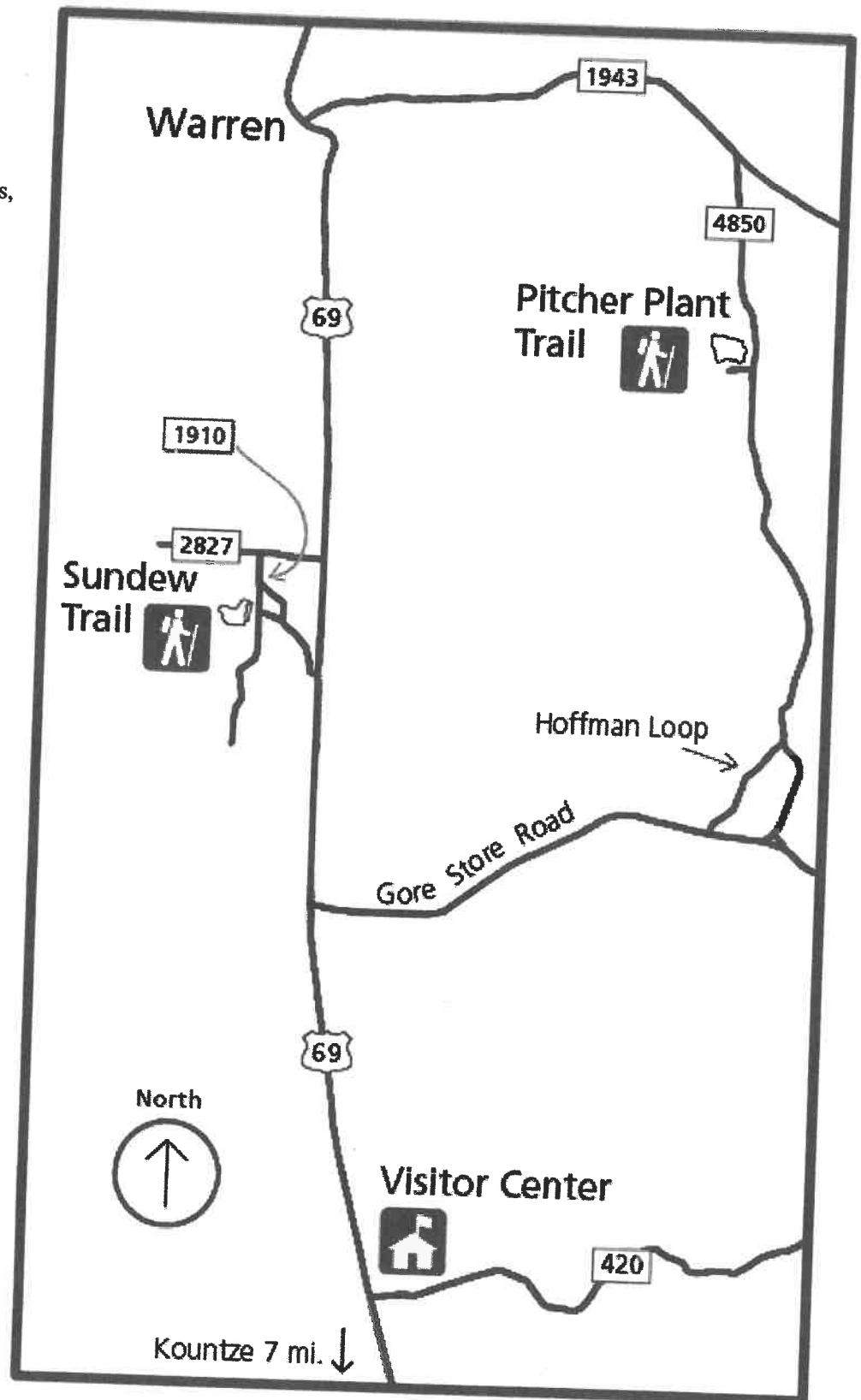


## Fun Facts about Carnivorous Plants

- While the soil here supports lush plant growth, it is actually very poor in nutrients, particularly nitrogen. Insects provide the missing nutrients these plants need.
- Carnivorous plants are capable of photosynthesis but obtain most of their nutrients from insects.
- Some species of spiders, praying mantis, and frogs hunt insects at pitcher plants and eat them before they fall in.
- You might think that these plants would help to control mosquito populations, but just the opposite is sometimes true. The larvae of some species of mosquitoes are impervious to the plants' digestive juices. The adult mosquito lays her eggs in the fluid inside the pitcher plant, where the larvae develop and feed on trapped insects.
- The most well-known carnivorous plants, the Venus flytrap, does not grow in the Big Thicket. It is native only to North and South Carolina.



*\* Not all roads are shown on this map.*