

Tunnel Hill Bike Trail Ride

Anyone interested in riding the Tunnel Hill Bike Trail with Ralph and Debbie Czerwinski over Memorial Day weekend? In Southern Illinois between Harrisburg and Karnak lies 45 miles of trails to be ridden with adventurous and easy-going compatriots.

A map is attached of the trail. We will stay in Harrisburg (the northern trailhead) and then drive to Karnak (the southern trailhead) leaving one vehicle in Harrisburg to retrieve (after completing the day's ride) the car(s) left at Karnak. As you can see on the map, it would be a simple matter to drop folks off who didn't have an interest in riding the entire 45 miles to other points of departure – like New Burnside (16 miles), Tunnel Hill (22 miles) or Vienna (32).

There are options for hiking, wining (in addition to the numerous options for whining), shopping, etc. in and around Harrisburg.

If you would like to go, let Ralph or Debbie know (217-865-2930). **Reservations for lodging in Harrisburg must be made on your own.** We have provided a couple of suggestions with contact numbers on the next page.

We were in Southern Illinois over Mother's Day weekend and checked out the trailhead and the two accommodations suggested on the next page. We also drove to the "Little Lusk Trail Lodge" in Stonefort, Illinois which sounded like a quaint, lovely getaway spot, but ... close call ... did not measure up – LOL. Double-dog dare you to stay there.

There is a nice write-up about the Tunnel Hill Trail on the Illinois Sierra Club web site (link below) and have provided some photos of the trail "stolen" from their website.

http://illinois.sierraclub.org/shawnee/sites/s-tunnel_hill_bike_trail.htm

Saturday, May 29th, 2010		Sunday, May 30th, 2010		Monday, May 31st, 2010	
0900	Leave from Czerwinskis (3201 Marble Point; Decatur)	Time?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After breakfast, travel to south end of Tunnel Hill Trail at Karnak, leaving one vehicle in Harrisburg. • Bicycle back to Harrisburg, eating lunch somewhere along the way. • Retrieve vehicle(s) from Karnak. 	Time?	Breakfast and then departure from Harrisburg.
Lunch	Mt. Vernon			Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride some more of the trail. OR • Visit the Garden of Gods. Hike on trails. OR • Drive to winery area west of Carbondale. Visit and sample.
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1500: Arrive Harrisburg. Ride part of trail. OR • 1530: Arrive Garden of Gods. Hike on trails. OR • 1530: Arrive winery area west of Carbondale. Visit and sample. 				
Time?	Arrive at lodging.	Time?	Arrive at lodging.	Note:	Deb and Ralph travel to Mt. Vernon to see Mom Czerwinski.
Dinner	Harrisburg	Dinner	Harrisburg or Marion.		

Two lodging options close to the trailhead in Harrisburg



The Lafayette Inn (Bed & Breakfast)

202 West Poplar Street
Harrisburg, Illinois 62946
1-618-252-7599

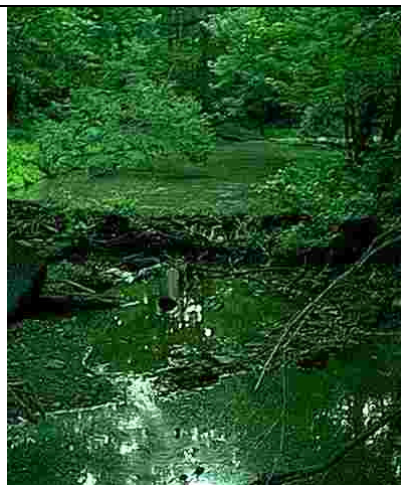
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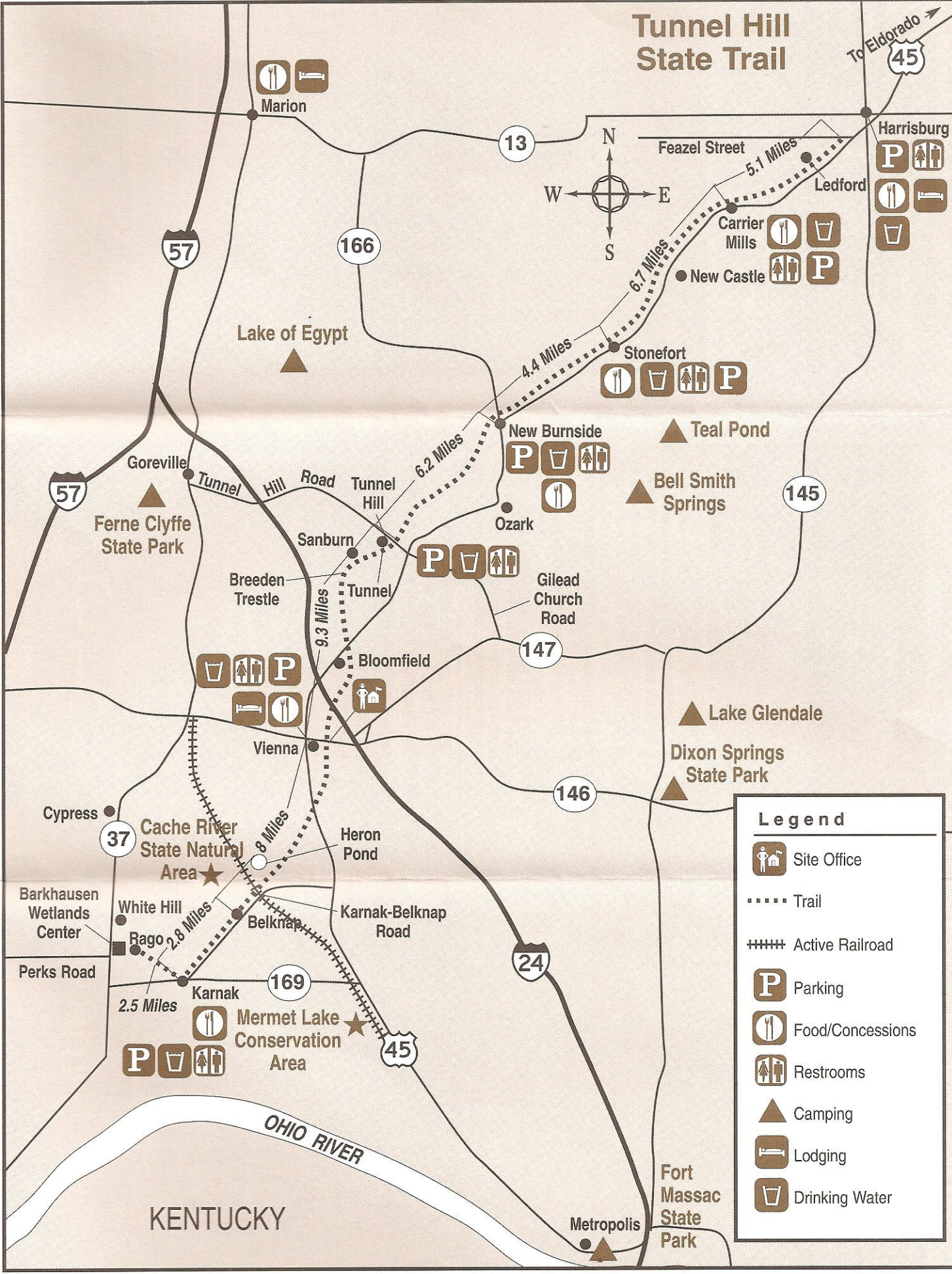
Economy Inn & Suites

4111 East Poplar Street
Harrisburg, Illinois 62946
1-618-253-7651

Some photos of the trail from Sierra Club website



Tunnel Hill State Trail



Legend

-  Site Office
-  Trail
-  Active Railroad
-  Parking
-  Food/Concessions
-  Restrooms
-  Camping
-  Lodging
-  Drinking Water