

Ouachita Mountain Hikers (www.omhikers.net)

Hike Flash – May 28, 2017

What's New on the Web Site?

New photos may be found at **About Us>Photo Gallery**. *Just added* were six albums dated 4/15 – 5/13.

As always, the most recent Hike Flash in both desktop and mobile formats may be found under the **Current Activities** tab.

Note: To view the web site, just click this link: www.omhikers.net.

Welcome New Members...

None this week.

Attention Hike leaders!

You hike flash coordinator will be traveling out-of-state for the remainder of the hiking season. Internet access may be spotty. Please send you hike flash input as early as possible so it can be sent our when WiFi is available.

We need a few good...

...Hike Leaders! If you are a regular hiker or aspire to be, we need for you to volunteer to be a Hike Leader. It's some work, but you will really get to dig a bit deeper into hiking in general and the wonderful hiking opportunities in Arkansas. You may want to start with Saturday hikes to get your feet wet (which can happen when you're hiking). Saturday Hike Leaders may want to move to Thursdays. If you have an interest please contact Hike Chair, Dave Tedrahn. He can team you up with an experienced Hike leader, if you'd like, to help select and plan your first hike.

Photos needed!

Please Email your photos from hikes to both our Historian, Ernie Weidenberger ernjac@gmail.com and Web Master, Tom Calhoun tom.calhoun3@gmail.com for inclusion in the yearbook and the photo gallery on the web site, respectively.

Thursday, June 1, 2017 – CHANGE - Hernando Trail In Hot Springs Village, Arkansas (7 miles/moderate)

Hike Leader: Phil Simpson 501-922-3205 or philhappy@suddenlink.net

Carpools: Hikers living outside of the village will meet at 9 A.M. outside of the West Gate at the Cordoba Center parking area. To get there, follow Highway 7 from Hot Springs until you reach an intersection on the west side of the village with a set of street lights. At the intersection, make a right turn into the village. Just before you reach the west gate, make a right turn into the Cordoba Center. The parking area faces the Hot Springs Village Visitor's Center. From the parking area we will drive to the trailhead.

The west side of the village is 19 minutes/12.5 miles from Gulpha Gorge. (Carpooling is free)

The Trailhead: Meet at the trailhead at 9:20 A.M. Here is how to get there. Drive to the parking area in front of an abandoned medical center on the north side of DeSoto Boulevard. Behind it is the Good Samaritan Retirement Center. The Retirement Center faces Cortez Road. Cortez Road crosses DeSoto Boulevard.

Bring: Plenty of water, hiking sticks, and snacks and spray for ticks.

We should finish the hike before 1:00 P.M. We can have lunch somewhere in or outside of the village.

Note: Some hikers can chose to do only five miles on this hike.

Saturday, June 3, 2017 - National Trails Day

***National Trails Day** is an annual event sponsored by American Hiking Society to celebrate and appreciate the trails in America. Those of us who use trails on a regular basis should want to participate in this event to show our appreciation for the trails we use.*

Each year, on the first Saturday of June, American Hiking Society and the trails community invite Americans of all ages and abilities to find their own adventure and discover their unique story at one of thousands of events hosted throughout the country. By coordinating a wide array of trail activities on a single day, National Trails Day attracts new trail users and helps connect existing trail enthusiasts with local clubs and organizations with the hopes of creating trail advocates and stewards.

The task to protect and maintain more than 200,000 miles of trails in the U.S. requires a collaborative effort among trail clubs, organizations, government agencies, and most importantly passionate trail advocates and stewards.

Lake Ouachita State Park

Start time: **9:00 am** Location: behind Visitor's Center

Hike: Caddo Bend Trail (4 mi / moderate)

Coordinator / Hike Leader: Jim Gifford (922-1680) hike.arkansas@gmail.com

For the first time in our 30-year history, OMH will host our own National Trails Day event. Join us as we celebrate America's trail system and take a hike on Caddo Bend Trail.

Should be done by: Noon.

Thursday, June 8, 2017 - End of Year Picnic 5-7 pm

Where: Lake Cortez Pavilion, 181 Carmona Rd, Hot Springs Village

Coordinator: Theresa Keyser.

Club shirts will be available at the picnic. Two new colors for short sleeve shirts and the blaze orange long sleeve shirts will be available. The price is \$10 for short sleeve, \$15 for long sleeve, cash or check.

***See You on the Trails,
Ouachita Mountain Hikers***