

# BRYANT CREEK

Douglas County

**This property remains closed to the public.**

## Location

The Bryant Creek property is located in southern Douglas County and covers a total of 2,917 acres. It is portioned in two tracts: The 2,691-acre Simorg Tract and the 226-acre Simpson Tract, which includes a 50-acre pasture and home site. Both tracts are bordered by Bryant Creek, a first-order tributary to the North Fork River.

## Key Natural Attributes

- 2,917 acres
- 1 2/3 miles Bryant Creek frontage
- Four tributary hollows
- 4.9 miles of perennial or intermittent streams
- Over 1,200 acres of maturing forest, with many large old-growth trees
- Numerous sandstone ledges and outcrops, with overhangs and wet-weather falls
- Nearly 1,000 acres of regenerating native pine forest
- Coon Den Bluff, a distinctively tall and scenic geologic feature
- Large native cane brake
- Abundant wildlife, including black bears

## General Description

The Bryant Creek Property features rugged, steeply dissected river hills fronting Bryant Creek, a scenic fishing and floating stream flowing into the North Fork River. The property is covered in natural forest rich in oaks, pines and native forest species of the southern Ozarks. Moss and fern-draped sandstone ledges ring the hillsides and hollows, creating several wet-weather waterfalls. Shortleaf pine groves cap the ridges, and dolomite bluffs line the stream.

## Bryant Creek

Bryant Creek is the property's most prominent aquatic feature. The 1.7-mile stream flows through natural forest, alternating between floodplain forest and bluff talus. The upstream portion features a long bend around a nicely developed riverfront forest and an outstanding example of a native cane brake. The stream's lower section flows between tall dolomite bluffs on alternate sides of the river with gravel bars and a narrow, talus-filled floodplain lined by riverfront trees and native cane. Bryant Creek is classified as an Ozark small warm-water river. A portion of the stream lies within a designated Missouri Natural Area outside the property, in nearby Rippee Creek Conservation Area, and contains an Outstanding State Resource Water. Bryant Creek was identified in the 2005 and 2015 Missouri State Wildlife Action Plans as a state Conservation Opportunity Area.

