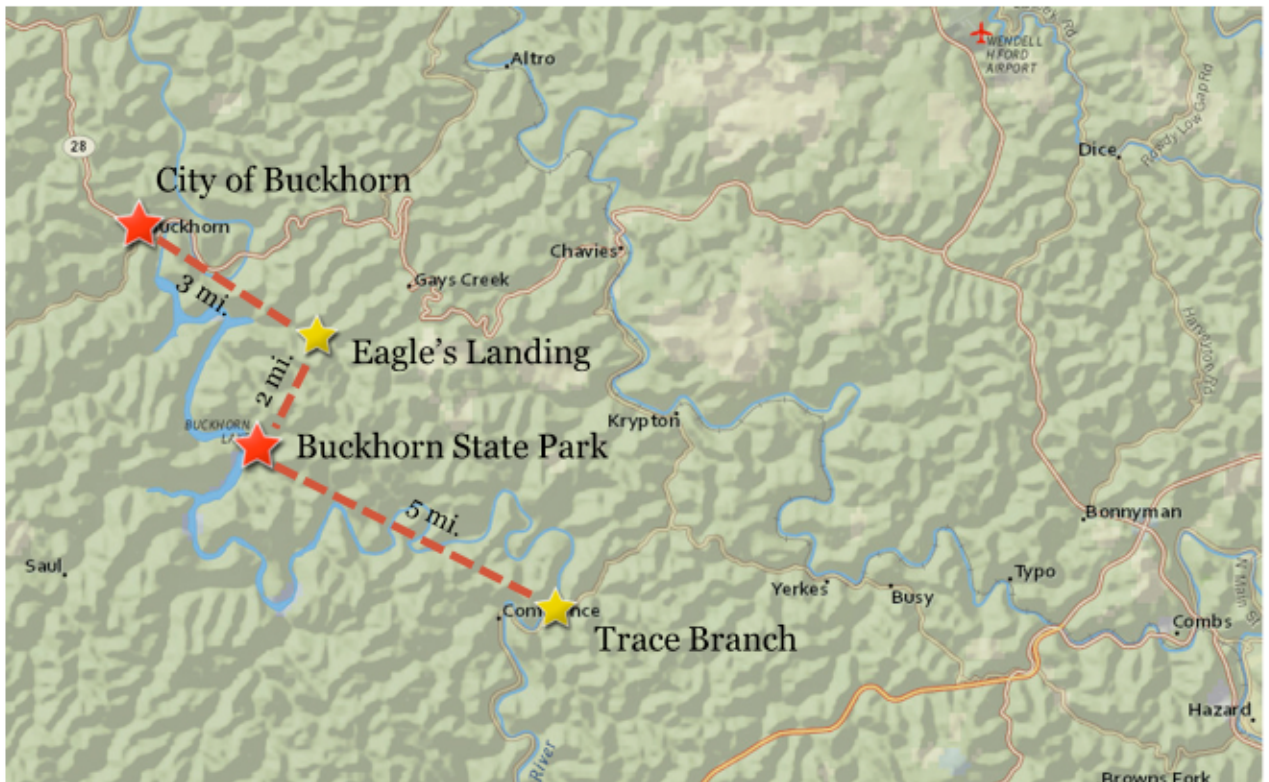


CHAPTER IV Building the Backbone of a Trail System

One of the criteria for this study is that the trail system shall connect the City of Buckhorn, Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, and Trace Branch Campground. Although not specifically listed in the scope, Eagle's Landing Campground is a logical connection point due to its location and its amenities. The map below illustrates the location of each primary site within the trail use area and the approximate straight line distance between each. This criterion and these four primary sites define the general trail use area for this study.



In order for a trail use area to become a trail system, it has to have several essential attributes to ready it for commercial use that may or may not fit with certain trail standards. Trail riders in general, whether they are OHV, equestrian, mountain bike riders, and even many hikers are not looking for a single route that just goes to one destination only to turn around and travel that same route back. They are looking for variety. One must remember that trails are not like highway systems where the purpose of the route is to get from point A to point B often the shortest way possible. The purpose for a trail is the adventure between A and B without there ever needing to be a B. It is all about the adventure on the trail and what one might experience along the way.