

## MOUNT MAGAZINE MINI-OVERNIGHT

Tuesday, April 10 and Wednesday 11, 2018



**Note:** The date of this event has been changed from that reflected in the printed schedule. Shuttlers needed for Wednesday.

Join Rick Ericson for two days of hiking at Mount Magazine State Park, overnighting at The Lodge. Cabins are not available on this date. Camping and RV sites *are* available.

**Tuesday morning**, we'll hike the short and easy Dripping Spring trail along the northwest rim that most club members have never seen before. It's packed with geological oddities, and involves a little off-trail exploration here and there. We'll lunch at the lodge restaurant.

**In the afternoon**, we'll do the familiar but always lovely and easy Benefield East and West Loops. Both offer grand vistas of the valleys from north and southeast rims. If you have not previously been to Arkansas' highest point (2753 feet), Rick will take you there via the nearby Signal Hill Trail.

**Tuesday evening**, we'll meet in the lounge for happy hour, followed by dinner in the lodge's Skycrest Restaurant.

**On Wednesday**, after a hearty breakfast, we'll shuttle from the lodge to the Cameron Bluff parking lot and trek 9.5 miles *downhill* to Cove Lake on the Mt. Magazine Trail, a moderate hike, only due to the distance and the possibility of one significant water crossing.

If this sounds like fun, you are encouraged to make immediate reservations at The Lodge by calling the Arkansas State Parks reservation system: 877-879-2741. Additional info may be found on the park's website: [www.mountmagazinestatepark.com](http://www.mountmagazinestatepark.com). Standard rooms are furnished with two queen beds, a refrigerator, but no microwave. The (in season) rate is \$131 plus tax. Camp/RV sites run \$30 for 30 Amp service, and \$34 for 50 Amp service. Check for senior rates. Availability was excellent at the time this was written. Once you have lodging, let Rick know your plans. Follow up details will be sent only to participants.

See you on the trails...and maybe in the bar.

*Rick Ericson*