

### **Directions to Vertical Heartland from Giant City State Park:**

- Giant City Road north toward Carbondale from the Giant City Lodge
- About 2-3 miles outside of Giant City, turn right/east onto Grassy Road (it's a paved highway).
- Stay on Grassy Road to a 3-way Y-intersection and turn right there (you'll still be on Grassy Rd.).
- Continue east on Grassy Road to the stop sign at Hwy. 148.
- Turn right and go south on Hwy 148 until I-57.
- Turn onto I-57 and go south for about 8 miles (avoid I-24).
- Get off of I-57, Exit 36, at Lick Creek.
- Turn left onto Lick Creek Road.
- Cross over I-57 (MARK YOUR ODOMETER HERE) and continue on Lick Creek Road through the village of Lick Creek.
- At the other side of Lick Creek village, do NOT turn right or left onto South or North Lick Creek Roads.
- Continue straight ahead, around a blind corner on Lick Creek Road.
- At about the 2.5 mile mark on your odometer, you'll will have just traveled through 2 prominent S-curves. You'll be in front of the south face of Draper Bluff on your left.
- Pass by 2 driveways on your left, the second of which has a big gate.
- Look for the large "Vertical Heartland" sign on the left.
- We rendezvous in this parking lot.