



BAYOU BYLINE



June 2021

Calendar of Events

June

- 15 Monthly Meeting - **5:30 pm**. Dr. Charles Allen will be speaking on "The Flora of Northwest Louisiana." More info on page 5.
- 18 Ouachita River Haven Fun Days - Hike and Paddle contact Sherri Teer at sherriteer@gmail.com
- 25 Full Moon Paddle at Lake Bistineau State Park - contact person is Tammy Jernigan at tjerni88@hotmail.com

July

- 11 Sunrise Triathlon on Cross Lake - 7:00am - contact Roy O'Neal at roneal2@gmail.com
- 17 Water Fun Day at Lake Claiborne State Park - contact person is Sarah Philyaw at philyaws@gmail.com
- 20 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 pm - Speaker is Angela Anderson, Master Naturalist and Board Member of Greater Caddo Lake Board of East Texas
- 23 Moonlight Paddle on Red River - contact person is Wayne Kiefer at wkiefer59@gmail.com

August

- 7 Cookout - Details TBA - contact Sarah Philyaw at philyaws@gmail.com
- 17 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 pm 21 Full Moon Paddle - contact TBA
- 28 Lower Mt. Fork Paddle - contact TBA

September

- 10 Camp at Kisatchie Bayou Campground - contact Sherri Teer at sherriteer@gmail.com



Our monthly meetings are held at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA 71112.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. (except December) Program starts at 6:30 pm. Business meeting follows. Plan to join us after the meeting for pizza and socializing.



Dr. Charles Allen, retired ULM professor, is speaking on "The Flora of Northwest Louisiana" from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

BCOS Meeting Minutes - May 18, 2021

By: Secretary Kristin Tilbury

Sarah Philyaw called the meeting to order at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge Visitor’s Center with 24 in attendance. Guests and new members were recognized.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Engage Your Nature: Matt Courtman discussed his hunt for rare and endangered species (Ivory Billed Woodpecker) and provided identification guidelines.



April 2021 Meeting Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report:

Dick Maxwell reported a balance of 6,081.41 in BCOS checking account.

Newsletter:

Call for submissions to BCOS monthly newsletter. Submissions should be sent to Marian Howard.

Conservation:

Sandy Roerig gave a talk, Dark Sky Initiative. She gave instructions on how to prevent light pollution.

Old Business:

BCOS Shirt Order—Expect an email from Jenny about color options and pricing. Hoodies will be available. Prices will also be included in emails.

Past Events:

BCOS Crawfish Boil took place on May 1st.

Intro to Kayaking was held on May 8th on Lake Caroline at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge.

Webster Parish Tourism Paddle was held at Lake Bistineau on May 15th with 134 kayakers participating.

Upcoming Events:

Becky Evans will lead the Backbone Trail Hike at Kisatchie National Forest on May 22rd.

Webster Parish Kayak Paddle will be held on May 23rd.

Grant Perkins will lead the Sabine River Paddle on June 5th.

Lake Bistineau Moonlight Paddle on June 25th.

Ouachita River Haven Days Adventure Weekend on the Ouachita River near Mount Ida. Email Sherri Teer for more information at sherriteer@gmail.com

Wayne Kiefer is coordinating weekend evening paddles. More information will be sent via email.

Meeting adjourned.



June "Special" Days

June 4 - National Donut Day, established in 1938 by the Salvation Army of Chicago, to honor those of their members who served doughnuts to soldiers during World War I. It's celebrated on the first Friday of June each year.

June 7 - Jenny and Gary Hackman's 18th Anniversary

June 11 - Sandy & Kenny Miller's Wedding Anniversary

June 14 - Flag Day – Get out the "Red, White & Blue" and let fly for all to see.

June 16 - Vannie Edwards' Birthday
Robert Gaudet's Birthday



June 17 - Cathy Joyce's Birthday

June 19 - Anna Lane's Birthday

June 20 - FATHER'S DAY & First Day of Summer

June 22 - Lisa Willard's Birthday (The number is known by the writer, but you would not believe it.)

June 25 - Anna Livengood's Birthday

That's all I have folks. Please let the Byline staff know of any "Special Days" that you would like to share with the BCOS family.

Classy Ads and Other Important Stuff

If you have any **equipment** you want to sell or give away, get in touch with Roy O'Neal. 318-272-0259 or royoneal2@gmail.com or just bring it to the upcoming meeting.

Time to renew dues for 2021! Bring your \$30 renewal dues to Treasurer Dick Maxwell at the monthly meeting or mail to: THE OZARK SOCIETY, P.O. Box 2914, Little Rock, AR 72203 Here's an online option of paying dues for folks that like to use credit cards. <https://www.ozarksociety.net/membership/>

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

- Wendy Caldwell - Plain Dealing
- Peter and Maureen Faulkner - Stonewall
- Robert Lachman - Shreveport
- Susan Morgan - Benton
- Cindy Payton - Shreveport
- Michael Williams - Bossier City



Five Hours, 46 Minutes and 53 Seconds

By: Becky Evans

Saturday May 22, BCOS and Meetup hikers' goal was to walk the 7.5 miles on the Backbone staying on the trail (and skipping the 2.5 miles of the highway portion) to complete an end to end. Leaving a car at either end, Caroline Dorman Trailhead-Backbone Trailhead, and you have a long walk in the woods! The temperature @ 0600 was 62 with a high of 82 and overcast all day! It could have been delightful!

The Backbone is in the Kisatchie Hills Wilderness area (8700 acres), near Natchitoches LA, part of the 600,000 acres of Kisatchie National Forest. Longleaf Pines, Sassafras, Oak, Huckleberries, wide array of wildflowers, sandy bayous and outlets, 600 feet of gain on rocky/sandstone trails, white clay trails with a rock overlay, wildlife and scenic overlooks.

There are 2 spur trails: Turpentine (1.7 miles) and High Ridge (1.5 miles). Then Just down the road there is the Longleaf Vista Interpretive Trail (1.3 miles). Caroline Dorman trail (11 miles) is just at the south end of Backbone. Explorer Trail (.5 miles) is a spur to Turpentine. Sandstone Trail (28.4 miles) is right there too. And there are several primitive campsites/rock fire rings along the Backbone. So, several options for hiking and camping if making a weekend of this section of Kisatchie.

All Trails classifies the trail as "easy" as I write this. Perhaps, if there hadn't been so much rain this May. The normal 2 water crossings became 4-5 with Bayou Cypre and its outlets filling, usually to ankle and calf height. The clay became slick-the sand boggy. Parts of the trail became long "mud" puddles, some smelly and pulling at your shoes. The water crossing that transformed the end to end to an out and back was about chest high.

Becky P said it well: "If we had been at the gym, we would have gone home by now" as we kept slogging and supporting each other. Somewhere at the end of the trail, an Oklahoma centipede crawled onto Kim's left thigh for a ride, scaring the tired right out of us all when she yelled "Get it off...Get it off" and we saw a 5" long creature that we are all sure is deadly (see photo). We did it and while proud, let's make May 22 the only time we "do" the Backbone in this particular way! We had beautiful views, a deer crossed right in front of us as we arrived, ate handfuls of huckleberries, laughed, made new friends and held a mutual goal till the end. Strong work all of us! See Facebook for more pics of the trip! Thanks to Kim C for the photography! Also, we made a new friend in Meetup Shreveport Weekday Hiker, Kenny P, a great asset on the walk. We hope he joins us in BCOS because he is a true adventurer!

So lets go again, in the Fall...



June 15th Meeting Speaker

Dr. Charles Allen, a retired ULM professor, a research associate of Colorado State University and accomplished botanist / plant taxonomist is speaking Tuesday June 15, 2021 5:30-6:30 pm on “The Flora of Northwest Louisiana” for the BCOS monthly meeting. Question and answers will be the last 15 minutes.



You can hear about native plants for landscaping that require less pesticide, need less water, need no fertilizing, rarely invasive and have better resistance to local weather. For those admiring the outdoors, you will find out the identity of those things you find beautiful...or unattractive.

Dr. Allen has authored and co authored several books on the plants of Louisiana and the Gulf South.

He currently studies butterflies, moths and fireflies at Allen Acres located against the Kisatchie National Forest where he also plants specifically to attract and support these butterflies, moths and hummingbirds. Classes are held on Basic Plant ID, Edible Plants, and Graminoid Plant ID (grasses). The Butterfly Blast is each September.



Dr. Allen is also provides professional ecological and botanical consulting services as well as provide continuing education for field biologists and plant professionals. And he is a delightful and funny conversationalist, enjoys people, teaching the young and old. I believe you will enjoy this time with him.

Cypress Lake Paddle

By: Wayne Kiefer

BCOS had a popup paddle on May 23rd at Cypress Lake. We had new paddlers that wanted to try somewhere close. We attempted to go north on Cypress Bayou from the Rt. 162 launch, to the bird trees. A large oak fell across the bayou and we couldn't pass it after being just a short distance from the target area. We did see a few goldfinches on the paddle that were only a few feet from us in the trees. The current was good and the trip back was short. We had about 16 folks come to enjoy the day. No one fell in or lost their keys so it was a good paddle again.

The vegetation is still okay there and not blocking you from entering the bayou. If you want a nice short paddle, it's open but as summer nears the ability to paddle there will diminish. Thanks for all those who came out.

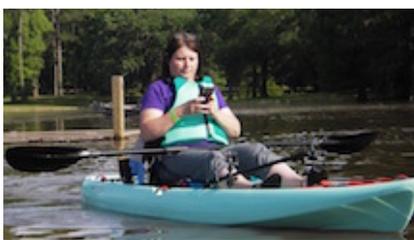


Lots of great places to paddle in Northwest Louisiana - Bistineau, Dorcheat, Cypress, Caddo...

Webster Parish Tourism - Lake Bistineau Paddle

By: Sarah Philyaw

Our collaboration with Webster Parish Tourism and H2Go for the Lake Bistineau paddle on Saturday May 15th was a success! Over 134 people were out on the water having a good time. Kayakers traveled from Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi to come paddle with us. The event finished off with a fish fry and live music. Thanks to the work done by BCOS in designing, completing and maintaining the easy to follow paddle trail, many more people are now able to enjoy this scenic lake. "Thank you" to everyone who participated in this event, especially those who made sure no kayaker was left behind. Get outside and paddle Bistineau!



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Need a new Bayou Chapter T-shirt???

Jenny Hackman is taking orders for short sleeve and long sleeve T-shirts and Hoodies.

Hoodies size S to XL \$20, 2XL \$22, 3XL to 5 XL \$25 Back print only

Short Sleeve shirts (front and back print) S to XL \$15, 2XL \$18, 3XL 20

Long Sleeve shirts (front and back print) S to XL \$20, 2XL \$22, 3XL 25

If interested, contact Jenny at
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The Ozark Society Membership Application/Renewal



Join us, or renew now! Dues are for one year, January-December, 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) _____

Email 2: _____ Old Email (if changed) _____

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)

- Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- Buffalo River (Gilbert, AR)
- Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- Mississippi Valley (Missouri)
- Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- Schoolcraft (Springfield, MO)
- Sugar Creek (Bentonville, 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 chapter)

- \$10 Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- \$10 Buffalo River (Gilbert, AR)
- \$10 Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- \$10 Mississippi Valley (Missouri)
- \$10 Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- \$10 Schoolcraft (Springfield, MO)
- \$10 Sugar Creek (Bentonville, AR)

Section C: Donations to our Funds

(Choose any amount)

- \$_____ General Conservation Fund
- \$_____ Legal Fund
- \$_____ Compton Scholarship Fund
- \$_____ Hedges Scholarship Fund
- \$_____ OS Foundation
- \$_____ OSF Legacy Fund

My Total is: \$ _____

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

You will receive a Thank You email from the Ozark Society. Please contact oscomms@ozarksociety.net for questions.