



## Panther Creek

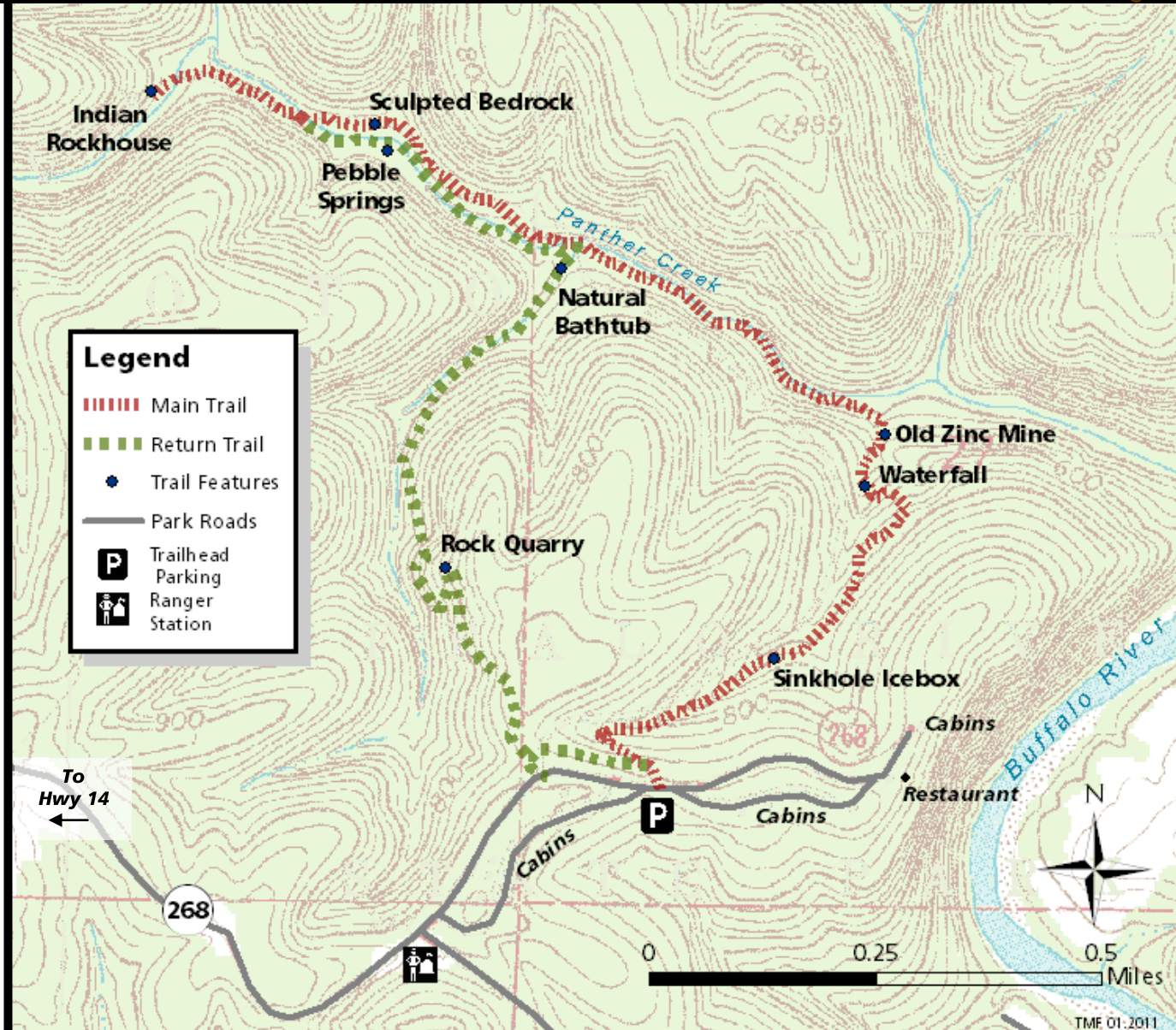
Panther Creek is an **intermittent stream**, meaning it only has water during parts of the year (as opposed to a perennial stream). The streambed collects extra organic matter during dry periods, yielding a nutrient rich environment. An intermittent stream is a safer spawning location for smaller fish (such as the Orangethroat Darter), because there are fewer larger predators.



## Indian Rockhouse

The Indian Rockhouse is an example of a **bluff shelter** used by prehistoric Native Americans since at least as early as 7,000 BC. Coming to the attention of the Carnegie Institute, excavations were carried out in the 1930s, revealing an array of stone tools, basketry, and food remains. The site has been protected from all excavation and collection since becoming part of Buffalo National River in 1972 so that what remains of this unique site can be preserved for future generations.

**\*Camping is not permitted. Digging for artifacts is prohibited,** as it destroys the scientific value of the site and is disrespectful to Native American Peoples. Please help keep the cave in its natural state for others to enjoy.



*Pack it in-Pack it out*

*Respect the Resource*

### Hiking Information:

**Moderate-Strenuous:** The trailhead and the Rockhouse have about a 400ft elevation change between them; therefore, be prepared for a steady incline/decline on the trail, with several steep sections. Allot **3 hours** for this 3.5 mile hike, and make sure to bring plenty of **drinking water**.