

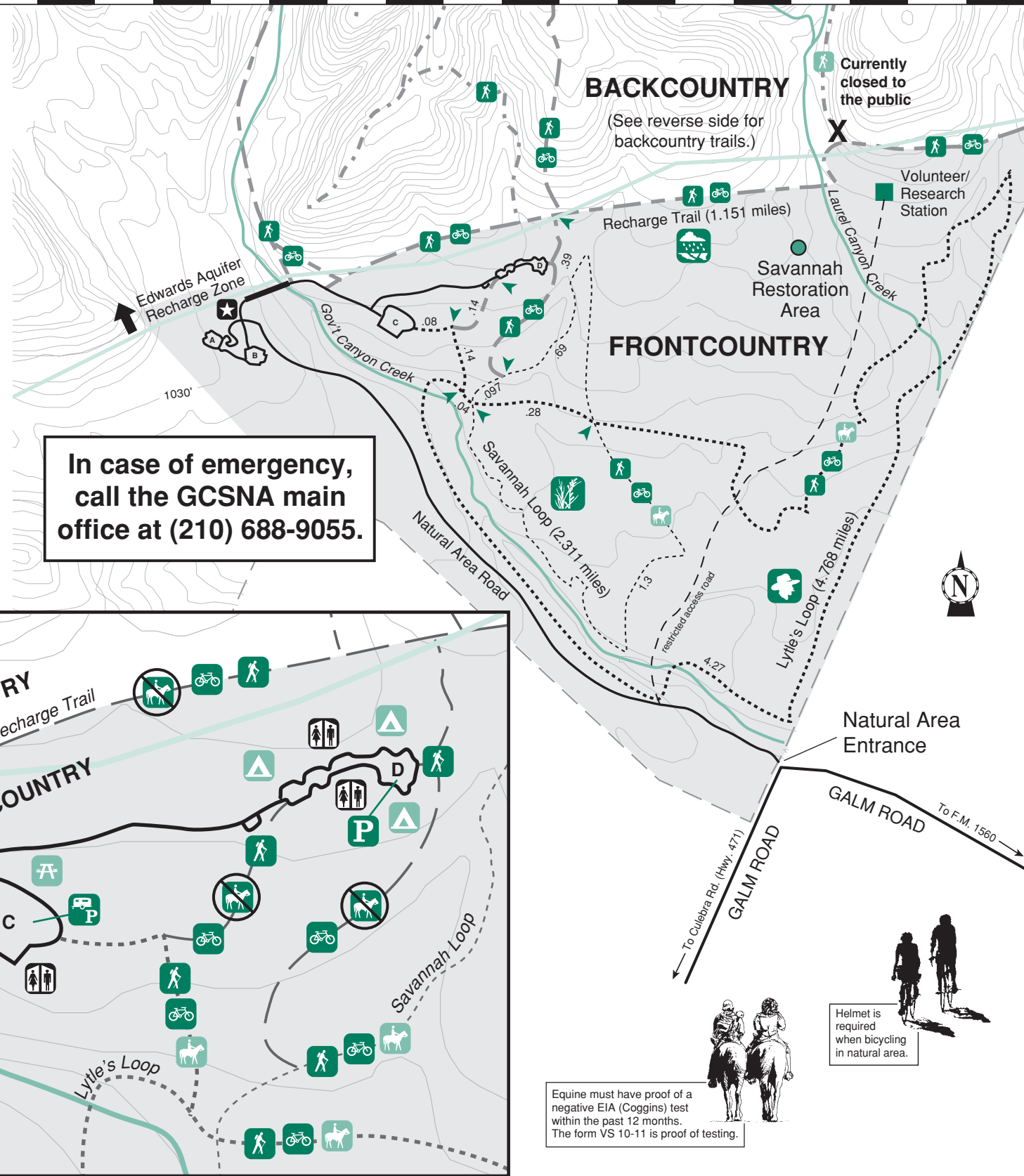
# Government Canyon

## State Natural Area

### Please Note:

As a State Natural Area, the primary focus of Government Canyon is the protection of its natural environment. Any recreational activity may be restricted. Help us protect this special place by following some simple guidelines.

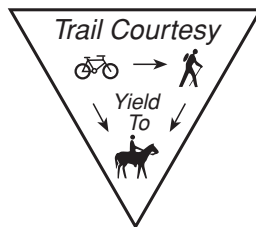
- **Pets are restricted to the Frontcountry trails only.** Leashing your pets keeps them safe and protects the native wildlife.
- **Helmets are required when bicycling in the natural area.**
- **Leaving no trace of your visit keeps this area natural.** Please recycle appropriate litter and pack out what you pack in.
- **Stay on designated trails to protect yourself and trailside vegetation.** It is harder to spot poisonous wildlife and plants off trail. Creating new trails causes confusion and increases soil erosion.
- **Please leave all plants, animals and artifacts in the Natural Area as you found them.** Everything in the Natural Area is protected by State Law for everyone's enjoyment.
- **Dead wood is an important source of food and shelter to much wildlife.** Do not gather firewood, as it harms wildlife.
- **Fires are permitted in cook stoves and self-contained grills only.** Ground fires scar rocks and soils, detracting from the beauty of the Natural Area, and can also cause wildfires.
- **All trails on the Frontcountry are multi-use, open to all visitors.** Please respect others by following the trail courtesy system.
- **State Law prohibits public consumption or display of an open container of any alcoholic beverage.**



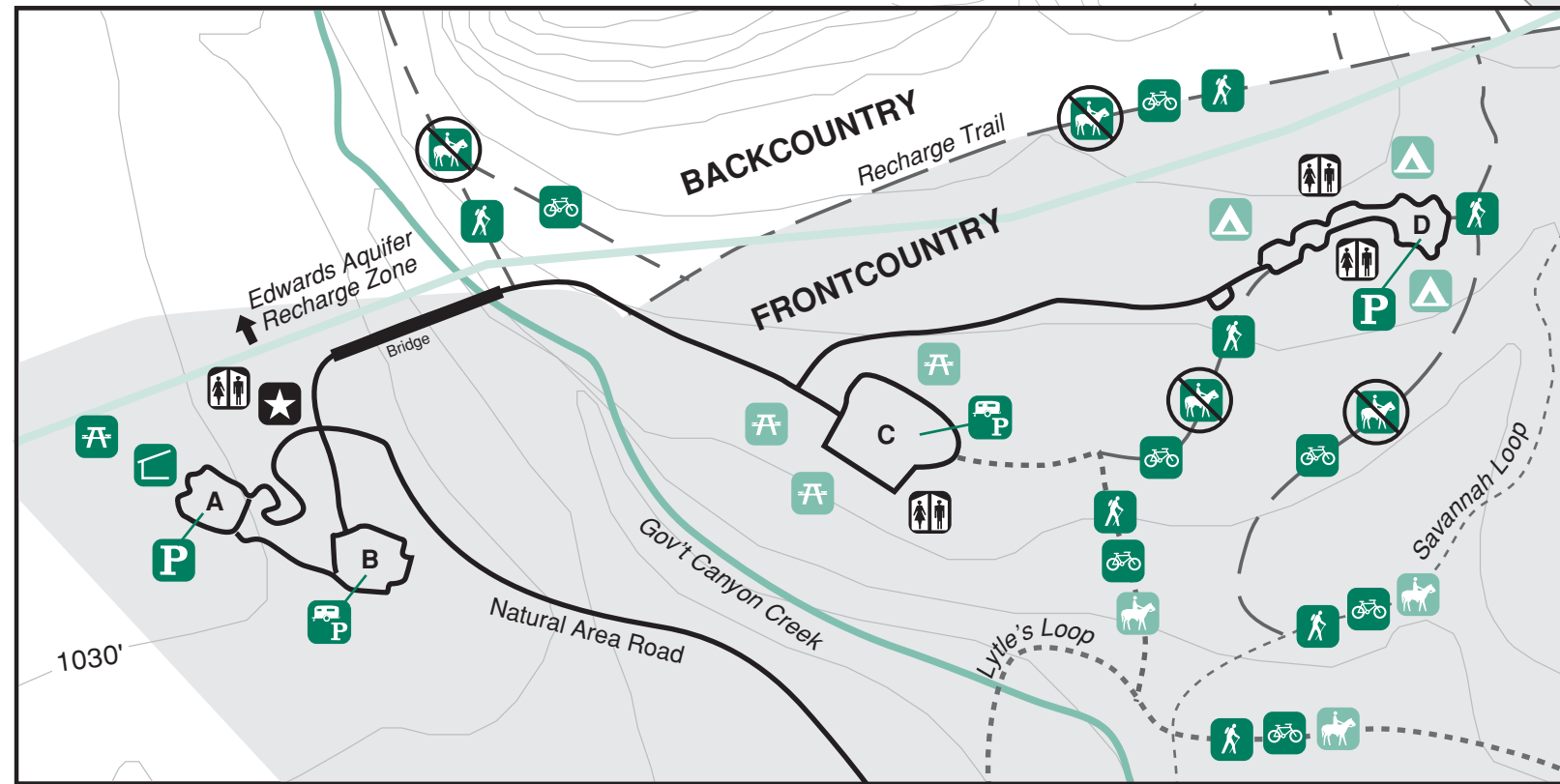
**In case of emergency,  
call the GCSNA main  
office at (210) 688-9055.**

### Legend:

- ★ Headquarters
- Visitor Center
- Natural Area Store
- Exhibit Gallery
- Rest Rooms
- Frontcountry Walk-in Camping Area (Under construction)
- Hiking Trailhead/Hiking Trail
- Equestrian Trail (Currently unavailable for equestrian use)
- Biking Trail
- Picnic Area
- Group Picnic Pavilion
- Parking
- Over-Sized Vehicle Parking
- Screened icons indicate pending construction or areas not available for use



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Equine must have proof of a negative EIA (Coggins) test within the past 12 months. The form VS 10-11 is proof of testing.

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12861 Galm Road  
San Antonio, Texas 78254  
(210) 688-9055

## Legend:

### FRONTCOUNTRY

- Hiking/Biking/ Equestrian Trails: (currently unavailable for equestrian use)
- Lytle's Loop (4,768 miles)
- Savannah Loop (2,311 miles)

### BACKCOUNTRY

- Hiking Only Trails:
  - Bluff Spurs (1,806 miles)
  - Overlook Trail (1,016 miles)
- Hiking Only (Restricted) Trail (Currently closed to the public)
- Laurel Canyon (1,165 miles)
- Hiking/Biking Trails:
  - Caroline's Loop (2,464 miles)
  - Far Reaches (2,985 miles)
  - Joe Johnston Route (3,955 miles)
  - Little Windmill (0,563 miles)
  - Recharge Trail (1,151 miles)
  - Sendero Balcones (4,517 miles)
  - Twin Oaks (2,067 miles)
  - Wildcat Canyon (1,657 miles)

### PROTECTED HABITAT AREA (Open Sept.–Feb. ONLY)

- Hiking Only (Seasonal) Trails:
  - Black Hill Loop (5,114 miles)
  - Cave Creek (1,679 miles)
  - La Subida (0,785 miles)
  - Sendero Travesero (0,473 miles)

### GCSNA Boundary

- Park Road
- Volunteer Road
- 10 ft. Topo Line
- Creekbed
- HQ/Visitor Center
- Rest Room
- Backcountry Primitive Campground (under construction)
- Trail Closure Gate
- Points of Interest

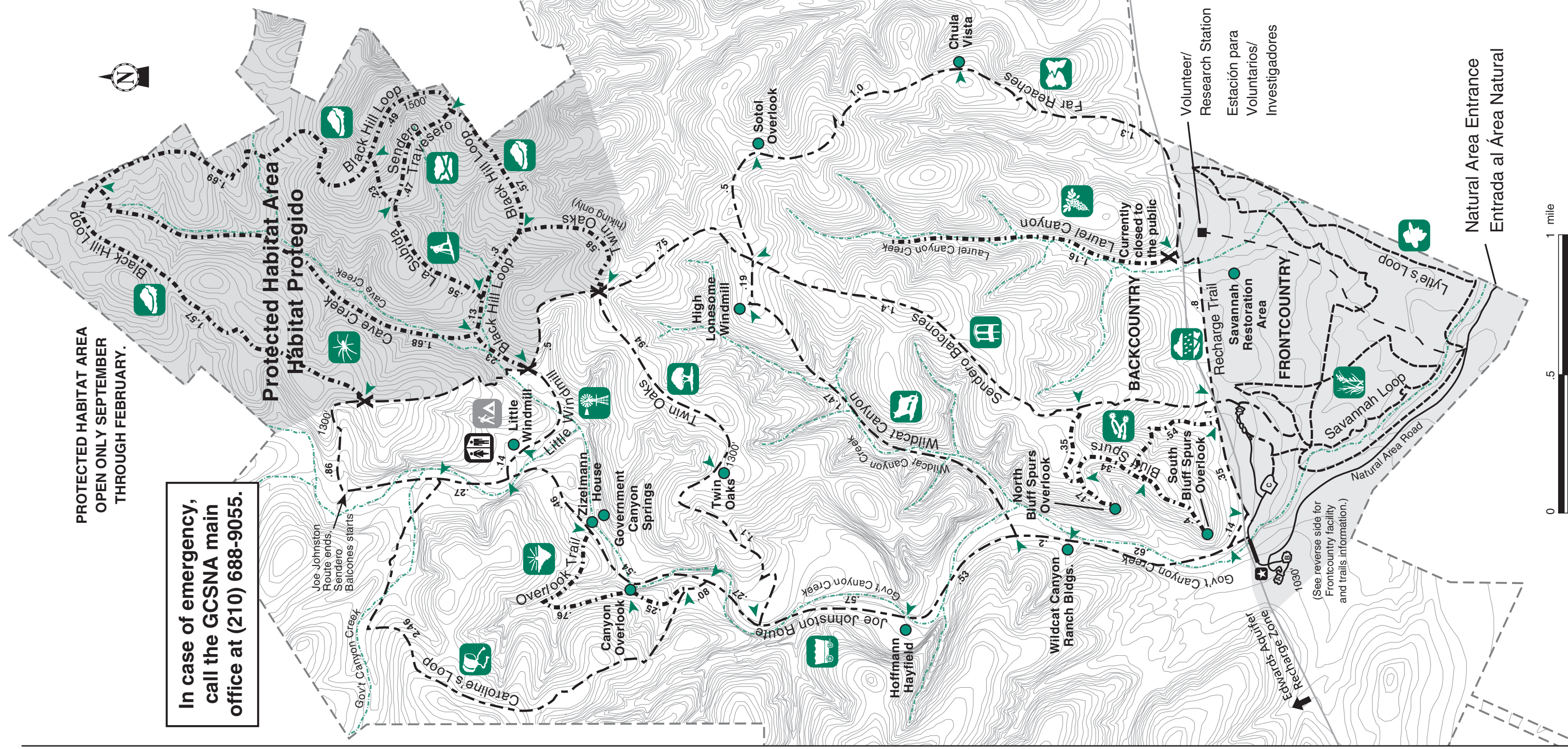


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OPEN ONLY SEPTEMBER  
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Natural Area Entrance  
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