

Hike Flash – May 17, 2015

Mark your calendars: The OMH Membership Meeting will be held Thursday, May 21st at the Garland County Library at 6:00 pm. The library is located at 1427 Malvern Avenue in Hot Springs. Our guest speaker will be Susan Adkins, Park Interpreter at Lake Ouachita State Park. The topic of her presentation will be 'Leave No Trace.' We can all learn something from this or at least get a refresher.

This is your opportunity to participate in club discussions and get to know your fellow hikers a little better.

Mark your calendars! The annual end of hiking season OMH picnic is **Thursday, June 11th, at Cortez Pavilion** in Hot Springs Village. Plan to attend.....this just may be the best hiker picnic ever! Details will follow.

Thursday, May 21, 2015 OMH Trail Maintenance - Flatside Wilderness, MM 178.0 to MM 179.2

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.

Details:

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, May 23, 2015 Hike & Swim: Little Missouri Trail / Winding Stairs (6 miles / Moderate)

Hike Leader: Jim Gifford 922-1680 hike.arkansas@gmail.com

Carpools:

Hot Springs Village: 8:00 am - West Gate (Carpool Reimbursement: \$10)

Hot Springs: 8:15 am - Hot Springs Airport (Carpool Reimbursement: \$9)

Meet at:

Glenwood / Hwy 70 Rest Area - 9:00 am (Carpool Reimbursement: \$5)

Bring: Water; hiking boots, bug spray, sticks; snacks; those wishing to take a dip should wear swimming suit under your hiking clothes.

Details:

Winding Stairs is one of the prettiest spots in the Ouachita Mountains. This particularly scenic spot on the Little Missouri River is surrounded by high bluffs. The river makes several S-turns past large rock formations, with several small waterfalls and swimming holes. We will hike in from the southern end of Little Missouri Trail, and linger long enough for snacks and (for those wishing) to take a swim.

Should be back by: Late afternoon

See You on the Trails,
Ouachita Mountain Hikers