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Ouachita National Recreation Trail / Sect 10

Pinnacle Mountain State Park (and private property)

Section 10, the eastern most portion of the 223-mile Ouachita National Recreation Trail, is 20.5 miles long, with about 300' of vertical variance. The section runs from a picnic area on AR hwy 10 (mile 202.0) along the north shore of Lake Maumelle to the Visitor's Center at Pinnacle Mountain State Park (mile 222.5), the eastern terminus of the trail. This is one of the flattest and easiest sections of the Ouachita Trail, with most of the elevation gain in the last mile climbing up the state park Visitor's Center. Most of the section is on private property, owned primarily by the Central Arkansas Water District. There are some good vistas looking out across the lake. There are no shelters in this section, but there are several designated campsites. Pinnacle Mountain State Park has agency policy and maintenance responsibility for all of Section 10, including the private land.

Planning notes: 1. This section splits easily into two ten mile hikes - Hwy 10 to Lunsford Corner and Lunsford Corner to PMSP. Either can be done with key swap. Limited parking at Lunsford Corner, so consider using shuttle drivers.

Access Notes: 1. AR Hwy 10: Trailhead is a picnic area, just as hwy 10 crosses the western tip of lake. Ample parking
2. Lunsford Corner/ Hwy 300: Unmarked trailhead is about half way across section 10. Offers highway access, and limited parking. It is unmarked,at an obvious hard (almost 90 deg) turn in road, but with no other landmarks to identify it, other than the trail itself (hard to see). If coming from PMSP, the parking is a triangle on the left, as the highway turns right. Trail is just beyond (west) the parking area. Trailhead is about 10 miles from Pinnacle Valley Road on hwy 300. It is 1.8 mi west of Crossroads convenience store.
3. PMSP Visitor's Center: Large parking lot at VC. Eastern terminus of trail.

For additional info: Tim Ernst: Ouachita Trail Guide (Fourth Edition).
Detailed map of sections 9/10 of the Ouachita Trail is available at PMSP.
For current trail conditions, see: Friends of the Ouachita Trail (www.friendsOT.org)

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Recent Hikes:

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Jan 8, 2009 **Leader:** Marv Weitzenfeld **20 *Hikers*** *OMH Thursday*

Route: Hwy 10 Trailhead to Lunsford Corner [202.0 - 212.2]

11.0 *miles* **Difficulty Rating** **3** **Scenic Rating** **2**

Beautiful winter day - temps in 50s; sky a deep azure blue. Hike was made difficult only by the numerous creek crossings and low, boggy spots.
Split group with Marv leading way from Lunsford to Hwy 10; Jim led eastbound from hwy 10 to Lunsford. Eastbound group considerably slower because we lost the trail a couple times where markings were poor and trail left established road beds. Groups met and ate lunch by next creek west of Reece Creek.
Ben and Sallye started with Marv's group westbound, but turn around for a shorter hike. Eastbound group past them when they were off the trail, then Ben through his back out, slowing them. There non-appearance at take out point was cause for some concern, but for the first time ever, cell phones helped on a hike. We picked them up at hwy 300 crossing.
Reece Creek only 'challenging" crossing.

sss: Views of lake Maumelle

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Oct 2, 2008 **Leader:** Marv Weitzenfeld **13 *Hikers*** *OMH Thursday*

Route: Pinnacle Mt SP to Lunsford Corner (222.5 - 212.2)

10.3 *miles* **Difficulty Rating** **2** **Scenic Rating** **3**

Beautiful Day; perhaps fall is coming
Ben and Jim shuttled cars and hiked in from Lunsford to meet the rest of group

sss: Overlook above Lake Maumelle

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March 1, 2006 **Leader:** Jim Gifford **18 *Hikers*** *OMH Thursday*

Route: Lunsford Corner to Hwy 10 (212.2 - 202.0)

10.2 *miles* **Difficulty Rating** **2** **Scenic Rating** **2**

Split group; half going eastbound; half going west. Met afterwards at Hwy 10 trailhead, both groups arriving at same time.

sss: Views of Lake Maumelle

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Feb 2, 2006 **Leader:** Jim Gifford **15 *Hikers*** *OMH Thursday*

Route: Lunsford Corner to Pinnacle Mt SP (212.2 - 222.6)

10.4 *miles* **Difficulty Rating 2** **Scenic Rating 3**

Rainy ground hog day. Groundhog saw his shadow in Penn, but not here. Hiked in rain most of day.
Split group. Jim led group from Lunsford to PMSP; Bo led groupd in oppostie direction.
Did 10+ miles in 4.5 hours (no lunch stop due to wet conditions.

sss: Overlook above Lake Maumelle was fogged in.
Pinnacle Mt kept peaking in and out of the clouds all day.

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May 1, 2003 **Leader:** Mike Zeller **25 *Hikers*** *OMH Thursday*

Route: Lunsford Corner to Hwy 10 [212.2 - 202.0]

10.2 *miles* **Difficulty Rating 2** **Scenic Rating 2**

Hot, gray day; last mile or so in light rain. Trail comes along north shore of Lake Maumelle. Huge sawdust pile; exposed coffin by trail
Big turn out as Dan Wingard, Nelson Ford, and Jim Gifford finish Ouachita Trail. Celebration at Hwy 10 trail head next to Lake Maumelle. Celebration started in light rain, but no one seemed to care; otherwise fun with cake & champagne. Don Bagget, Sadie W, and Becky Gifford walked in to hike last mile with us
Kay and Nelson hiked from Hwy 9 to Hwy 10 to finish at same time/place. Sammye, and Davis's hiked with them.

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April 3, 2003 **Leader:** Mike Zeller ***Hikers*** *OMH Thursday*

Route: Lunsford Corner to Pinnacle Mountain State Park [121.2 - 222.5]

10.3 *miles* **Difficulty Rating 2** **Scenic Rating 2**

Big crowd to see Maria McClead and Martha Doty complete the Trail. Celebration in picnic area by small lake behind Visitor's Center
Relatively easy stretch of trail. Finishes with a pretty good climb, but otherwise OK.
Follows north shore of Lake Maumelle; spillway was flowing freely with an amazing 'wave' pattern
Very fast four miles (1:18) to start out, as the four drivers hurried to catch up with rest.
Jane Fitch and Joyce Schimenti make their first "Thursday hikes"; do OK