

Ouachita Mountain Hikers (www.omhikers.net)

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Hike Flash – February 11, 2018

What's New on the Web Site?

As always, the most recent [Hike Flash](#) in both desktop and mobile formats may be found under the **Current Activities** tab. In the [Photo Gallery](#) we have photos from the Sylamore creek Overnight.

Under the **Hikers Reference** tab, click on [Hike Flash History/Hike Reports](#). There you will find history by hiking season *for the past three years*. Just added are the hike reports for the Fall 2017 season. Your hike leaders have done a great job of documenting their hikes here. You are encouraged to take a look. Both the hike flashes and hike reports are valuable resources to leaders of similar hikes in the future.

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

Ouachita Challenge March 24-25, 2018

Take a look at the OMH **Home** page for the announcement of the [2018 Ouachita Challenge](#). You will find information there on how to volunteer.

Welcome New Members...

None this week.

Thursday, February 15, 2018 – OMH Trail Maintenance - Flatside

Wilderness, MM 175 to MM 176 and MM 172 to 173

Leader: Ralph Butler, 501-922-1916, ralphgbutler@gmail.com

Carpools: Hot Springs: 8:00 am, DeSoto Park on Hwy 7

Meet at: 8:30 am, Jessieville Ranger District Work Center on Hwy 7

Bring: Water, Boots, Work Gloves, Safety Glasses, Trail Snacks, and First Aid Kit.

Don't Forget to Wear Hunter Orange Garments

OMH will buy Lunch at the Shack after this Trail Maintenance.

Directions: From the West Gate, turn north (right) on Hwy 7. Drive to Jessieville (5 miles). After passing the Jessieville High School, look for the Range Work Station on the right side of the highway.

Tools: Tools for trail building and sawing will be provided.

Work Plan: We plan to do some trail rebuild on a section of trail beyond MM 175. This is a 3.5 mile round trip hike. We will also remove 2 trees across the trail near MM 173 that we left from trail maintenance in December. This is about a 2 mile round trip hike.

Please plan on helping provide trail maintenance in Flatside Wilderness as OMH continues to keep this section of the Ouachita Trail in good hiking condition. Please let Ralph know if you plan to work as soon as possible.

Should be back by: Mid afternoon.

Saturday, February 17, 2018 – Petit Jean SP Seven Hollows Trail - 5 miles Moderate

Hike Leader: Jerry Harris [501-915-9635](tel:501-915-9635) cell: [501-984-1233](tel:501-984-1233) rox2ie1944@yahoo.com

Carpool: Hot Springs and HSV, meet at 8 am in the parking lot across from Shell station on Hwy 5 in front of Subway. Ride share \$6.00

Directions to Trailhead from HSV: Hwy 5 North to left on Hwy 9; stay on 9 to Oppelo; turn left on Hwy 154 at sign saying Petit Jean. We will stop at Visitor Center for a restroom break and then proceed to the trailhead.

Meet at: 9:30 am at the Seven Hollows trailhead, located on the left at 2 miles beyond the Visitor Center traveling West on Hwy 154.

Bring: Water, hiking boots, hiking stick(s), trail snacks.

Details: This is a favorite Saturday hike. It has a variety of terrain with quite a bit of rocky footing and a bit of short climbing. We will see very pretty and unusual rock formations and maybe a small waterfall in the grotto area, depending on earlier rains. No wet crossings.

Lunch options: We have two options for lunch: at the Lodge in the park or at Jones Cafe near Perryville.

Should be back by: Mid afternoon.

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.

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