

Hike Flash – March 29, 2015

Welcome to new OMH members Harry & Becky Wakefield and Linda Banks.

Thursday, April 2, 2015 Ouachita Trail (11.8 miles / Moderate-Difficult) FS#124 – FS#122/Blakely Creek (mm 168.8 – 157.0)

Hike Leader: Joy Linker (501-915-8066) joyfullymovin@gmail.com

Carpools:

Hot Springs – 8:00am DeSoto Park/Hwy 7 (ride share = \$6)

Hot Springs Village – 8:15am West Gate/Century 21 parking lot (ride share = \$4)

Details:

This segment of the Ouachita Trail will take us thru the western part of Section 8 and into the eastern part of Section 7. We will begin the hike going thru the oak forest on Oak Mountain and continuing west across Hwy 7 to the Buffalo Gap area. The hike will take you up and across ridges with some nice leaf-off views, thru saddles, up and across some rocky hillsides and by rock formations along the scenic Sugar Creek. This hike is rated "difficult" due to its distance. There will be a bailout point 8.4 miles in at the Hwy 7 TH.

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

Should be back: Around 3:30

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SHUTTLING – Contact hike leader

Saturday, April 4, 2015 Garvan Woodland Gardens (3 miles)

Hike Leader: Anita Moore 525-2904 anitamoore409@gmail.com

Carpools:

Hot Springs Village: 8:30 a.m. at West Gate/Cordoba Center (carpool share \$3)

Meet at: 9:00 a.m. at the Garvan Gardens entrance.

Directions: To get to the Gardens, take the Martin Luther King Expressway west to the Carpenter Dam exit and go right or south 3.6 miles to Arkridge Road on the right. Turn right and drive 1.1 miles to the Garden parking lot.

Bring: Water, snacks, good walking shoes and a camera if desired.

Comments:

This is an annual event planned for the Club to enjoy the beautiful early Spring blooms at Garvan Gardens. We always hope we have scheduled the right date to see tulips and blooming bushes and trees. The pathway is paved in some areas and a well-maintained dirt one in other areas. For those who might like to eat at the Gardens the Chipmunk Cafe offers sandwiches, salads, and other light fare. Garvan Gardens members will be admitted free, but non-members will be charged the \$15 entrance fee.

Should be finished by: Noon

See You on the Trails,
Ouachita Mountain Hikers