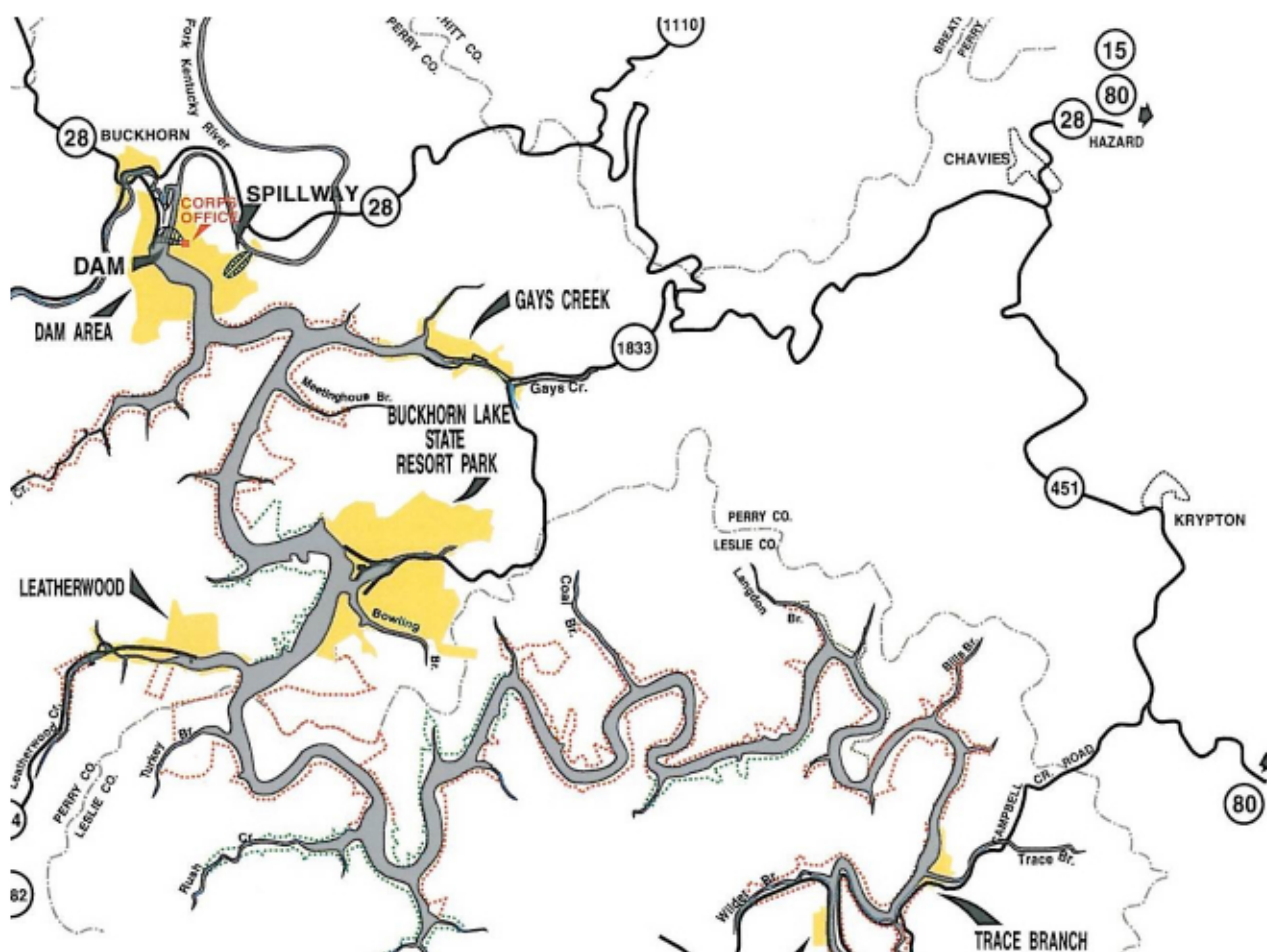


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Situation Analysis

The study area is in a remote section of Southeast Kentucky in the counties of Perry and Leslie. The primary attraction to the area is Buckhorn Lake. Within a four-mile radius are Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park and four campgrounds. The closest community is the City of Buckhorn with a population of less than 100 residents. Other nearby communities include Chavies and Krypton. The county seat of Leslie is Hyden (pop. 11,310) and is 30 minutes away.



At this time, there are only four trails in the Buckhorn area which are open to the public. Two of these trails are at Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park. A 1-mile self-guided trail called Moonshiner's Hollow and another shorter half mile looped trail known as the Leatherwood Trail. The other two trails are the .5 mile Pine Shadows hiking trail and the nearly completed