

Ouachita Mountain Hikers

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Hike Flash – April 15, 2018

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: 2018-04-11 Mt Magazine.

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

Photos on Facebook?

If you post photos on Facebook, please send them to Tom and Ernie also for inclusion in the yearbook and the photo gallery on the website. Thanks!

Do you know about the Ozarks?

The Club would like to be able do more overnights or perhaps day hikes in the Ozarks in the future. We have limited information on this area in the Club archives, but we undoubtedly have a great deal of information in the minds and files of our members! Your web master, Tom Calhoun, has volunteered to collect this information and compile it for future use. Many of you have been on trips to the Ozarks in the past, and some of you have led trips. **Of particular value is information concerning lodging and restaurants (or any type of eating establishments) in the vicinity of the trail.** We are also interested in specific hikes and trail heads that were used in the past.

Please search your files and your mind and send what you have to Tom.

Mountain Valley Spring Water/FoOT Tee Shirt Update

Kaitlin White with Mountain Valley Spring Water has told us that they are in the process of ordering more t-shirts, since they have almost sold out the first order! It will be a couple of weeks before they have them in. This order will be all short sleeved shirts.

They have also updated their web site so you can order online. Once on their web site click [Buy Online](#) in the top right corner of the home page and then scroll below their bottled water products to order the t-shirts. This provides excellent exposure for FoOT on their web site. *Shipping will be free* so there is no extra cost whether you order online or purchase at the MVSW Visitor Center in downtown Hot Springs.

A significant portion of the proceeds from the sale of these shirts is donated to FoOT. FoOT greatly appreciates this new partnership and what it means to the maintenance of the Ouachita Trail.

Bo Lea, FoOT President

Welcome New Members...

None this week.

Thursday, April 19, 2018 - OMH Trail Maintenance - Flatside Wilderness, MM 178 to MM 179.4

Leader: Ralph Butler, 501-922-1916,

ralphgbutler@gmail.com

Carpools: Hot Springs: 8:00 am, DeSoto Park on Hwy 7

Meet at: 8:30 am, Jessieville Ranger District Work Center on Hwy 7

Bring: Water, Boots, Work Gloves, Safety Glasses, Trail Snacks, First Aid Kit, and loppers or your favorite work tool.

Directions: From the West Gate, turn north (right) on Hwy 7. Drive to Jessieville (5 miles). After passing the Jessieville High School, look for the Range Work Station on the right side of the highway.

Tools: Tools will be provided for those needing them.

Work Plan: We plan to work on the section of trail at the east end of Flatside Wilderness, by lopping tree branches that are intruding on the trail and removing debris that has fallen onto the trail. This is about a 2.8 mile round-trip hike, downhill going out and uphill coming back.

Please plan on helping provide trail maintenance in Flatside Wilderness as OMH continues to keep this section of the Ouachita Trail in good hiking condition. Please let Ralph know if you plan to work as soon as possible.

Should be back by: Late afternoon.

Saturday, April 21, 2018 – Hillary Hollow On The Ouachita Trail (5 miles /Moderate)

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

Carpool: Let's meet at 9:00 A.M at the shopping center outside of the East Gate of Hot Springs Village. The center is off Highway 5. We usually park near Tanners Restaurant. You will see an abandoned grocery store in the shopping center. From there, we will head to the trail. (Ride share is \$3.00)

If you plan on driving to the trailhead, be there by 10:00 am.

Directions: From Hot Springs Village go out the East Gate to highway 5. Turn on Highway 5 going east until you reach Crows. From Crows, turn north on Highway 9. As you go north on this highway you will pass through Paron. Keep on going. At some point, on Highway 9, you will see a sign for Perry County. Keep on going on Highway 9 for a short distance. You will see on the right side of the road a sign that reads Highway 9-Ouachita National Forest and a gravel parking area. This is where we will park. The trail is on the other side of the road. From Hot Springs, go east on Highway 5/7 to where Highway 7 separates and goes north from Highway 5. Keep on going east on Highway 5 until you reach Crows. From Crows, turn north on Highway 9. As you go north on this highway you will pass through Paron. Keep on going. At some point, on Highway 9, you will see a sign for Perry County. Keep on going on Highway 9 for a short distance. You will see on the right side of the road a sign that reads Highway 9-Ouachita National Forest and a gravel parking area. This is where we will park. The trail is on the other side of the road.

Details: We will go east on the Ouachita Trail for 2.5 miles and then turn around and hike back to the cars.

Bring: Plenty of water, hiking sticks, hiking boots/shoes, lunch, snacks, insect repellent.

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. ***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.***

***See You on the Trails,
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