BIG OAKS SPRINGS revised 6/4/2026

In early 2012 two new backcountry campsites were added.

Turtle Hollow/Bluff and Big Oak Springs)

They were ready for use on May 27, 2012. This sign is near Mile 18

The access trail to Big Oak Springs Campsite, starts off the Pine Mountain Trail about .8 of a mile west of Rocky Point Parking Lot.

If you are coming east from say Dowdell's Knob it is just about 500' east of the PMT Mile 17 marker (which is east of nearby Sparks Creek Campsite). This campsite holds about 16 or so people/ 8 tents/hammocks. Follow the white blazed access trail off the PMT 495 feet down to the main part of the camp and the **one** metal fire ring (installed 6/24/2023). The water source for the camp is further down the white blazed water access trail just 250 feet to a spring flowing south, near the now fallen Big Oak. Across the spring stream is evidence of two "whiskey stills."

The above spring if now covered by the downed HUGE white oak treel. The tree fell in October 2020.

NOTE: Please place tents near the one metal fire ring, as to the right are red signs warning NO placing tents near the historic old house-place rock piles. There are signs on the west side of the camp telling of no camping there (again, an old historic house foundation area).

Eddie Hall with the BIG OAK . Eddie is a PMTA Board member and found the tree and suggested the area around it as a campsite in 2010.

The main campsite area and the one metal fire ring are to the left of this sign.

Sign near campsite noting trail to water.

Noted with red signs is the boundary of the camps telling do not camp beyond the signs (as those areas are not part of the established camp.)

There are two signs like this near the rock piles noting don't camp beyond the signs. Do not move the rocks as they are part of historic old "house place" foundations/chimneys.