LEOTA TRAILHEAD TO NEW CHAPEL TRAILHEAD

(approximately 9 miles): The Leota Trailhead is located east of the county road which goes north from Leota Road (paved) about 2 miles west of Leota; the trailhead is near a small power transmission line. The trail crosses several steep ridges as it heads south from the Leota Trailhead through the Clark backcountry area. It then drops into the lush North Branch Valley, one of the most scenic areas along the trail (abundant ferns, wildflowers and very large trees), before winding its way up a very steep slope. The trail then traverses rolling to rugged terrain again, past a few wildlife ponds, to the New Chapel Trailhead. The total length of this segment is approximately 9 miles.

To drive from the Leota Trailhead to the New Chapel Trailhead turn left (south) from the Leota Trailhead entrance road (gravel) onto a county road (unmarked) and proceed for 0.1 mile to Finley Knob (paved). Turn right (south) and continue for 1.7 miles to the first intersection (with New Salem Road (paved). Turn left (south) onto New Salem Road and proceed for 3.4 miles to the intersection with S.R.160 and continue for 1.8 miles to Liberty Knob (paved) to the left (north) - watch for "KT" post. Turn left (north) on this road and continue for 0.4 mile to the New Chapel Trailhead entrance road (gravel) to the right (east) - watch for "KT" post.

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NEW CHAPEL TRAILHEAD TO JACKSON ROAD TRAILHEAD

(approximately 12 miles): The New Chapel Trailhead is located about one -half mile north of S.R. 160 and just east of the county road (paved) which goes north from S.R. 160 about one-third mile west of New Liberty. From the New Chapel Trailhead the trail proceeds in an easterly direction over rolling terrain until it turns south and drops about 350 feet to S.R. 160. Just south of S.R. 160 the trail climbs a very steep slope to an overlook. The trail then gradually drops to lower elevations and crosses Pixley Knob Road. Several small intermittent streams are then crossed and the trail turns to the west and rises to another overlook. Looking south from the overlook, Louisville can be seen on a clear day. The trail then turns back to the south and winds up to the top of Round Knob, providing another view of the surrounding area. Within the mile between Round Knob and the Jackson Road Trailhead, the trail drops about 300 feet and rises back to the ridge- tops. To get to the Jackson Road Trailhead from the trail, go right (west) along the county road, Bartle Knob Road, (paved) for about .1 mile to the county road (gravel) to the right (north). Follow this road (Jackson Road) for .3 mile to the trailhead parking lot to the left (west).

To drive from the New Chapel Trailhead to the Jackson Road Trailhead turn left (south) from the trailhead entrance road (gravel) onto Liberty Knob (paved) for 0.4 mile to S.R. 160 Turn left (east) on S.R. 160 for one-half mile to the first road to the right. Turn right (south) on this road, Pixley Knob Road (paved). Turn right (south) on Mountain Grove Road, (paved). Continue for 1.0 mile to Bartle Knob Road and turn right. Turn right (north) on Hilltop Road - watch for the "KT" post. Follow Hilltop 0.3 miles then turn right on a gravel road and continue for 0.2 mile to the trailhead parking.

JACKSON ROAD TRAILHEAD TO DEAM LAKE TRAILHEAD

(approximately 5 miles): The Jackson Road Trailhead is located west of Jackson Road about 5 miles west of Blue Lick; the trailhead is about one-half mile from the trail. To get to the trail from the trailhead, walk south on Jackson Road for .3 mile to the county road (paved), turn left and continue about .1 mile to the trail crossing - watch for "KT" post. The trail traverses two very steep slopes before gradually dropping to moderately rolling terrain. The trail then parallels the east shore of Deam Lake, stopping at the Deam Lake Trailhead, the southern end of the trail. The Jackson Road to Deam Lake Trailhead segment is approximately 5 miles in length.

To drive from the Jackson Road Trailhead to the Deam Lake Trailhead, turn left (north) from the parking lot onto Jackson Road for 0.2 mile to the county road, Hilltop Road, (paved). Turn left on Bartle Knob and continue 3.2 miles and turn right (east) onto Bely Road. Turn left on Percy King Road (paved). Turn right (west) on Crone Road and continue for 1.7 miles to Cummins Road (paved). Turn right (northwest) on Cummins Road and continue for 1.4 miles to a T intersection. At the intersection, turn right (northwest) and then left (west) on Wilson Switch Road (paved). Continue for 0.7 mile to the Deam Lake Trailhead, which is on the right (north) side of the road - watch for the "KT" post (the Deam Lake State Recreation Area gatehouse is located 1 mile west of the trailhead).

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