

## A Guide to Hiking Trails in Southwest Missouri

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### Taney County Trails

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#### **Hercules Glades Wilderness**

Hercules Glades Wilderness has been part of the [Mark Twain National Forest](#) since 1976. The 12,314-acre wilderness area is located 10 miles north of Branson. Hercules Glades Wilderness is a rugged area and includes a variety of natural formations, such as waterfalls, limestone glades, and ridges.



#### ***Trail(s)***

You can find the trailhead, restroom facilities, and campsites at the Hercules Glades Lookout Tower. To reach Hercules Glades Lookout Tower from Bradleyville, go south on State [Hwy. 125](#) for 8 miles. You will see a sign marking the tower entry road on the right (west) side of the highway.

Hercules Glades Wilderness's trailheads (Coy Bald, Blair Road, and Hercules Glades Tower) connect to each other and form a 31-mile trail. This wilderness area is a good choice for hikers who want to backpack and camp for several days at a time. The trails are rugged and not very well marked. They are difficult to hike and navigate, so bring a compass and a map. To obtain a map of the wilderness, contact the Mark Twain National Forest at (573) 364-4621 or the Ava Ranger District at (417) 683-4428.

#### ***Fee(s)***

None

#### ***Activities***

Backpacking, camping, hiking, horseback riding

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