



A BRIEF HISTORY

Potato Run Hollow was home to a thriving community in the 1800s and early 1900s. Residents could attend Potato Run Church, which was built in the 1850s and still holds weekly services. Families could send their children to School House No. 5, often called Potato Run School. There was also a leather tannery and a sawmill operated by the Odle Family in Potato Run Hollow. It is even rumored Mr. Hannel had a moonshine still in operation.



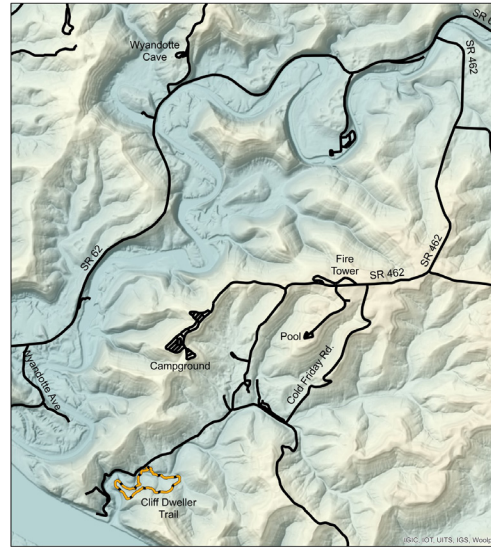
The Lewis Langdon homestead (pictured above) served as a place of refuge for the Daugherty Family when they were displaced from their Leavenworth houseboat by the 1937 flood. It is said they came up Potato Run in a rowboat and temporarily squatted in the home.

Information and photo courtesy of Anne Cabaniss.

DIRECTIONS

Cliff Dweller Trail is located south off the main state park road and can only be accessed by entering through the gatehouse.

- **From the Campground:** Turn right (south) out of the campground toward the Nature Center. Turn right (west) at the bottom of the hill by the ox pen. Travel 0.8 miles to the Pioneer Picnic Area (trailhead) which will be on your left.



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Cliff Dweller Trail is a moderately rugged 1.7 mile hiking trail which crosses Potato Run Creek and makes a loop through the hills above the creek. The northwest section of the trail runs along the edge of the bluffs above Potato Run. Hikers should be particularly careful while taking in the views along this portion. Also, hikers should not attempt to cross Potato Run when the water is high. Both trail heads are located at the Pioneer Picnic Area off the main state park road. Lewis Langdon travelled from his birthplace in Connecticut with his wife Louisa and their family and built his homestead in the 1830s, where the shelter stands. The chimney is still standing.

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