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While on Backbone C (*Fire Break Trail*), hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders may want to take a proposed 2.5 mile Bowlingtown Historic Loop through what remains of historic Bowlingtown. Starting at State Park Trailhead A, one follows the Fire Break Trail past the Water Tower then turns right at Bowling Branch rather than left and head back towards the Park. This looped trail eventually brings one back to the Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park Activity Center where they started.

Below are a few of the sites one will see along this historic route including a side trip to the site where the Frontier Nursing stables once stood. An interpretive sign needs to be installed at this location. See *Appendix L* for more on this.



The trail gradually works its way down the mountain following an old road through Bowling Branch.



*The terrain begins to flatten out as it follows a wet weather stream.
The stream is made up of a series of large smooth rock formations.*



Sample wayside exhibit

As one crests a small hill, they come upon one of the few remaining homesteads from the once thriving community of Bowlingtown. For more on Bowlingtown, see *Chapter II* and *Appendix L* on how to “bring it back to life” through interpretive signs.



Trail runs beside old homestead