

Hike Flash – February 8, 2015

Welcome to new OMH members Ben Bancroft, Elizabeth Barron-Hudson, Deb Crowell, Mike Norfleet and Andrea Birdsong.

OUACHITA CHALLENGE 2015: The 2015 Ouachita Challenge will be held on March 28th and 29th this year. This tour (Saturday) and race (Sunday) will feature 250 riders from many states each day. As usual, the event will start and finish at the Oden School. An event of this magnitude requires a lot of volunteers to make it work smoothly. We will need over 60 volunteers out on the course each of the two days. Please consider volunteering if you can. It will involve several hours of work and will provide you a great view of the racers. You may volunteer to be a course marshal or aid station worker by e-mailing Robert Cavanaugh at stonecoldrc@yahoo.com. If you need to call Robert his number is **870-490-1511**. If you can work both days that would be great, but if you can only work one day we can certainly use you as well. Give me your t-shirt size when you sign up.

This event provides funding to the Oden School and to local organizations as well. The Friends of the Ouachita Trail will receive a considerable amount of funding as a result of providing volunteers for the course and the aid stations. These funds will go to maintain and upgrade the Ouachita Trail.

I look forward to working with you. I will send out the volunteer assignments about two weeks before the Ouachita Challenge weekend.

Thursday, February 12, 2015 Morgan Hollow Loop and Glades Loop of the Little Blakely Trail System (8 miles/ Moderate to Difficult). Alternate to overnight hike.

Hike Leader: Phil Simpson philhappy@suddenlink.net or 501-922-3205.

Meet at:

Hot Springs: 8:30 a.m. at Sutherland's parking lot at 1831 Albert Pike Road in Hot Springs. Cost share to driver = \$2.00.

Hot Springs Village: 8:30 a.m. outside of the West Gate (Century 21/Cordoba Center). Cost share to driver= \$2.00.

Parking Area North Of Lake Ouachita State Park Visitor Center:

9:00 a.m. at the parking area.

Bring: Water, snacks and hiking sticks. Also, wear orange.

Should be back: Before 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 14, 2015 Lake Catherine State Park, Hot Springs, AR (3.7 miles moderate/difficult)

Hike Leader: Sofia Harrell sofiaharr@gmail.com or 501-915-8738. On day of hike only, Cell 501-282-9296

Carpool:

Hot Springs Village: 8:00 AM - outside West Gate at the Cordoba Center. Cost share \$5.00

Hot Springs: 9:00 AM - at the Trail Head at Lake Catherine State Park.

Directions to Lake Catherine: Take Carpenter Dam Road (AR-128). Just beyond the turnoff for Garvan Woodland Gardens, turn left on 290 to AR-171 (at the stop sign), turn left and follow signs to Lake Catherine State Park. The Trail Head is approx. 1/2 mile beyond the camping park office.

Details: We are going to start hiking on the Horseshoe Mt. Trail (steep and rugged) to the waterfalls and back to the Trail Head on Falls Branch Trail. We should be back at the Trail Head by noon.

Bring: Water, snacks and hiking sticks.

See You on the Trails,
Ouachita Mountain Hikers