What is a “trail”?

A trail is a narrow highway over which a pack animal can travel with safety during the usual period when the need for a highway exists.

_Trail construction on the National Forests, Forest Service, 1915_
...a trail is

- A corridor or path to connect places where people wanted to go – villages, food, water
- An administrative tool for management of the forest – check livestock, mining, supply lookouts and fight forest fires
- Access to recreation opportunities – campgrounds, lodges, backcountry
...a trail is

- Healthy exercise – National Trails Day 2004
- Day hikers
- Distance hikers – Appalachian Trail, Pacific Crest Trail, Continental Divide
- An experience itself
Bankhead Trail Systems

- Owl Creek non-motorized trails
- Flint Creek multiple use trails
- Sipsey Wilderness trails
- Recreation Area trails
Owl Creek non-motorized Trails

- 24.9 miles
- 3 loops - blazed
- Horses, mountain bikes, hikers
- 2 trailheads – Owl Creek CG & Pinetorch
- Camping Owl Creek
Flint Creek multiple use Trails

- 16.5 miles
- 2 loops blazed
- ATV’s, motorcycles, mountain bikes, horses & hikers
- Day Use Trailhead
Sipsey Wilderness

- 13.3 miles horse & wagon - 2 routes
- 33.4 miles hiking – 9 trails
- NO bikes or motorized
- Minimal signing & maintenance
Recreation Area Trails

- Clear Creek - Raven hiking trail 2.4 miles
- Clear Creek - bicycle/walking trail 1.8 miles
- Houston - hiking trail 3.0 miles
- Brushy Lake - walking 0.5 miles
- Natural Bridge - walking 0.5 miles
# Trails by Type of Use

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