



PADDLE TRAILS



THE OZARK SOCIETY
PULASKI CHAPTER



February 2018

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Pulaski Chapter Meetings

Our regular meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Second Presbyterian,

February 6, 2018

Jessie J. Green, Founder of White River Waterkeeper will be our speaker.

Bring a friend!

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From the Desk of the President: Janet Nye

The Ozark Society, Pulaski Chapter is an exciting group to be with! We are having some excellent programs and outings. Thanks so much to Ross Noland for speaking to us in January about the Buffalo River Foundation. It's wonderful to hear about organizations using creative avenues to conserve lands adjacent to the Buffalo National River. If you did not get a chance to hear Ross, go to the Foundation website at: buffaloriverfoundation.org.

The Ozark Society Board met in January to continue moving our organization forward and to make plans for conservation, education and recreation. Come to our February meeting to hear details.

I hope all have heard about our new online membership process. This is performing wonderfully and is very easy to use. This is for first time members and renewals. Check it out if you haven't already!

As I mentioned at our January meeting we had two maintenance days on our adopted section of the Ouachita Trail. We have had some very dependable and long-serving leaders in setting these dates and filling out the minimal reports required after our work. We now need the next leader to fill this role. It does not require much time, just the scheduling of maintenance days in the spring and fall and the reports to Friends of the Ouachita Trail. Please contact me to let me know that you would like to do this!

We have new Ozark Society t-shirts! They are gray with the OS logo in the lower left hand corner of the graphic. If you are interested in buying one contact Chris Kline at cl_kline@sbcglobal.net. They are \$20.00+4.00 shipping.



Pop Up Hikes

I would like to start what I'm calling "Pop Up Hikes" to places in central AR. If the weather is looking good let's go take a hike in Burns Park, Emerald Park, River Mountain Road Trail, etc. These may be on a Sunday or Saturday afternoon, with just a few days notice. If you have a desire to get out and a place you want to go, let Carmen know so she can send an email notice.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 6th!

January Hike Report – Glory Hole and Hawksbill Crag

by Steve Heye

January's hike for the Pulaski Chapter of the Ozark Society was to two of the state's well known locations: the Glory Hole and Hawksbill Crag. The majority of the group gathered at our usual meeting point for trips north and west of Little Rock, the McDonald's at the Morgan exit of I-40. We got our breakfasts and headed for the cars for the little over two hour trip to the Upper Buffalo Wilderness area. Our first stop would be the trailhead for the Glory Hole, where others would meet us about 10 am.

The Glory Hole is a unique formation involving water erosion and a cliff face. Instead of coming down the hill and going over a cliff face like other streams as a waterfall, the water found a weak spot in the top of the cliff and drilled about a three foot wide or so hole into the top. Over time this



caused the rock under the cliff top to wash away and leave an overhang in the cliff. So now the water goes down the hole, travels through 6 to 8 feet of hard rock and spills as a 15 to 20 foot fall to the scree rock on the floor of the overhang.

The hike down from the trailhead is a nice hike of about 40 minutes mostly down an old logging road. The road takes you down to the creek and you follow the trail down stream to the Glory Hole area. Be sure to explore the creek itself some if this is your only hike for the day. The Glory Hole trailhead is located 6.5 miles east of the junction of Hwys 16 and 21 South (Clarksville) or 3 miles west of Hwys. 16 and 21 North (Ponca). There is no sign so look for a parking area on the south side of the road.

Our other destination for the day was famous Hawksbill Crag on Whitaker Bluff in the Upper Buffalo Wilderness. We had lunch at the Glory Hole and hiked back to the cars. We left the trailhead about 12:30 and started the 40 minute drive over to the Whitaker Point Trailhead. There are two ways to reach the trailhead which is located on County Road 5 (Cave Mt. Rd.) One is off Hwy 16 about 10 miles west of the junction of Hwy 21 South. The other end of Cave Mt. Road is just north of the Buffalo River Bridge in Boxley. It is well signed showing the way to Whitaker Point. We made the drive a loop by going in at Boxley and leaving by way of Hwy. 16.

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If you come in by way of Boxley be prepared for for an exciting first two miles. The road goes straight up Cave Mountain and hugs the edge of the hillside. The views are spectacular! After about another 5 miles or so you come to a well marked parking area for the trail leading down the hill to the bluff.



The trail down is well marked and worn. Be prepared for a lot of oversized steps and tree roots. After about a half hour or so you reach the top of Whitaker Bluff. Explore the views as you make your way North (left) along the bluff towards the Hawksbill. Another ten minutes or so you get your first view of the crag.

This is perhaps the most famous view in the state and one that a lot of folk never get to.

The crag is a large hunk of rock that sticks off the bluff, overlooking the

junction of Whitaker Creek and the Buffalo.

We spent a good 90 minutes exploring the area and looking at all the neat rock formations. About 3 we started the hike back up to the cars. We said our goodbyes and headed for home or other destinations. A few of us left by the other end of Cave Mountain Road passing the very start of the Buffalo as we joined Hwy. 16.

If you would like to see more photos of our outing, they can be found at the following link:

<https://flic.kr/s/aHskA57zjk>

Eddie Volman will lead the next hike in **February, on the 10th**. He will be doing a hike out in the Ranch property held by the Nature Conservancy along Little Maumelle. It's out Hwy 10 (Cantrell) and then north on Ranch Road. Contact Eddie for more info.





The Ozark Society Membership Application/Renewal



Join us, or renew now! Dues are for one year and they include a subscription to the Society's newsletter, *Pack & Paddle*. To join or renew, go online to the Ozark Society website at www.ozarksociety.net. Or you can fill out this form and send it with a check written to "The Ozark Society." See below for our address.

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email 1: _____ Old Email (if changed) _____

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☐ I would like *Pack and Paddle* sent to my home address instead of by email. (Default is email.)

Please check one:

- ☐ New Member (Start at **Section A** for your OS and Chapter Membership)
- ☐ Renewal (Start at **Section A** to renew your OS and Chapter Membership)
- ☐ LIFE Member (Start at **Section B** to renew just your Chapter Membership)

Section A: Please specify both the Level of Membership and the Chapter you are joining:

Level: (choose one)

- ☐ Friend: \$30 = \$20 OS + \$10 Chapter
- ☐ Associate: \$50 = \$40 OS + \$10 Chapter
- ☐ Supporter: \$100 = \$90 OS + \$10 Chapter
- ☐ Sponsor: \$250 = \$240 OS + \$10 Chapter
- ☐ Patron: \$500 = \$490 OS + \$10 Chapter
- ☐ Benefactor: \$1000+ = \$990+ OS + \$10 Chapter

Chapter: (choose one)

- ☐ 01 Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- ☐ 04 Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- ☐ 06 Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- ☐ 10 Mississippi Valley (Cape Girardeau, MO)
- ☐ 13 Sugar Creek (Bentonville, AR)
- ☐ 16 Buffalo River (Gilbert, AR)
- ☐ No chapter, all to central Ozark Society

Section B: For Members who wish to join more than one Chapter or Life Members renewing their Chapter Membership only

Choose as many as you wish and add \$10 for each selection:

- ☐ \$10 01 Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- ☐ \$10 04 Bayou (Shreveport, LA))
- ☐ \$10 06 Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
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My Total is: \$ _____

Please remit to: The Ozark Society, PO Box 2914, Little Rock, AR 72203

Once your membership has processed, you will receive a welcome letter if you are new to the Ozark Society. If you have questions about your membership status, contact Mary Gordon at mb2rene@aol.com.

February Speaker: Jessie J. Green

A Waterkeeper's Views on Water Quality in the Ozarks

Jessie Green is the founder, executive director, and waterkeeper of White River Waterkeeper. She holds a B.S. in biology, emphasis in environmental biology, from Arkansas State University, and M.S. in biology, emphasis in aquatic ecology, from University of Central Arkansas. In February 2017 she left her job as a senior ecologist in the Water Quality Planning Branch at Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality to start White River Waterkeeper, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, as a member of Waterkeeper Alliance, the largest and fastest growing nonprofit solely focused on clean water. Waterkeeper Alliance works to preserve and protect water by connecting local Waterkeeper Organizations, like White River Waterkeeper, which are dedicated to defending the fundamental human right to drinkable, fishable, and swimmable waters. Waterkeeper Alliance ensures that Waterkeeper Organizations are as connected to each other as they are to their local waters, organizing the fight for clean water into a coordinated global movement.

Her research and study interests have focused on evaluating the effects of human impacts and landscape alterations on water quality and aquatic organisms. As an undergraduate, she worked as a research technician studying freshwater mussels, and her thesis focused on evaluating effects of natural gas development on fish communities in the Fayetteville Shale. In addition to her enthusiasm for everything below the water's surface, she's also a caver and permitted bat biologist. These combined passions drove her to advocate for, implement, and initiate projects aimed at better karst protections while at ADEQ; although her main job duties focused on numeric nutrient criteria development, water quality assessment, and all things related to the Buffalo River. Shortly after being promoted in the agency, she made the decision to start her new career in an effort to help protect the unique waterways of the Ozarks while there is still a chance.