

# Ouachita National Forest

## Arkansas - Oklahoma

### Kerr Arboretum Trails



Hiking



Interpretive

**Trail Highlights:** Located at the Robert S. Kerr Arboretum and Nature Center adjacent to the Talimena Scenic Drive are three interpretive trails. One features a variety of plants that are identified by trail signs. Another trail tells the fascinating story of how a tree competes with other inhabitants for survival. The third trail explains the process of soil formation and its importance in the forest life cycle.

The trails are an easy walk for the day hiker and provide an opportunity to experience the variety of ecological areas that exist on a single mountain.

A restroom and drinking water are at the nature center where the trails begin. These are open from spring through autumn.

In winter the trails are open, but the restroom is closed and water is not available.

#### Surrounding Areas:

- Robert S. Kerr Arboretum and Nature Center
- Talimena Scenic Drive
- Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation Area
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#### For More Information:

US Forest Service  
Choctaw Unit—Oklahoma Districts  
52175 US Hwy. 59  
Hodgen, OK 74939

(Ten miles south of Heavener on Highway 59/270)

(918) 653-2991

**Length:** Varies (Less than one mile-see map).

**Access:** State Highway 1 (Talimena Scenic Drive), 1.5 miles east of U.S. Highway 259 at the Kerr Nature Center.

**Trail Surface and Markings:** Unsurfaced. The trails are well defined by interpretive signs along the pathway.

**Water:** Drinking water is available at the Kerr Nature Center.

**Difficulty Level:** Easy.

**History:** The trails are located in an area that once served as the home of some of the Choctaw Indians. The Choctaw sparsely settled the area in the 1800s.

After early settlers logged the area in the 1900s, the Federal Government bought and regenerated the land as a national forest.

**Recommended Seasons:** Autumn through spring.

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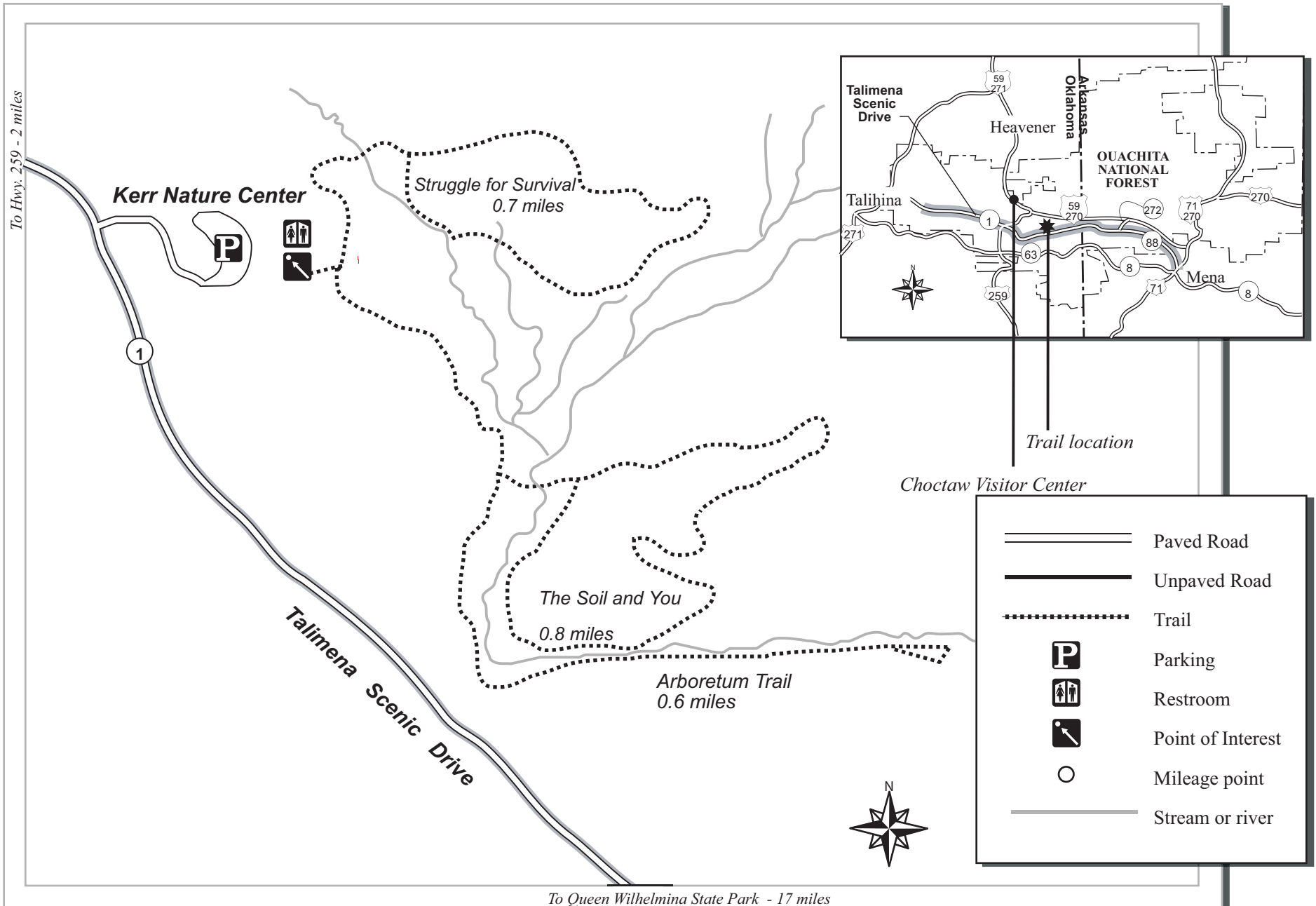
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To Hwy. 259 - 2 miles

To Queen Wilhelmina State Park - 17 miles