


OHTA CALENDAR - 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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7	8	9	10	11 THANK YOU VETS!!!	12	13 OHTA Meets at 7pm in Springdale
14	15	16 Full Moon	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 EAT LOTS of turkey, then hike it off!	25	26	27
28	29	30	MULTI-DAY BACKPACK/BUSHWHACK HIKE Upper Buffalo Wilderness Area Wade Baker—479-381-2780			4
			1	2	3 OVERNIGHT HIKE ON OHT Ozone to Big Piney Brad D.—479-996-4649	DAYHIKE OHT Mary Collins 479-443-5813
5	6	7	8	9	10 DAYHIKE Pea Ridge Bobby Shepperd 479-442-5770	11 OHTA Meets at 7pm in Springdale
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OHTA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

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OUTINGS NOTES:

All overnight trips are limited to a total of ten hikers and you must register with the hike leader in advance (our annual Hike-In does not count!). 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! And always bring along lots of water.

November & December 2005 EVENTS

DAYHIKES



December 4. DAYHIKE TO FANE CREEK. Plans are to meet at the Family Health Clinic parking lot at intersection of Hwy 16 and 265 at 7:30am. No pets. Bring water and lunch. Remember to wear orange for hunting season. Contact **Mary Collins** at 443-5813 for more info and to confirm.

December 10. DAYHIKE ON THE PEA RIDGE TRAIL AT THE PEA RIDGE NATIONAL MILITARY PARK. This is an easy 8.7 mile loop through the largest Civil War Park west of the Mississippi. The hike will be interesting, historical and scenic. Admission fee to get into the park is \$2. Meet at the Pack Rat at 8am or at the park around 9am. For more info contact **Bobby Shepperd** at 479-442-5770.

OVERNIGHT HIKES



November 5-6. OVERNIGHT FUN HIKE ON THE BUFFALO RIVER BETWEEN ERBIE AND STEELE CREEK. It's 15.4 miles and rated medium. We're going to follow the Old River Trail from Kyles to Steele Creek, camp at Horseshoe Bend, and take the short side-trip to Hemmed-in-Hollow from Horseshoe Bend. You will need wading shoes as the trail crosses the river quite a few times. Contact **Brad Davenport** at 479-996-4649 to sign up. Limited to ten hikers.

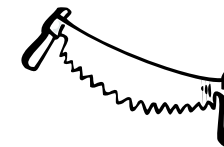
November 5-6. OVERNIGHT FUN HIKE TO CANEY CREEK WILDERNESS. Meet Friday night at Bard Springs campground, or Saturday am at the Buckeye Trailhead. Plans are to hike an easy-rated, 8.5 mile near-loop, camping about half-way on Saturday night. There will be some elevation gain on Saturday with nice views. Contact **Dave Zucconi** at 918-663-9144. Limited to ten hikers.

November 24-27. MULTI-DAY BACKPACKING/BUSHWHACKING HIKE, 4 days/3 nights in the Upper Buffalo Wilderness Area over Thanksgiving weekend. Plan is to start after the turkey meal and get to the first close camp that Thursday evening. Friday night and Saturday night will be at different locations and then Sunday morning a hike out. It's bushwhacking and is officially rated *difficult* (some of the bushwhacking will not be all that bad, some of it will be extremely difficult, so you have been warned!). We'll make a loop in the area and check out the sights, staying mostly down in the drainage areas upstream and downstream of Dug Hollow, which is also the access point. Contact **Wade Baker** at 479-381-2780. Limited to ten hardy hikers.

December 3-4. OVERNIGHT FUN HIKE on the OHT between Ozone and Big Piney. 19.3 miles, rated moderate to difficult. Highlights include Cedar Creek and the "slot rock" on Lick Creek. Contact **Brad Davenport** at 479-996-4649 for more info and to sign up. Limited to ten hikers.

December 10-11. OVERNIGHT FUN HIKE on the OHT. From Arbaugh Road Trailhead west to Lick Branch Trailhead (includes the Lynn Hollow scenic area). The distance is 14.6 miles and rated medium. Contact **Bob and Dawna Robinson** at 479-783-6319. Limited to ten hikers.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE



MAINTAINERS NOTE: The trail remains overgrown from the tremendous summer growth, and if you have not maintained your section yet please do so ASAP! And we need downed-tree reports as well. There are also several sections open for adoption, so let me know if you want to add your name to the list (see the web page for current open sections). Blank maintenance reports are available online, or simply send me an e-mail from the web page with your information. As always, contact **Roy Senyard** at 479-587-0200 for info. You folks are doing a GREAT JOB!

November 5. MAJOR TRAIL MAINTENANCE DAY!!! Much of the OHT in the section from Dockery Gap to White Rock Mountain has been lost due to dead trees allowing sunshine to bring on heavy weed growth—the trail is very difficult to find in many locations. It will take a giant effort on our part to get it back open again for winter and spring hiking—WE NEED YOU! Meet at the Pack Rat Outdoor Center in Fayetteville at 6:45am to carpool, or at the Dockery Gap Trailhead at 8:00am. Bring lunch and water, tools will be provided. This section is in really bad shape due to the dead trees and weeds. If you would like to be a crew leader please e-mail **Roy Senyard** or call 479-587-0200. We are planning on having 4-5 crews on this section on this day, so we also need some crew leaders. We need as many volunteers as possible so give me a call or an e-mail and come see the difference one day can make. 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.

December 17. MAINTENANCE WORK TRIP on OHT. Meet at Pack Rat at 6:45am to carpool, or at USFS Cass Work Center, Hwy. 23 just north of Turner Bend at 8am. We will do maintenance from Ragtown Road to Fane Creek. For more info and to sign up e-mail **Roy Senyard** or call 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—and a good bit of energy to share!

CLUB MEETINGS



November 13. 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 will have a great program by **Harry Harnish** from Devil's Den State Park—he is the main guru there and will be able to tell us all sorts of great things about the park, and about all of the BATS who live there! We'll start off with refreshments and social time at 7pm, with the meeting to follow at 7:30. E-mail OHTA or call 870-861-5536 for info.

December 11. OHTA General Meeting and PARTY in Springdale (see directions above, map on the web page). The program this month will be given by **Tim Ernst**, and he will show his two brand new slide programs—**ARKANSAS PORTFOLIO II**, and **COLORADO ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH** (images from an incredible wildflower display and fall color season this past year in Colorado—dedicated to John Denver). This will be the ONLY public showing of these two exciting programs in the Fayetteville-Springdale area this fall, so don't miss them! Tim will have all of his picture books, guidebooks, the new Arkansas 2006 Arkansas calendar, posters, prints, greeting cards, and screensavers—all available at sale prices both before and after the show. We will also have our elections for 2006 OHTA officers (nominations taken at the meeting, or contact any board member), plus pot luck refreshments beginning at 7pm—*please bring a holiday treat for everyone to share*. The goodies will be served and social time beginning at 7pm, with the meeting to follow at 7:30. E-mail OHTA or call 870-861-5536 for info. **PLEASE NOTE—we welcome everyone to this meeting, so try to spread the word around about the programs, the refreshments, and our club!**

2005 ARKANSAS DEER SEASONS

Here are the dates for the gun deer seasons this fall. The OHT is open to hunting, but also to hiking! While you are not required to wear hunter orange while hiking, it is always a good idea to do so.

Nov 12-20, gun season

Nov 24-Dec 4, gun season

Dec 17-19, muzzleloader season

Dec 26-28, gun season

