

## Hike Flash – March 22, 2015

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**Welcome** to new OMH members Connie Courtney and Gary & Amy Waggener.

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### **Thursday, March 26, 2015 Hunts Loop + OT to FR 122 and return to Hwy 7 OT Crossing (9 miles – moderate to difficult)**

**Hike Leader:** Ernie Weidenberger 501-922-0294 or [ernjac@gmail.com](mailto:ernjac@gmail.com)  
Cell Day of Hike: 501-204-2836

This is a hike through the forest but it does start out with a 600 ft climb out from Iron Springs, so expect to get warm early. We will stop at the Moonshine shelter on the way back from FR 122 for lunch.

We will do a 'before the hike' shuttle to position cars at the Hwy 7 & OT crossing just north of Iron Springs.

#### **Carpool:**

Hot Springs Village: 8:25am at West Gate - Century 21 parking lot (carpool share \$1)

Hot Springs: 8:15am at Desoto Park (carpool share \$ 2)

**Meet at:** 8:45am in the picnic parking area of Iron Springs.

**Directions to Iron Springs:** Iron Springs is about five miles north of Jessieville on west (left) side of AR 7.

**Bring:** Plenty of water, good hiking boots / shoes, insect repellent, trail snack / lunch & hiking sticks

**Should be back by:** Early afternoon

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### **Saturday, March 28, 2015 Sam's Throne, Ozark National Forest (4 miles/difficult)**

**Hike Leader:** Jeannie Eichler, [jeannie.eichler@gmail.com](mailto:jeannie.eichler@gmail.com), 501-915-9185, cell 501-574-2997

#### **Carpools:**

Hot Springs: 7:30 a.m., Desoto Park, carpool fee \$1 to Cranford's EAST, Hwy. 5.

Hot Springs Village: 8:00 a.m., Cranford's EAST parking lot, Hwy. 5, carpool fee \$17 (254 miles round trip).

**To get to the trailhead:** Take I-40 west to Hwy. 7 north at Russellville. We'll stop at the Superstop (NE corner of I-40 & Hwy. 7) at approx. 9:30 for a rest stop. Follow Hwy. 7 north to Hwy. 123 north. Go approx. 10 miles to the Sam's Throne Campground sign and turn left. Park across from the first primitive campground on your right. We'll start hiking at 10:30.

**Bring:** Water, good boots, trail snack/lunch, hiking sticks highly recommended.

**Details:**

This is not your typical Saturday hike. It's a long drive and a difficult unmarked trail but the rewards are great. We start out by descending a steep, rocky hill to get to the base of the bluffs. Then we follow the bluffs and explore the many geological features. After that we hike out and around Sam's Throne and we can attempt to climb it. Next is the steep climb back up to the top of the bluffs and hike along the rim seeing amazing views (and drop offs) along the way. There is much to see and explore here. We can stop in Russellville on the way home for an early dinner. Should be home by 6 p.m.

**Please let Jeannie know if and where you will be joining her.**

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See You on the Trails,  
Ouachita Mountain Hikers