

Brent's Ozark Overnight Hike Information

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, April 11-13, 2017 (calendar says it's Ozark Highlands Trail Hike but will be just general Buffalo River area hikes)

Accommodations: Harmony Mountain Retreat (7 miles south of Jasper); two nights stay (Tuesday and Wednesday nights; come home Thursday). If lodge fill up, get room on your own nearby. Cabin next to lodge, Harmony Mountain Haven can be reserved by calling 877-428-3563.

Rooms in lodge: Eight bedrooms. Four have king beds. Two have two queen beds each. One has a queen and a twin. The third floor is a queen and two twin daybeds. Bathrooms in each bedroom.

Hike Leader: Brent Alexander (870) 245-9009 alexander111@windstream.net

Carpool: Make your own carpooling arrangements from east or west gate.

Meet At: 9:45 a.m. – Harps in Dover.

Details: After meeting at Harps in Dover, we'll travel north to a new hiking area and waterfall (Big Creek Cave Falls) off Highway 7 near our lodge. Small water crossings on this hike so bring water shoes if you need them. We'll eat lunch on the trail so bring lunch for Tuesday and Wednesday on the trail. After noon/afternoon hike, back to lodge for Happy Hour and Potluck dinner. (Any volunteers to help organize Tuesday evening potluck would be appreciated).

Wednesday hike: Centerpoint Trailhead to Kyles Landing; Moderate Hike with 7 river crossings: Travel the 45 minutes to Centerpoint Trailhead north of Ponca and Hike to Big Bluff via Goat Trail, visit Granny Henderson's home place, cross Buffalo River about 7 times on way back to Kyles Landing where we will have left vehicles. This is about a 10-12 mile hike, more or less depending on if we want to visit Hemmed in Hollow waterfall, Indian Creek, etc. Bring water shoes for river crossings or be prepared to cross in boots. Water should not be more than knee deep. We'll all stay together on this hike and finish together. In case of heavy rains, we'll plan another hike as we won't risk crossing in too deep water. This is my favorite hike in north Arkansas. Many interesting and historic places along this part of the river. It's called the Old River Trail.

Those who don't want to hike this hike can plan their own day of relaxing, floating, hiking, etc.

Would like to eat at Low Gap Café after this hike if time permits. We'll eat out somewhere on Wednesday night.

Thursday Hike: Breakfast at Blue Mountain Café or Ozark Cafe in Jasper or on our own. Short hike before leaving for home. Possibilities include Arkansas Sphinx, Lost Valley, Narrows (Nars) on Buffalo at Woolum, Glory Hole; or other suggestions are welcome.

Bring: Lunch for two days on the trail, hiking sticks, hiking/water boots/shoes, insect repellent, pajamas. The usual snacks and refreshments for overnights.

If you want to go: Email Brent (alexander111@windstream.net) and let him know you are going and drop a check in the mail (215 North Michigan Street, Delight, AR 71940) to him for \$50 per person. This covers deposit and most of balance but will probably be more owed after we know how many people will be going.