

Hike Flash – April 12, 2015

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

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 approx. 1.5 miles turn left (west) at stop light onto E Main / US-64. After approx. 1 mi. - downtown Clarksville - turn right (north) onto N College Ave / AR-103 and drive 20 mi. to Hwy 215. Turn left (west) on Hwy 215 and drive 4 mi. to CR 5099 on right. Drive 2 mi. 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: 4:00pm

Plan to have dinner together afterwards at Colton's steak house in Russellville.

Thursday, April 16, 2015 OMH Trail Maintenance - Flatside Wilderness, MM 178.1 to MM 177.2

Note: We have the new wicking Trail Crew tee shirts for sale for those members that have already completed 50 hours of trail maintenance. Anyone interested can inform Ralph Butler or Glenn Wortham.

Leader: Ralph Butler, 501-922-1916, rgbutler39@yahoo.com

Carpools:

Hot Springs: 7:30 am, DeSoto Park on Hwy 7

Meet at: 8:00 am, Jessieville Ranger District Work Center

Bring: Water, Boots, Work Gloves, Safety Glasses, Sunscreen, Trail Snacks, Bug Spray and First Aid Kit.

Tools: Bring loppers. All other trail tools will be provided.

Please plan on helping provide trail maintenance in Flatside Wilderness as OMH continues to keep this part of the Ouachita Trail in good hiking condition. This visit will be used to clear drains, rebuild water bars, and remove small brush, branches and limbs impeding hiker. We will also do some lopping. Brazing will be done if the number of volunteers is sufficient. Please let Ralph know if you plan to work as soon as possible.

Should be back by: Early afternoon

Saturday, April 18, 2015 Caddo River canoe trip, Glenwood, AR - Lucky's canoe rental (870-356-2772)

Trip Leader: Jerry Harris, 501-915-9635, rox2ie1944@yahoo.com

Meet At:

Hot Springs: 8:15am - Sutherlands (ride fee \$4.00)

Hot Springs Village: 8:00am - Century 21 parking lot (ride fee \$5.00)

Directions:

From Hot Springs - take Highway 70 to Glenwood. Lucky's will be on the left before you cross the river.

From Hot Springs Village - take Highway 7 to 192 by Home Plate, then turn left on 227 to bypass, then take exit 2 to Glenwood.

Bring: Water, snack, river shoes and clothing suitable for canoeing keeping in mind you might get wet.

Details: Canoe and kayak rental is \$25.00. If you bring your own canoe or kayak, the shuttle fee is \$10.00. If you rent from Lucky, the fee includes canoe, life jackets, paddles and shuttle fee.

We will canoe around 9 miles from Caddo Gap back to Glenwood. I did this trip last year with perfect river conditions and it was beautiful. If the river is up a little, we will not have any hard paddling. But you have to steer around several rocks so experienced canoeing is helpful.

We can eat in Glenwood after the trip.

Should Be Home By: Mid-Afternoon

See You on the Trails,
Ouachita Mountain Hikers