

July Hike Alert

The Ouachita Mountain Hiking Club is presently working on a weeklong hiking excursion to the beautiful mountains surrounding Telluride, Colorado.

The trip is scheduled for July 10 thru 15 of this year. Six days of hiking will begin with shorter hikes that progress to more challenging trails as each person becomes more acclimated to the elevation. Some of the hikes will include riding up some of the steeper sections of the trails using the free gondola that operates between the town of Telluride and the Telluride Mountain Village Ski Area. There is something for everyone, whether you prefer to shop, dine, visit the museum, fish or simply stroll the Historic District while the hikers are gasping for air. Thursday will be a layover or rest day where, depending on interest, there will be an opportunity to visit some seldom seen Indian ruins which will incorporate some hiking if desired.

Accommodations:

Telluride is an upscale ski area with lots of rental housing available, particularly during the summer. Rates are reasonable to outrageous depending on your preference. If you are thinking of joining the hike we recommend that you contact visittelluride.com or phone 800 525-3455 and request that they send you the latest Official Guide for the Telluride area. This booklet lists all accommodations, activities and events in the area. There are three campgrounds in the area which appear to accommodate RV's. They include Sunshine CG located 6 miles south of Telluride; Matterhorn CG which has showers at 10 miles south on Hwy 145 and Cayton CG 18 miles south on Hwy 145. These are all Forest Service campgrounds and the first two can be contacted at 970 327-4261. The Cayton CG number is 970 882-7296.

The trip leader is Mike Curran @ 501 262-3482 or cell @ 501 545-7747; [curranho 8@hotmail.com](mailto:curranho8@hotmail.com). Contact Mike if you have questions or are tentatively interested in participating in this hike.