

OMH Special Hike Flash: Dam-to-Dam in Hot Springs Village

On Thursday April 27, we will repeat last year's popular "Dam-to-Dam in Hot Springs Village" hike. This event is a joint venture between OMH and HSV Basecamp. We will again offer an optional cookout after the hike, with burgers and beverages (beer/wine available). We will do the hike in the opposite direction this year, allowing a fun new twist, offered by Base Camp. The hike will end on DeSoto Dam, where Basecamp boats will pick us up for a ride to Waypoint Marina where the cookout will take place. In order to plan food, we will have an early sign up deadline for this hike and hence this "Special Flash".

Thursday, April 27, 2016

HSV Dam to Dam (10 miles, Easy to Moderate)

Hike Leader: Jim Gifford hike.arkansas@gmail.com gate922-1680

Carpool: Hot Springs - DeSoto Park (Hwy 7 N) **8:30 am** (ride share: \$2)

I will meet non-villagers at **Balboa Gate** for entry into village

Meet at: Balboa Beach trailhead (HSV) **9:00 am**

Directions: HSV Balboa Gate is on Hwy 5, about half way between the Hwy 7 turn and the East Gate. This is a card gate, so I will have to meet you there to get you in. We will use this gate because it is only about ½ mile from the trailhead.

Shuttle Service: We will provide transportation back to Balboa after the event.

Base Camp will provide a bus, which will make two trips back to Balboa.

Additional flexibility may be available if you arrange to have your own car at Waypoint, or if we have volunteer shuttle drivers willing to leave a car at Waypoint. **>> Shuttle Drivers needed.** If you can leave a car at Waypoint before the hike, please let me know. We can arrange a ride to the hike if necessary. See note below.

Hike Description: We will hike across Balboa Spillway and proceed down Balboa Trail to Hernando Trail. We will hike the full length (8.5 miles) of Hernando Trail to DeSoto Spillway Trail and proceed to the top of the dam, where the boats will be waiting for us.

Although ten miles in length, this is mostly easy walking on well-maintained trails, but it is still ten miles from start to finish and has several pretty good hills.

If you can't (or don't want to) hike ten miles, you can still participate. You can join us at Waypoint for the cookout only. You can do a portion of the hike and drop out at Grove Park (about 5 miles). You could do your own hike from Waypoint (self-led) and then join us for the cookout. From Waypoint to Calella Rd and back is 1.2 miles; from Waypoint to Calella and around the full Desoto Multi-purpose Trail loop and back is 4.5 miles

We need an early headcount to plan for lunch, so you will need to sign up for this hike no later than 5 pm Monday (4/24) if you want to eat.

Waypoint cookout. Basecamp will provide burgers grilled on site. There are three choices (turkey, beef, and veggie). Make your selection when you register for the hike. Lunch includes sides, fruit, cookies, and soft drinks. Beer and wine will be available for

purchase at Waypoint (*added cost*). **Pay for the cookout at the event – bring cash. Correct change appreciated.**

Cost:

Lunch (non-alcoholic beverages) - **\$6** HSV property owners, **\$8** non-HSV owners

Shuttle Plan:

After the cookout, we will provide shuttle service back to the starting point at Balboa Beach.

2:30 bus leaves Waypoint for Balboa

3:00 bus leaves Waypoint for Balboa

It is anticipated that the bus will carry the majority of participants. If we have sufficient drivers, we will have an extended shuttle service in hiker cars.

If you want to stay on your own schedule, or linger at Waypoint, you can either make your own shuttle arrangements or leave a car at Waypoint in the morning. If leaving a car at Waypoint, I *recommend you leave Waypoint no later than 8:30* I will make one trip in the morning from Waypoint to Balboa before the hike for drivers who leave their car at Waypoint.

When you check in for the hike, let me know:

- If you plan to hike the ten miles or meet us after for cookout
- If you are a non-villager and need access to HSV
- If you want lunch?
 - o What type burger? (turkey, beef, or veggie)
- Will you need a shuttle back to starting point after cookout?
- If you can help shuttle by leaving your car at Waypoint in morning