

Tuesday/Wednesday, November 7/8, 2017 Ouachita Trail Section 2,

Day 1 Hike: Winding Stairs to Pashubbe TH, MM 23.7 to 33.9 (10.2 miles, Difficult)

Day 2 Hike: State Line to Kiamichi River, MM 46.4 to 38.9 (7.5 miles + 1 mile walkout, Difficult)

Trip Coordinator: David Tedrahn (omhhikerdt@gmail.com)

Note: Shuttle Drivers and Hike Leaders Needed

Carpools:

Hot Springs: Sutherland's @ 7:30am (Ride share is \$13.00)

Hot Springs Village: West Gate @ 7:30am (Ride share is \$14.00)

Please let David know if you wish to carpool and he will coordinate drivers and riders.

Meet At:

Optional: McDonald's in Mena at 9:15am for a short break. Depart for Queen Wilhelmina Lodge by 9:45am.

Meet at Queen Wilhelmina Lodge at 10:00 am. Depart QW at 10:15am for the TH. Begin hike at 11:00am.

Details:

Lodging: We have 20 rooms reserved at Queen Wilhelmina Lodge for the nights of November 7 and 8. You must phone the lodge at 479-394-2863 (select option 2) to make a reservation before October 25, in order to assure you have a room and to receive the group rate. Give them the event number 18456053 to receive the group rate on your room. Rooms will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis.

Meals: Queen Wilhelmina Lodge is adding a full service bar which is expected to be open for business by October 1. Assuming the bar is open by our event we will plan on dining in the lodge restaurant. Obviously hikers are free to dine in Mena if they so desire, but we will not plan a group meal there.

Day 1 Hike (10.2 miles, Moderate/Difficult): We will begin hiking from Winding Stairs at 11am on Tuesday as above. We should complete hiking by around 4 or 4:30pm and be back to the lodge by 5pm.

Day 2 Hike (8.5miles, Moderate/Difficult): We will depart the lodge at 8:30am for the state line TH and begin hiking at 9:00am. We should complete the hike by 2pm and return to the lodge by 3pm. Note that there will be 5 or 6 water crossings of the Kiamichi River on this hike. If we have a dry fall we should be able to rock hop all but perhaps the last crossing which is at the very end of the hike. Shuttle vehicles will be waiting at the last water crossing so if we need water shoes for that crossing you can dry off and put on dry shoes immediately after making the crossing (or return to the lodge barefoot!).

If you do not care to spend a second night at the lodge you will have time to return home by dinnertime on Wednesday.

Day 3 Hike: David Blankenship (dbblank@sbcglobal.net) will be leading a hike at Caney Creek on Thursday, November 9. Caney Creek is not far from Queen Wilhelmina and is not out of the way for those returning home on Thursday. Please let David Blankenship know if you wish to hike with him on Thursday (a separate hike flash will be issued for that hike).

Bring: Hiking boots and water shoes, and ample water, snacks and lunch for each day of hiking.