

August 2023

Paddle Trails

The Ozark Society Pulaski Chapter



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Pulaski Chapter Meetings

AUGUST MEETING

Date: Tuesday, August 1

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: 2nd Presbyterian Church, Room 62

Zoom Link: bit.ly/pulaskichapter

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From the Desk of the Chair...

By Emily Roberts

Hi everyone,

Hope you've been staying cool during this intense summer heat. Let's look forward to cooler temperatures and fewer biting insects with some exciting upcoming fall events:

- Our annual Ozark Society fall retreat will take place the weekend of October 28th at Tyler Bend on the Buffalo - get it on your calendar and we will send out more details soon. This being said, if anyone intends to stay local in Little Rock that weekend, we need some volunteers to run a table at Harvest Fest on the 28th. Please let me know if you'd be available to help with that so I can reserve a spot.
- Don House will be giving a reading of his book *Letters to Dan* at Wordsworth Books here in Little Rock on November 7th at 6:30pm - this will take the place of our monthly meeting in November. We will send out more information soon. If you do not yet have a copy of the book, please consider pre-ordering it from the Wordsworth website (ordering the book through Wordsworth's website helps ensure they can pay their staff members during our event): www.wordsworthbookstore.com/book/9780912456126

Thanks,

Emily Roberts

Treasury Update

During the previous meeting, I proposed investing the majority of the money in our checking account into a CD. The members present agreed with this idea. After researching the options, I found that Ozark Bank offered the best rate. I visited one of their branches and had an extensive discussion with a representative, who later had to submit the application on my behalf. A week later, she reached out to me with a question about the source of our funds, but I haven't received any further communication since then.

However, a week ago, I discovered that Bank of Little Rock was offering a 9-month CD with an APY of 5.25%. Since I already had an account with them, I decided to visit their branch in the heights. The process took some time, but eventually, I obtained a \$8,500 CD. The CD is under the name of the Ozark Society but bears both mine and Carolyn Shearman's signatures.

I was informed that withdrawing from the CD incurs a penalty, but after 3 months, the interest earned will surpass the penalty amount. As a result of the CD investment, we now have \$1,075.65 remaining in our current Regions Bank checking account.

Charles Mullins
Treasurer

Outings Update

Hi everybody! I have secured 15 spots for the Discovery trail at Blanchard Springs Cavern on Saturday August 5th at 10:30AM. I can get more spots if you get me your request by the meeting on August 1st. After lunch, we will spend some time in one of the nearby swimming holes. There will also be the banjo and fiddle contest that day in Mountain View.

Here's what you need to do to go: send me an email with the names of those going along with a phone number before August 2nd. If you have a Senior Pass send me the number on it as well. Send to: Heye@aristotle.net.

The cave is \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids 6 to 15.
Senior Parks pass is \$7.50. All tickets subject to \$1 reservation fee.

If we have a big turnout, we may have to go in two groups at two different times. 15 spots are guaranteed, so get me your request early so I can secure more if they are needed. We will run a carpool from Morgan McDonald's at 7:30AM.

Steve Heye
Outings Chair

PULASKI CHAPTER HIKING SCHEDULE FALL 2023

We will attempt to get you back into the woods safely this fall with one of our outings. Take a look at the list and find one or two that fit your schedule and skills level. There is something here for everyone. All are welcome, you do not have to be a member (though it helps!). Kids and dogs are welcome on some hikes, ask the leader.

SEPTEMBER 9 – DRAGOVER SWIM & FLOAT- NEAR PENCIL BLUFF - EASY 3 MILE FLOAT

It's still hot, so let's spend a day swimming and floating at Dragover on the Ouachita River. Dragover is a bend in the river that nearly comes back to where you put in. It's a five-minute walk on a road to get back to where we started. Bring a boat or float and enjoy a little white water and a fun time. Meet at the Chick-fil-A near Bass Pro at 8:00 am to carpool or be at Dragover by 10:00. Bring wet shoes and lunch.

OCTOBER 7 – BLUFFTON PRESERVE DAY HIKE – 4 TO 6 MILES – EASY

Let's explore a new area for the chapter, Bluffton Preserve of the Nature Conservancy near Clinton. It's a multi-use area on the Archey Fork of the Red. We will check out a trail or two and see what else is available for us in this area. Bring good shoes, lunch, and water. Carpool will meet at Morgan McDonald's at 8 am.

OCTOBER 28 & 29 – OZARK SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING – TYLER BEND BUFFALO RIVER

We will gather at the Group Campsite of Tyler Bend Campground on the Buffalo, off US 65. Some of us will come up Friday night. There will be day hikes and floats on both days. Saturday night will be a Pot Luck; bring a dish or dessert. See the OS website for details. Come have some fun and fellowship with the other chapters.

NOVEMBER 11 – LITTLE MISSOURI FALLS TO ALBERT PIKE - MODERATE 5.2 MILES

A wonderful hike along the Little Missouri River in southwest Arkansas. The trail is easy walking, and it will be downhill as we make our way from the falls to Albert Pike. Leaves should be just past their peak. Bring lunch and good shoes. There may be wet crossings, so be prepared. Meet at Chick Fil A next to Bass Pro at 8 am.

DECEMBER 9 – FORKED MOUNTAIN & NEW AREAS OF FLATSIDE WILDERNESS. - MOD. 5 MILE

We will climb Forked Mountain and see the area that will be added to Flatside Wilderness. The hike to the top takes about 40 minutes, and we will descend to check out some of the new area. Bring lunch and good shoes. Meet at the Garden area of Walmart on Hwy. 10 at Chenal at 8 am.

JANUARY 6 – PETIT JEAN – NEW YEAR'S HIKER'S PICK – MODERATE ? MILES

This is our fourth year for the "New Year's U Pick It" day hike. We will drive up to Petit Jean and then pick which trail or trails we hike. What will it be? Cedar Falls? Bear Den? 7 Hollows? Boy Scout? Come along and find out. We will eat lunch at Mather Lodge when we are done. Be at the Morgan McDonald's at 8 or Mather Lodge at 9:15 am.

More events may be added at any time. Also, check the Ozark Society's website calendar to see what might be happening on other days. You are more than welcome to join any of the trips listed on the calendar, even if it's not sponsored by the Pulaski Chapter. Contact the leader and let them know you are coming.

For more info, contact Outings Chair, Steve Heye, at 501-455-2210 or Heye@aristotle.net. Message Steve at 501-350-5275.