

## Hike Flash – January 4, 2015

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**Membership Meeting:** Be sure to mark your calendars for **Thursday, Jan 15**, for the Membership meeting at the **Garland County Library** at **6 pm**.

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### **Summer Trip to GLACIER NATIONAL PARK:**

Jim and Vanessa Edgar are planning a trip to Glacier National Park in August, 2015 (proposed date: August 16th through August 23rd), and they are inviting any interested club members to join them and get in some wonderful hiking. Vanessa has researched lodging and found a house to accommodate a group of 10 people, campgrounds, sleeping cabins, and VRBO cabins in the hiking area. At this stage in planning it would be extremely helpful to know how many people might want to make this trip. If you think you would be interested in hiking at Glacier in August let Vanessa and Jim know as soon as possible. The Edgars' email address is [lilypind455@yahoo.com](mailto:lilypind455@yahoo.com), and their phone number is **922-4992**.

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**Updated Web Site!** Tom Calhoun, our new OMH webmaster, has done a wonderful job of updating the OMH web site. Check it out at [www.omhikers.net](http://www.omhikers.net)

While reviewing the web site contents, if you have any suggestions for future offerings, send them to Tom at [Tom.Calhoun3@gmail.com](mailto:Tom.Calhoun3@gmail.com)

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### **Thursday, January 8, 2015 Ouachita Trail (12.6 miles / Difficult) Flatside Pinnacle/FR #94 – Hwy 9 (mm 179.2 – 191.8)**

**Hike Leader:** Debbie VanVeghel, 501-655-6625, [dvanveghel@hotmail.com](mailto:dvanveghel@hotmail.com)

**Meet at:** Any hiker **not** carpooling from HS or HSV who needs to meet up with the group, please notify hike leader in advance and arrangements will be made to meet you at the Hwy 9 Trailhead (Ouachita Trail) **at 8:15 am**.

The Hwy 9 trailhead is located north of Paron and south of Williams Junction/Hwy 10. It is on the east side of Hwy 9 and is approx. 2 miles north of FS132 (Winona Scenic Drive). We will be hiking this trail segment from west to east and the hike will end at the Hwy 9 TH.

### **Carpools:**

Hot Springs – 7:30 am DeSoto Park/Hwy 7 (ride share = \$7)

Hot Springs Village – 7:45 am East Gate/Cranford's Parking Lot (ride share = \$5)

### **Details:**

Starting at east end of Flatside Wilderness/FR #94, the hike takes us up, up and then down the rocky hillside, thru a saddle and eventually takes us downhill along Brown's Creek before heading up, up again to North Fork Pinnacle. Once at the Pinnacle we will start

descending towards Lake Sylvia and on through the scenic area of Hillary Hollow with a gradual climb to Nancy Shelter before reaching Hwy 9. There are lots of areas with rocky treadways along trail and a few nice areas with soft pine needle treadways but many, many leaves are covering the trail this time of year making for tricky footing in areas. We should have some great scenic views during hike.

**Bring:** Plenty of water, good hiking boots/shoes, trail lunch, snacks, hiking sticks, first aid kit.

**Should be back:** Around 4:30-5:00

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VEHICLE SHUTTLING – Contact hike leader if interested.**

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## **Saturday, January 10, 2015 Emerald Park Trail (4.5 miles – Moderate), North Little Rock**

**Hike Leaders:** Tom and Jeanie Calhoun, 501-765-4827 (Tom cell) or 501-765-4816 (Jeanie cell) or [Tom.Calhoun3@gmail.com](mailto:Tom.Calhoun3@gmail.com)

### **Carpools:**

Hot Springs: 7:45 a.m. at DeSoto Park (Highway 7 N)

Hot Springs Village: 8:00 a.m. - East Gate (Highway 5) - Cranford's parking lot

Carpool share: \$7.00 (Total Round-trip Distance: approx. 100 miles.)

**Trailhead:** Riverview Skateboard Park, River Road, North Little Rock.

**Directions to Trailhead:** From Cranford's parking lot, take Highway 5 to I-30 East to Little Rock. After crossing the Arkansas River on I-30, take the Broadway Exit (first exit after crossing the river). Follow Broadway west to the roundabout at Pike Avenue. Exit the roundabout on the west side onto Rockwater Blvd. Proceed to the intersection with River Road. Continue northwest on River Road to the skateboard park on your left. There are rest rooms at the park.

**Hike Start Time:** 9:00 a.m. from trailhead.

**Bring:** Water, boots, hiking stick or poles (optional), trail snacks (optional), hat. Parts of the trail are rocky, so you will need your boots.

**Description of Emerald Park Hike:** This is a loop hike. The first half mile is up a somewhat steep dirt road. Elevation gain is a bit more than 200 feet, but it will get you warmed up. The next portion of the hike is along the top of the bluff overlooking the Arkansas River and Little Rock. On a clear day the view is gorgeous! Bring your camera. We will stop at several overlooks. You will also pass by historic Ft. Roots on your right. We will stop at the bench overlooking the river that was placed there in memory of Jeanie's

sister, Diane McConnell. Our route follows the bluff atop the quarry beside the river (Big Rock Mountain), and then follows a switchback trail back down to river level. This portion of the trail is rocky but not steep. The final leg of the hike is flat and open and follows the (paved) Arkansas River Trail; however, we will detour slightly to walk through the old quarry.

**Optional Lunch Stop:** Our recommended lunch spot is the Buffalo Grill on Rebsamen Park Road in Little Rock. There are other restaurants in the immediate area of the Buffalo Grill. We will provide printed direction to lunch on the day of the hike.

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See You on the Trails,  
Ouachita Mountain Hikers