

Spring 2017 Hike Schedule

Ouachita Mountain Hikers

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President's Message

My first experience hiking was in the early '50s when my family would camp at Albert Pike. We would hike the trails around the campground and at Little Missouri Falls, Bard's Spring and Shady Lake. To me this was preferable than swimming in that cold mountain water and walking barefoot on sharp rocks.

After retiring and moving to Hot Springs, I begin to look for new things to do. A high school classmate, Gina Dix, who lived in Hot Springs, told me about a group, Ouachita Mountain Hikers, she had hiked with earlier but had to stop due to her husband's illness. About that time Glen McClain started leading hikes for our church. He gave me the OMH website and I completed the paperwork, paid my \$5 and begin to receive the Hike Flash.

My first hike was March 3, 2011 with hike leader Phil Simpson on the Hot Springs Mountain trail. My next hike was March 10 on the Womble Trail Loop with hike leader Larry Kizer. This hike is notable because hike leader Kizer had a special treat for the hikers. Only those who hiked will know the treat, but it made Larry my favorite hike leader. (That's no disrespect to the other leaders I've followed.)

Over the past six-plus years I've made numerous friends, hiked some of Arkansas' prettiest scenery, climbed tall mountains, crossed numerous streams and enjoyed every minute of it. Well, that section from Horsethief Spring to Deadman's Gap -- Oklahoma has such colorful names -- might be the exception. When people ask me why I hike, I answer that I'm seeing Arkansas up close.

David Tedrahn and the other hike leaders have scheduled an impressive hiking schedule for the spring. Those working on the OT have four hikes -- two that are overnight -- and there are two additional overnight trips. Ralph Butler and Bill Lammers are leading trail maintenance crews on the OT and the HSNP. They would welcome your help.

When Linda Branim called me about being president, my first reaction was, "no way, Jose!" But reflecting on my more than six years as an OMH member, I felt I should do something to show my appreciation of being part of such a special group of people. Hopefully I will measure up.

Jim Davis, President

Important Reminders

ON-LINE SCHEDULE: The hike schedule may be viewed or down-loaded in Google Calendar (hikersnews@gmail.com) via a link on our web page (www.omhikers.net). Please review for updates and changes to this printed schedule.

ALWAYS CONTACT THE HIKE LEADER by email or phone in advance if you intend to hike. Proper planning requires knowing how many people to expect. As a courtesy, make contact as early in the week as possible. The hike leader may cancel a hike due to weather or an unforeseen circumstances. Cancellation notice will be made only to those who indicate they intend to participate.

ANNOUNCED TIMES ARE DEPARTURE TIMES: When meeting for a hike, be courteous to the hike leader and your fellow hikers. Arrive a few minutes early to arrange carpools and organize your gear. Don't get left behind.

BE PROPERLY EQUIPPED: Start with plenty of WATER. Good foot wear is of primary importance. Depending on the hike and weather, each hiker should have lunch or trail snacks, foul weather gear, and a first aid kit. The mileage rate for carpool share is currently 7 cents per mile, rounded to the nearest dollar, payable to the driver. Carpool share is announced in the Hike Flash; please bring correct change if possible. A carpool fee will not be charged on trail maintenance days.

WEEKLY HIKE FLASH: Current information, including schedule changes is promulgated using the weekly "Hike Flash" e-mail. The Hike Flash is also available in the OMH Club website. If you do not use email, you may receive the Hike Flash by providing the Publicity Chairman with stamped self-addressed envelopes.

PHOTOGRAPHS taken on hikes may be of interest to others. Please share your photos with the OMH Club webmaster and the club historian (names at the top of this page). Your pictures may also be published in the OMH Club calendar next year.

DOGS are welcome on our hikes, but please be courteous and keep your dogs under control at all time.

FIRST TIME HIKERS: Please participate in two Saturday hikes before trying the longer, more difficult Thursday hikes.

Ouachita Mountain Hikers - Spring 2017 Hike Schedule

Day/Date			Hike/Trail	Miles	Difficulty	Leader/Coordinator	
Tues	Thurs	Sat				First Name	Last Name
		1/1	(Sunday) Caddo Bend	4.0	2		
	1/5		Rich Mountain	8.0	2	Joe	Breashears
		1/7	Gulpha Gorge/Hot Springs Mtn	5.0	2	Tom	Cornelius
1/11	1/12		OT Overnight MM 68.1 to 51.6	16.5	3	Debbie	Van Veghel
		1/14	DeSoto Spillway	3.0	1	Rebecca	Huber
	1/19		Flatside Trail Maintenance			Ralph	Butler
	1/19		Member's Meeting			Theresa	Keyser
		1/21	HSNP Trail Maintenance			Bill	Lammers
	1/26		Big Brushy Loop	6.1	2	Jerry	Harris
		1/28	OT Crystal Prong	5.0	2	Jim	Gifford
	2/2		OT Section 4, MM 68.1 to 74.2		3	Debbie	Van Veghel
		2/4	LOViT	6.0	2	Mike	Curran
2/7	2/9		Village Creek State Park Overnight			Ralph	Butler
	2/9		Mt. Magazine Cove Lake Trail	10.0	3	Brent	Alexander
		2/11	Hickory Nut Mountain	6.0	2	Phil	Simpson
	2/16		Flatside Trail Maintenance			Ralph	Butler
		2/18	Dawn to Dusk	15.0	1 to 3	Joy	Linker
	2/23		Wobble CR92 to AR298	9.6	3	Tom	Calhoun
		2/25	Belvedere Country Club	4.0	1	Susan	Holick
	3/2		Sugar Creek	8.0	2	Rick	Ericson
		3/4	Arkansas Country History Hike	5.0	1	Joe	Breashears
3/7	3/9		OT Overnight, MM 23.7 to 0.0	23.7	3	Debbie	Van Veghel
	3/9						
		3/11	HSNP Trail Maintenance			Bill	Lammers
	3/16		Flatside Trail Maintenance			Ralph	Butler
	3/16		Member's Meeting			Theresa	Keyser
		3/18	OT through Sugar Creek	5.0	2	Linda	Branim
	3/23		Sam's Throne	4.0	3	Jeannie	Eichler
		3/25	Ouachita Challenge				
	3/30		Womble CR73 to CR59		2	Tom	Calhoun
		4/1	Garvan Gardens	3.0	1	Jim	Davis
	4/6		Ouachita Trail		3	Debbie	Van Veghel
		4/8	Pinnacle Mnt. Quarry Trail	3.0	1	Theresa	Keyser
4/11	4/13		Ozark Highland Overnight		3	Brent	Alexander
	4/13		LOViT Joplin TH to Pipe Spring	9.5	3	Wally	Marroy
		4/15	Little Rock Quapaw		2	Jeanie	Calhoun
	4/20		Flatside Trail Maintenance			Ralph	Butler
		4/22	Hilary Hollow	5.0	1	Linda	Branim
	4/27		HSV Dam to Dam	10.0	2	Jim	Gifford
		4/29	Lake Catherine	5.0	2	Bonnie	Baldwin
	5/4		Charlton Recreation Area	6.0	2	Marie	Michalets
		5/6	Nature Hike	3.0	1	Donna	Hill
	5/11		Sunset Trail	6.0	2	Phil	Simpson
		5/13	Geo Float Trip		1	David	Tedrahn
	5/18		Flatside Trail Maintenance			Ralph	Butler
	5/18		Member's Meeting			Theresa	Keyser
		5/20	Hot Springs Greenway	3.0	1		Edgars
	5/25		Hot Springs Mtn.	5.0	2	Bobby	Witherington
		5/27	Caddo Float Trip		1	Jerry	Harris
	6/1		Winding Stairs	4.0	1	Jeannie	Eichler
		6/3	National Trails Day		1	National Park Staff	
	6/8		End of Year Picnic			Theresa	Keyser

Activity Key

Regular Thursday Hike
Regular Saturday Hike
Trail Maintenance
Overnight Trip
Meeting, Party, Special Event

Difficulty Key

Easy	1
Moderate	2
Difficult	3

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