

Buffalo River Overnighter – October 10-12, 2017

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Tuesday, October 10

- **Meet At:** 10:00 a.m. – Dover Harps (just north of Russellville on Hwy 7) Arrange your own carpools from the Village or from wherever you may be coming.
- **Lunch** in Jasper (Ozark Café or Blue Mountain Bakery)
- **Lodging** (near Ponca) Azalea Falls Lodge. This is a nice new place we've not stayed at before. It is very nice and near many of our hikes. There are actually 3 cabins. We get all three cabins for \$990 per night. Can see more details at website. We will check in early after lunch. David Blankenship is making lodging arrangements and all questions, reservations, deposits, etc should be directed to him. He has been a great help with the planning of this trip.
- **Afternoon Hike:** Sweeden Creek Natural Area which is nearby (2.5-mile out and back; easy-moderate). **Dinner:** Bring potluck for lodge eating on Tuesday evening.

Wednesday: October 11

- **Breakfast** at the lodge or on your own.
- **ORT Hike.** Leave centerpoint trailhead and hike Old River Trail (Buffalo River) to Big Bluff via goat trail, Granny Henderson's, Old Centerpoint school site, Merle Haggard Barn, and end hike at Kyles Landing Campground (8.5 miles easy-moderate with 5 or 6 water crossings) River crossings should be mostly dry this time of year; easy crossings. This is the hike we planned to do in the spring but were prevented because of high water. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Should get on trail about 9-9:30 am and finish about 2:30 or 3:00. Back to Lodge for rest.
- **Dinner:** possibly Low Gap Café.

Thursday: October 12

- **Breakfast** on your own at lodge or out if some want to eat out.
- **Hike:** Magnolia Falls; 2 miles easy (on Hwy 21 south near lodge) or another close hike if someone has suggestions.

If you want to go, let David Blankenship know and send \$50 per person deposit to David. The remaining balance will be due at trip.

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