

OZARK HIGHLANDS TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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For additional outings, updates, alerts, links, and other outdoor information, see our web page at:
www.HikeArkansas.com.

OUTINGS NOTES:

All overnight trips are limited to a total of ten hikers and you must register with the hike leader in advance. Dayhikes are generally not limited, but it is always a good idea to check with the leader before the hike. You are responsible for bringing all of your gear, food, water, etc. Most dayhikes will include stopping along the trail for lunch, so be sure to pack plenty of goodies to munch on! And always bring along lots of water. Hikes may be cancelled due to weather or road conditions—if there is any question be sure to contact your outing leader.

March & April 2006 EVENTS

OVERNIGHT HIKES



March 4 & 5. OVERNIGHT FUN HIKE ON WOLF CREEK road for a mile or two and 700 feet down to a large and beautiful drainage junction. There camp will be setup and trips to explore the 3 different drainage directions will begin. There are waterfalls, springs, bluffs, overhangs and many other things to see using some old road traces and some bushwhacking that can become difficult. Meet at 7:00am at the Ozark Café in Jasper. Call **Wade Baker** at 479-381-2780. Limited to ten hikers.

March 11 & 12. OVERNIGHT FUN HIKE ON THE OHT from Hare Mountain. Trailhead to Lick Branch Trailhead. Meet at 8:00am at the Oark store—earlier if you want breakfast. Leave cars at Lick branch, shuttle to the Hare Mountain Trailhead, camp at Briar Branch. Rated medium. Limit to 10 hikers. Call **Dean LaGrone** at 479-750-2550 for details.

March 18 & 19. OVERNIGHT FUN HIKE ON THE OHT from Arbaugh Road Trailhead to Ozone, 14.8 miles. Meet at the Ozone Campground at 8:00am. Please call **Kerry Coe** at 318-549-3431 to sign up. Limited to ten hikers.

April 1 & 2. OVERNIGHT FUN HIKE ON THE OUACHITA TRAIL from the Hwy. 71 Trailhead to Queen Wilhelmina State Park. 16.5 miles, rated medium. The OT is in much better condition these days due to the efforts of the volunteer group Friends of the Ouachita Trail (FoOT) who have been maintaining the entire trail. Limited to ten hikers. Please call **Kerry Coe** at 318-549-3431 to confirm and get more info.

April 22 & 23. OVERNIGHT FUN HIKE ON THE MT. MAGAZINE TRAIL. The distance is 14.2 miles and is rated medium. Plans are to start at Cove Lake and hike up for a total elevation gain of 1753' to the highest point in Arkansas. We will camp along the trail on Saturday night and hike out on Sunday. Plans are to meet at the Pack Rat at 7:00am or the Cove Lake Parking area on highway 309 at 9:30am. Please contact **Bobby Shepperd** at 479-442-5770 to reserve a spot and get more details. Limited to ten hikers.

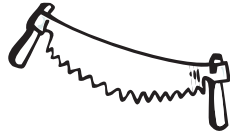
DAYHIKES



March 4. DAYHIKE ON THE OHT from Herrian Mtn/Beech Grove Rd to Herrods Creek and Indian Creek. 7.2 miles, hike is rated moderate. Meet at the Redding Campground at 9:00am. Contact **"Grey Owl" Barrett** at 918-825-0500 to confirm. No pets.

March 25. DAYHIKE AT HOBBS STATE PARK-CONSERVATION AREA ON LITTLE CLIFTY LOOP, 9 miles. This hike is part of the longer Hidden Diversity Trail. This new state park is just east of Rogers. Plans are to meet at 8:30am at the Van Winkle Trail parking lot on Highway 12 east of Rogers. This parking lot is paved, large, and brand new with bathrooms and signboards. From there we will proceed to the Hidden Diversity Trail trailhead. Call *Norma Senyard* at 479-587-0200 to confirm or for more directions.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE



March 4. MAINTENANCE WORK TRIP on OHT. We'll work the OHT in the Indian Creek area and Marinoni Scenic area. Meet at Redding Campground turn-off just beside Hwy. 215, 8am. For more info and to sign up call *Roy Senyard* at 479-587-0200. Tools will be provided and no work experience is necessary—just bring a pair of leather work gloves, and a daypack with water and lunch.

April Work Weekend In Hurricane Creek Wilderness Area. We'll have three different crews working this weekend—the first a dayhike crew to put up new blazes, and the other two crews will be backpacking in from opposite directions and meet in the middle of the wilderness area to camp. This project is very important for the wilderness area and we would like to see 10 folks per crew. Anyone interested must call *Roy Senyard* at 479-587-0200 to sign up for any of the three crews by April 1st. Its a great way to see the Hurricane Creek Wilderness and make a difference. Overnight crews must have backpacking experience. Some food will be provided by OHTA for the overnight crews.

April 8. Crew #1. Leader *Ed Hall*, will take a “day” crew from Fairview Campground and go east blazing and doing trail maintenance. This is a “Day Crew” only.

April 8 & 9. Crew #2. Leader *Bob Robinson*, will take an “overnight crew” east from Big Piney Trailhead and meet with the other overnight crew in the middle of the wilderness. **Crew #3.** Leader *Roy Senyard*, will take an “overnight crew” from Chancel Trailhead west and meet Bob's crew in the middle to camp. Anyone on the overnight crews are welcome to stay Sunday night if they wish and if we have enough people to do so.

CLUB MEETINGS



March 12, OHTA General Meeting in Springdale. To get to the meeting site, from Hwy. 71 B in Springdale turn EAST on Emma street, go several blocks, then turn LEFT/NORTH onto N. Main Street, then pull into the parking lot on the right behind the building (across from Shiloh Museum—there is a map on the web page). We'll have an interesting program - Backpacking in Patagonia with *Joel Brown*. We'll start off with refreshments and social time at 7pm, with the meeting to follow at 7:30. Call OHTA at 870-861-5536 for info.

April 9, OHTA General Meeting in Springdale. (there is a map on the web page). We'll have a great program given by one of the most prolific outdoor guidebook authors in the Ozarks, *Don Kurz*. Don's books include *Ozark Wildflowers*, *Scenic Driving The Ozarks*, *Illinois Wildflowers*, *Trees of Missouri*, *Shrubs and Woody Vines of Missouri*, *Seedling ID Guide for Native Prairie Plants*, plus many more. He is currently working on *Nature Lovers Guide To Missouri* and *Arkansas Trees* guidebooks. Don is an accomplished photographer, and his slide program and talk about wildflowers is something you will not want to miss! And since Don will have copies of his books for sale, be sure to bring a pocket full of bills (or your own copies of his books so he can autograph them). We'll have refreshments and social time beginning at 7pm, with the meeting to follow at 7:30. Call OHTA at 870-861-5536 for info.

FOREST SERVICE CLOSES PARTS OF OHT.

Parts of the trail will be closed for logging operations (to remove trees damaged by red oak borers), and for controlled burns this spring—three times more acreage will be burned this year—which will include several sections of the OHT. Before you hike, call the district office where you are hiking to get the latest info:

- Sections: 1 & 2; mile 6-37; 479-667-2191 (Boston Mtn. District, Ozark)
- Sections: 3, 4, & 5 (part of); mile 37-99.5; 479-754-2864 (Pleasant Hill District, Clarksville)
- Sections: 5 (part of), 6, 7, & 8; mile 99.5-156.6; 870-446-5122 (Buffalo District, Jasper)

Main office in Russellville (new #): 479-964-7200.

OHTA CALENDAR - 2006

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

		1	2	3	4	5
See the online newsletter for more outings, updates, and additional information: www.HikeArkansas.com					DAYHIKE ON OHT Grey Owl 918-825-0500 WORK TRIP ON OHT Roy Senyard 479-587-0200	OVERNIGHT FUN HIKE WOLF CREEK Wade Baker 479-381-2780
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
MARCH						OHTA Meets at 7pm in Springdale OVERNIGHT FUN HIKE ON OHT Hare Mtn. TH to Lick Branch TH Dean LaGrone—479-750-2550
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Full Moon				OVERNIGHT FUN HIKE ON OHT Arbaugh Road to Ozone Kerry Coe—318-549-3431	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Spring Begins					DAYHIKE Hobbs State Park Norma Senyard 479-587-0200	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					Daylight Savings Time- 2 spring ahead one hour	
					OVERNIGHT FUN HIKE ON Ouachita Trail Hwy. 71 to Queen Wilhelmina State Park Kerry Coe—318-549-3431	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
APRIL						WORK TRIPS ON OHT Roy Senyard 479-587-0200 OHTA Meets at 7pm in Springdale
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Full Moon			Easter
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				OVERNIGHT FUN HIKE Mt. Magazine Trail Bobby Shepperd—479-442-5770		
				28	29	30

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OHTA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____ Sponsored by _____
(not required)

Individual or Family / \$20

Supporting / \$100

Trail Friend / \$30

Life / \$300

Contributing / \$50

Other _____

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Membership is good for a full year.

OHTA is recognized as a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization by the IRS.