As of February 2013, this map shows the Duke Forest roads and foot trails that are authorized for public use inside of gates 25 and 26 of the Korstian Division. This representation replaces the roads and foot trails shown on the 2011 recreation maps that are currently available from the Office of the Duke Forest.
**Why have roads and trails in this area changed?**

- **To Protect Wildlife and Water Quality**
- **To Preserve Plant Communities**
- **To Prevent Soil Loss & Erosion**
- **To Provide Better Trails**

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**What changes have been made?**

- The approach to the Rhododendron Bluffs has been rerouted along a new trail (the *Rhodo Bluff Trail*) with only a spur (the *Rhodo Bluff Spur*) extending out to the upper bluff rocks that overlook New Hope Creek. The former trail and part of the forest road that led to the bluffs will now be closed.
- Access to the *NHC – South Trail* from the new *Rhodo Bluff Trail* is now provided by the new *Creek Connector*.
- Unimproved access to the lower bluff rocks adjacent to the creek will remain but moving up and down along the rocky slope between the upper and lower bluff rocks is not permitted.
- Another new trail, the *High & Dry Trail*, has been created and offers an authorized high water route around some sections of the *NHC – South Trail*.
- From the Concrete Bridge on Concrete Bridge Road, there will be approximately 400 feet of accessible, authorized trail following New Hope Creek downstream.

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**What other changes are coming?**

- **Signage:** New signs indicating the trail names, the approach to the bluffs, and where access is prohibited will be posted.
- **Trail Blazes:** Blue and/or white trail blazes will be painted to mark authorized routes.
- **Boardwalks and platforms:** This infrastructure will be installed at the end of the *Rhodo Bluff Spur* and likely along one section of the *High & Dry Trail*.
- **Phase II:** Work to improve the *NHC – South Trail* downstream of the intersection with the *High & Dry Trail* will likely continue as funding is secured.

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**Where can I find more information?**

- To learn more about the project and what makes this area so special, please visit [dukeforestproject.wordpress.com](http://dukeforestproject.wordpress.com).
- Also, for opportunities to volunteer, donate, or comment, see the website or contact dukeforest@duke.edu.

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This image shows the Korstian Division as depicted in the 2011 version of the recreation maps available from the Office of the Duke Forest. The red box shows the area represented on the front. At this time, there is no plan to update the official recreation maps given the quantity that remains. However, a copy of this map will be included with all map packets that are sold and distributed.