

Hike Flash – May 31, 2015

Welcome to new OMH members Alice Canham.

Have you reserved your spot at the
Ouachita Mountain Hikers' Annual End of the Season Picnic?
Sign up deadline is Wednesday, June 3rd

Picnic Date: Thursday, June 11th, 5:30PM

Location: Cortez Pavilion (located at 181 Carmona Rd, HSV)

The picnic is free to members. Guests or non-members are welcome at a cost of \$5 each.

The club will provide the meat. Everyone is asked to bring a potluck dish to share (enough to serve about 8-10 people). Paper plates, napkins, and plastic utensils will be provided.

Please bring your own drinks and serving utensils for your potluck dish.

Contact: Marilyn Hall at mjhall74@gmail.com or (cell phone) [254-760-2426](tel:254-760-2426) to sign up for the picnic and let her know what dish you intend to bring so we will have a good head count for ordering the meat and a good variety of dishes to share. Also, let her know if you need to be signed up as a guest to enter Hot Springs Village.

Directions to Cortez Pavilion:

From Hot Springs Village West Gate (Hwy 7), travel 4 miles on DeStoto Blvd, turn left onto Carmona Rd; Cortez Pavilion will be on the right after .3 miles.

From Hot Springs Village East Gate (Hwy 5), travel 10 miles on DeSoto Blvd, turn right onto Carmona Rd; Cortez Pavilion will be on the right after .3 miles.

Thursday, June 4, 2015 Crystal Springs Campground/Crystal Mountain (4 mi / Easy)

Hike leader: Joe Breashears 501-545-6141 breashearsjoe@yahoo.com

Carpool:

Hot Springs: 8:00am - Sutherland's (Ride share \$10.00)

Hot Springs Village: 8:00am - West Gate, Century 21 parking lot (Ride share \$10.00)

Meet At: Services station at the intersection of U.S. highway 270 and AR highway 27 at 8:45 am. Trailhead at 9:00 am.

Bring: Water, snacks, good hiking boots, small digging tool.

Description:

We will travel 2.5 miles west of Mount Ida to the old town of Maulden in Montgomery County. We will do a 1.5 mile interpretive loop trail. (Maulden was a sawmill town.) We then plan to gather at Heritage House

Museum in Mount Ida to see photographs of old Maulden. We will then travel to Crystal Mountain for a 2 mile round trip hike to a crystal mine.

We should return by: Mid-afternoon.

Saturday, June 6, 2015 National Trails Day

June 6th is NATIONAL TRAILS DAY. Some state parks that are scheduling events especially for this day are Lake DeGray State Park, Lake Fort Smith State Park, Petit Jean State Park, and Lake Ouachita State Park. Susan Adkins, Lake Ouachita State Park, invited our Club to participate in activities held at LOSP. Two hikes are scheduled. One is titled Caddo Bend Trail Hike and First Day Hike Reunion. The other is titled Nature Senses Hike.

The **Caddo Bend Hike** is a 4-mile guided hike designed to find out how natural and human forces shape the history and landscape of Lake Ouachita. A park interpreter will be leading the hike. To participate meet at the Caddo Bend Trailhead at 9:00 a.m. Bring drinking water and wear sturdy shoes.

The **Nature Senses Hike** is a hike that will stimulate the senses to ensure an enjoyable experience on the trail. A park interpreter will lead the short adventure hike on the Caddo Bend Trail. To participate in this hike meet at the Caddo Bend Trailhead at 4:00 p.m. This hike is expected to last about 30 minutes.

I hope you will decide to participate in a National Trails Day activity. Caddo Bend is a lovely trail, nearby, and one we visit often. There are several other activities scheduled on June 6th by the Park, and they can be viewed on the events calendar of Lake Ouachita State Park.

Anita Moore

See You on the Trails,
Ouachita Mountain Hikers