

## Hike Flash – April 5, 2015

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### **Thursday, April 9, 2015 Hickory Nut Mountain Hike (8.5 miles – Moderate/Difficult)**

**Hike Leader:** Tom Cornelius, Cell: 901-485-1563 (I will have my cell during the day of the hike) [tomcornelius@cablelynx.com](mailto:tomcornelius@cablelynx.com)

**Meet At:** 9:00am - Vista Trailhead at Joplin.

#### **Carpool:**

Hot Springs Village: 8:00 am at West Gate/Century 21 parking lot – Carpool donation is \$6.00

Hot Springs: 8:15 am at Sutherland's Parking Lot (Highway 270 West) – Carpool Donation is \$3.00

**Directions From Hot Springs Village (West Gate):** From West Gate, turn right & drive north on Hwy 7 and travel a few miles and turn west (left) on Hwy 192 or Strawberry Road (Home Plate Restaurant at this intersection) and travel about 10 miles. Then turn left at intersection of Hwy 227 & travel towards Hot Springs and turn right or west on Hwy. 270 – then continue about 25 miles and turn right on Mountain Harbor Road (Joplin Store). Then travel about one city block and turn right on dirt road (opposite entrance to Joplin Methodist Church). Then travel 4/10 mile to the parking area on right.

**Directions From Hot Springs (Sutherlands Parking Lot):** Drive west on Hwy 270 (Albert Pike) about 26 miles and turn right on Mountain Harbor Rd (Joplin Store). Then travel about one city block and turn right on dirt road (opposite entrance to Joplin Methodist Church). Then travel 4/10 mile to the parking area on right.

**Bring:** Plenty of water, hiking sticks, hiking boots/shoes, lunch, snacks, insect repellent.

**Hike Details:** We will all meet at the parking area behind Joplin Store at Mountain Harbor Rd and Hwy 270. We will hike east and climb Hickory Nut Mountain and then have lunch. Then hike back down.

We should complete the hike by 1:30 or 2:00 pm, so you should return home by 3:00 pm.

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### **Saturday, April 11, 2015 Mt Magazine State Park (4 miles / easy to moderate). We will hike the North Rim Trail.**

**Hike Leader:** Jerry Harris 915-9635 [rox2ie1944@yahoo.com](mailto:rox2ie1944@yahoo.com)

**Carpools:**

Hot Springs: 8:00am DeSoto Park/ Hwy. 7 (ride share \$6.00)

Hot Springs Village: 8:15am West Gate/Century 21 parking lot (ride share \$5.00)

**Details:**

We will ride up to Mt Magazine State Park visitor center and park there . We will hike along the N. Rim trail and back, an option will be to hike on up to the summit which would add 2 miles to the hike. The hike has nice views off the mountain and it's possible that we could see a hang glider. Those who like can eat lunch at the lodge.

**Directions:**

Take Hwy 7 to Ola, turn left on Hwy 10 to Havana, then turn on 309 to State Park.

**Bring:** Water, hiking stick(s), snack.

**Should Be Back By:** Mid-Afternoon

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**Tuesday, April 14, 2015 - (SPECIAL TUESDAY HIKE) This is an additional hike needed to complete the rest of Sec. 4 of the Ozark Highlands Trail which was begun last November. The entire trail is very beautiful and would be a good opportunity for those that don't do overnights to see some of the OHT (9 miles / difficult).**

**Hike Leader:** John Burns home 922-4106 / cell (202)258-2920 [johnburnshsv@gmail.com](mailto:johnburnshsv@gmail.com)

**Carpool:**

Hot Springs Village: 8:00am - West Gate...Century 21 parking lot (ride share \$15.00)

**Meet At:** 10:30am - OHT-Lick Branch Trail Head, Johnson Co. Rd. 5051

**Directions To Trail Head:**

Take Hwy AR-103 / Exit 58 off I-40, north toward Clarksville. After aprox. 1.5 miles turn left (west) at stop light onto E Main / US-64 . After aprox. 1 mi. - downtown Clarksville - turn right (north) onto N College Ave / AR-103 and drive 20 mis. to Hwy 215. Turn left (west) on Hwy 215 and drive 4 mis. to CR 5099 on right. Drive 2 mis. on CR 5099 and take fork to left onto CR 5051. From there it is less than a mile to Lick Branch Trail Head on the left.

**Bring:** Water, first aid kit, snacks for lunch along the trail, water shoes - Note: I don't - expect any major water crossings, but that could change quickly this time of year.

**Finish hike:** 4:00 p.m. Plan to have dinner together afterwards at Colton's steak house in Russellville.

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See You on the Trails,  
Ouachita Mountain Hikers