

# Ouachita Mountain Hikers

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## Hike Flash – March 11, 2018

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### What's New on the Web Site?

The most recent [Hike Flash](#) in both desktop and mobile formats may be found under the **Current Activities** tab.

New photos under the **About Us** tab: None this week.

**Note:** To view the web site, just click this link: [www.omhikers.net](http://www.omhikers.net)

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### Ouachita Challenge March 24-25, 2018 – Please help if you can!

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.

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### Welcome New Members...

None this week.

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### A Message From Our Membership Chair

Members, if your Email address, mailing address or phone number has changed, please check your contact information on our OMH roster and submit any updates to Linda Branim at [liluze@aol.com](mailto:liluze@aol.com). Thank you!

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### Thursday, March 15, 2018 - HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK, Hot Springs Mountain (7 miles)

**HIKE LEADER:** Tom Cornelius – [tomcornelius@cablelynx.com](mailto:tomcornelius@cablelynx.com) ; Cell 901-485-1563(I will also be available on this cell phone on the day of the hike)

**MEET AT:** 9:00 am at parking/bathroom area just below the Mountain Tower – plenty of parking.

**CARPOOL:** No carpool unless some of the hikers from the Village want to form their own – the plan is for everybody to drive to trailhead

**DIRECTIONS:** From Central Avenue downtown Hot Springs, turn east on Fountain Street (ARLINGTON HOTEL). Drive about ¼ mile as far as you can go before one-way begins and then turn right on Hot Springs Mountain Drive and begin the ascent up the mountain. Parking area/bathrooms on the right. There is plenty of parking. We will begin and end the hike here.

**BRING:** Water, hiking sticks, hiking boots, snacks

**HIKE:** We will hike an array of trails on both Hot Springs and North Mountains, beginning with Hot Springs Mountain Trail, down the Gulpha Gorge Trail, then Dead Chief Trail and at bottom, right on Carriage road for a short distance, up Peak Trail for a short distance and turn left on the Honeysuckle Trail. At the shelter, we will go down the Floral trail and connect to the Lower Dogwood and hike east to the shelter and return to the trailhead via Hot Springs Mountain Trail. We are making a clockwise circle. Feel free to call me if questions.

**Should be back by:** Mid-afternoon.

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## **Saturday, March 17, 2018 – Garvan Woodlands Gardens**

**Hike Leader:** Jim Davis, 463-9516, [davisjames1860@gmail.com](mailto:davisjames1860@gmail.com)

**Carpool:** HSV: 8:30 am at West Gate/Century 21 parking lot (ride share \$3).

Meet at: 9:00 am at Garvan Gardens

**Directions:** From HSV – Hwy 7 south to Hwy 5, right on Hwy 5 to Gulpha Gorge Road, left on Gulpha Gorge Road to Grand Ave, right on Grand Ave. to Malvern Ave., left on Malvern Ave. to Carpenter Dam Road, right on Carpenter Dam Road to Arkridge, right on Arkridge to Garvans Gardens. From Hot Springs – Either Malvern Ave to Carpenter Dam Road or Bypass to Carpenter Dam Road, right on Carpenter Dam Road to Arkridge, right on Arkridge to Garvan Gardens.

**Details:** Enter Visitor Center. Members show membership card. Non-members the charge is \$15.00. This hike is less that 2 hours. Tulips and daffodils are blooming. Bring water and wear comfortable shoes.

**Should be back:** Before Noon.

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### **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.

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### **Photos needed!**

Please Email your photos from hikes to both our Historian, Ernie Weidenberger [ernjac@gmail.com](mailto:ernjac@gmail.com) and Web Master, Tom Calhoun [tom.calhoun3@gmail.com](mailto:tom.calhoun3@gmail.com) for inclusion in the yearbook and the photo gallery on the web site, respectively. **[NEW! If you keep your photos in albums on Google Photos or a similar locations you may send the link to your albums rather than the individual photos.](#)**

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