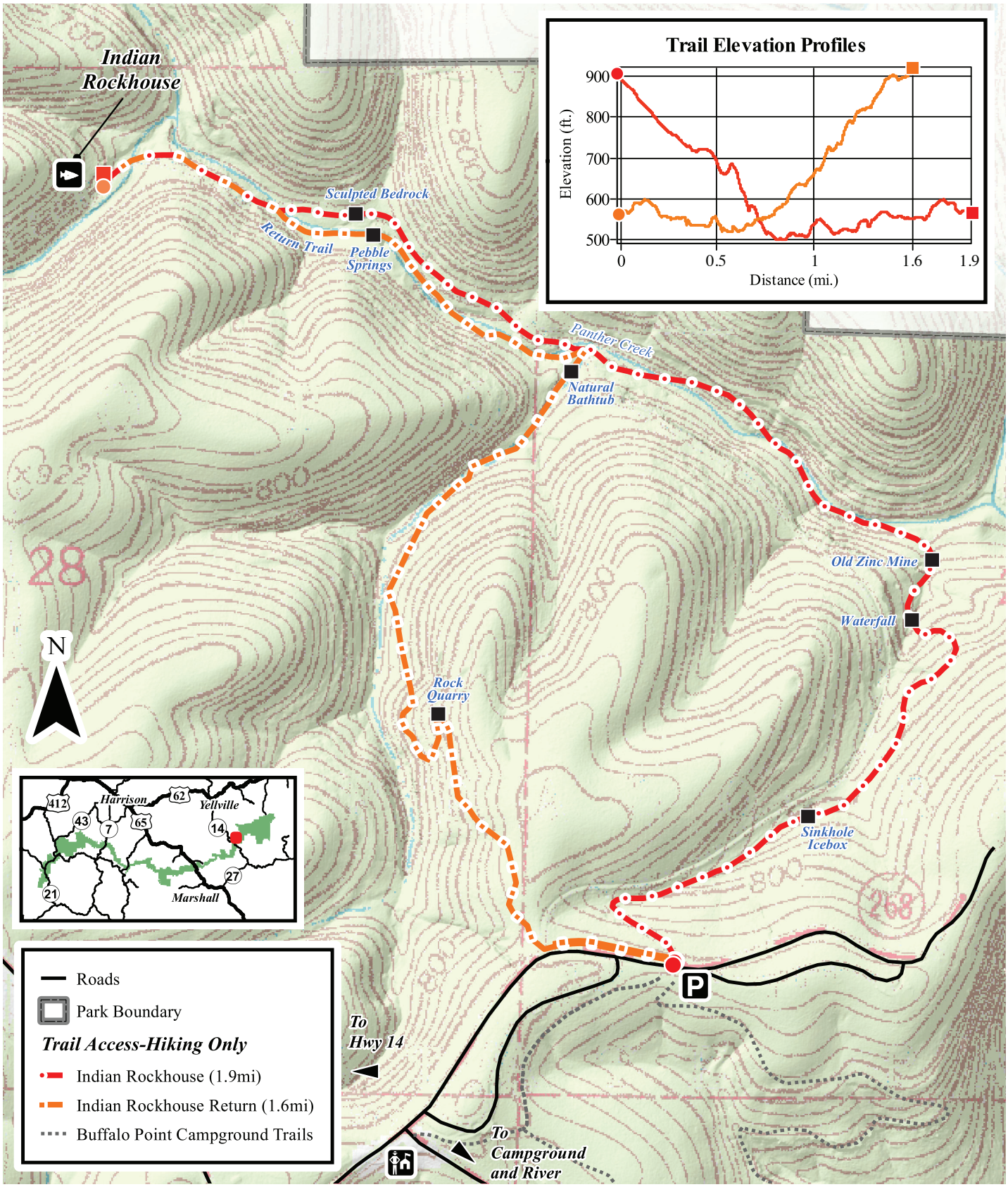

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Trail Distance:
3.5 miles round trip

Location: From Yellville – travel south on Highway 14 for 13 miles to the intersection of Highway 268, go left. The Buffalo Point Visitor Contact Station is 3 miles down on the right. The trailhead is 1/4 mile past that on the right.

Contact: Buffalo Point Visitor Contact Station: 870-449-4311

Emergency Contact:
MROCC Emergency Dispatch:
1-888-692-1162

Trailhead Coordinates:
Lat: 36.08142653
Long: -92.5690563

Attractions:

The Indian Rockhouse Trail is a moderate-strenuous hike. There is about a 400 foot elevation change between the trailhead and Indian Rockhouse so be prepared for a steady incline/decline on the trail, with several steep sections. Allow at least 3 hours for this 3.5 mile hike, and make sure to bring plenty of water.

The Indian Rockhouse Trail meanders past a sinkhole, waterfall, mine prospect, Panther Creek, sculpted bedrock and a quarry. Many of these geologic features are typical of a karst landscape.

People have been visiting this bluff shelter as far back as 7,000 BC. Coming to the attention of the Carnegie Institute, excavations were carried out in the 1930s, revealing an array of stone tools, basketry, and food remains. The site has been protected from all excavation and collection since becoming part of Buffalo National River in 1972 so that the remains of this unique site can be preserved for future generations.

Helpful Information: Pets are not permitted on the Indian Rockhouse Trail. There is no backcountry camping on the Indian Rockhouse Trail. Digging for or collecting of artifacts is prohibited in the National Parks as it destroys the cultural and scientific value of the site. Please help keep the entire area in a natural state for others to enjoy.