

Ouachita Mountain Hikers

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Hike Flash – January 7, 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. Check out the 2017 Fall Club History by clicking on [Club History](#) under the **About Us** tab. (Thanks Ernie!)

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

Welcome New Members...

None this week.

Thursday, January 11, 2018 – Hickory Nut Mountain to Crystal Hike (7.5 miles – Moderate)

Hike Leader: Mike Curran 501 545-7747
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Carpool: Hot Springs Village: 8:00 a.m. at West Gate/Century 21 parking lot (Ride share is \$6.00). Hot Springs: 8:15 a.m. at Sutherland's Parking Lot - Highway 270 West (Ride share is \$3.00)

Meet At: 9:00 a.m. – Hickory Nut Mountain Picnic Area/Trailhead.

Directions: From the West Gate, turn left and drive south on Hwy 7 into Hot Springs. Turn right at the intersection with Hwy 270 and proceed approximately 3 miles to the Sutherlands parking lot. We will all meet here to figure out the shuttle situation. From Hot Springs drive west on Hwy 270 (Albert Pike) about 25 miles and turn right at the Hickory Nut Mountain highway sign. If you arrive at the Joplin Store you have gone about a mile too far. From the turnoff travel about 4 miles on dirt road to the picnic area on the left.

Details: We will all meet at the parking area in the picnic ground and proceed toward Crystal Springs. Most of the hike is downhill or level with one small ridge to climb between Pipe Springs and Crystal.

Bring: Plenty of water, hiking sticks, hiking boots/shoes, snacks, insect repellent. Water shoes should not be needed unless storms move in.

Should be back: By mid-afternoon.

Saturday, January 13, 2018 – Brady Mountain, Section 8, on the Lake Ouachita Vista Trail (LOViT) Going East (5 miles – Moderate/Difficult)

Hike Leader: Phil Simpson 501-922-3205 or philhappy@suddenlink.net

Carpool: Hot Springs Village: 8:00 a.m. outside of the West Gate/Cordoba Center (Ride share is \$4.00). Hot Springs: 8:15 a.m. at Sutherland's Parking Lot, 1831 Albert Pike Road (Ride share is \$2.00).

Meet At: 9:00 a.m. at the Brady Mountain Trailhead

Directions: From the West Gate, turn right & drive north on Hwy 7 for a short distance and turn west (left) on Hwy 192 (Home Plate Restaurant at this intersection) Keep driving until you reach Highway 227 and make a left turn on it going south. Continue driving until you reach Highway 270. Make a right turn on it going west until you reach Brady Mountain One Stop, a gas station with a store. At this point, turn north on Brady Mountain Co. Road and continue until you reach Brady Mountain Road. Make a right turn on it and drive to a parking lot on the right side of the road. When

you reach the parking lot you are at the trailhead. From Hot Springs drive west on Hwy 270 until you reach Brady Mountain One Stop, a gas station with a store. At this point, turn north on Brady Mountain Co. Road and continue until you reach Brady Mountain Road. Make a right turn on it and drive to a parking lot on the right side of the road. When you reach the parking lot you are at the trailhead.

Let me know you are coming.

Bring: Plenty of water, hiking sticks, hiking boots/shoes, and snacks.

Should be back by: Early 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,
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