



# PADDLE TRAILS



THE OZARK SOCIETY  
PULASKI CHAPTER



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## ***Pulaski Chapter Meetings***

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

### **AUGUST 7**

Randy Easley, Director of Water Quality for CAW, will give a presentation on "Ecological Restoration for Water Quality."

***Bring a friend!***

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## **From the Desk of the President...**

**By Janet Nye**

I know we only missed the July meeting but I feel like it has been much longer than that. Maybe because there is much to say.

First, read David Peterson's article about Congressman French Hill's announcement of his proposed wilderness bill which would add acreage to the Flatside Wilderness.

Also, Stewart Noland led 20 of us on a wonderful over night float on the Buffalo. It was probably one of the last weekends where the water levels allowed for such a fun float.

On July 7th the Ozark Society Board met for our quarterly meeting. Here's the overriding theme of that meeting: *SAVING THE BUFFALO COSTS MONEY!* The Ozark Society has some incredible attorneys that are working hard to protect the Buffalo. We all know that expert consultants and attorneys don't come cheap. We are spending the Society's money wisely, but we are also competing with some very deep pockets. If you can donate to our legal fund you will be contributing to our "battle for the Buffalo".

It's also worth pointing out that the Ozark Society has folks who possess expert knowledge and they are spending hours researching, writing reports and attending meetings on behalf of the Buffalo National River and the Ozark Society. This is a time for all of us to do what we can. So if you're not sure where you can help, ask me, I will help you find your area.

Another opportunity to help out is the Roberts Tract purchase. I hope you read my email about the Buffalo River Foundation fund raising campaign to purchase the remaining 64 acre tract that lies within the BNR property. This property is important because it will allow for the continuation of the Buffalo River Trail between Highway 65 and Highway 14. Their goal is to raise \$80,000 by the end of October. We will be discussing our chapter's response to this fund raiser on August 7th.

Also, you can contribute now in 3 different ways:

1. To contribute by mail, send your check to BRF at (note "Roberts Tract" in the memo line):

***Buffalo River Foundation***

***P.O. Box 55***

***Ponca AR 72670***

2. To contribute on-line, go to the BRF Facebook fundraiser and click on the "donate" box at:

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/640937796305160/10155731741641172/>

3. Or, go to the BRF website at:

<https://www.buffaloriverfoundation.org/complete-the-buffalo-river-trail>

Thanks so much for being a part of the Ozark Society!

Bring your friends to join us!

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## H. R. 5636, the Flatside Wilderness Enhancement Act

By David Peterson

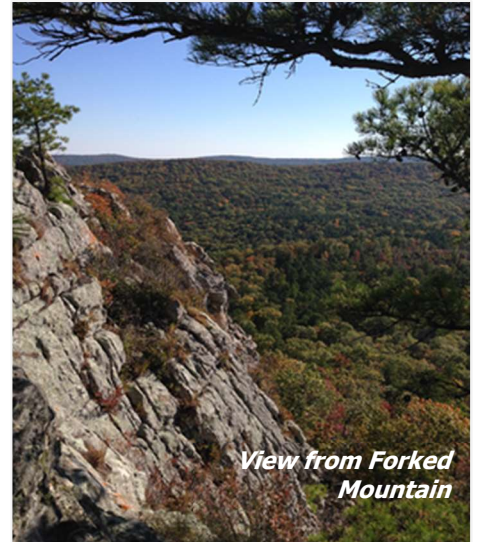


*Above: Matt Carvales from Congressman Hill's staff, poses with Alisa Dixon, Donna Peterson, and Mary Shlatterer from the Ozark Society, before climbing the pinnacle.*

About 25 people climbed up Flatside Pinnacle on Wednesday, May 2 to listen to 2<sup>nd</sup> District Congressman French Hill unveil House Bill 5636 which would immediately add 640 acres to the existing 9,541 acres of Flatside Wilderness 30 miles west of Little Rock. This wilderness, unusual for being so close to Little Rock, stretches nine miles from Forked Mountain (1,350') on the west to Flatside Pinnacle (1,550') on the East. It is a wild and beautiful place that is readily accessible by the Ouachita Trail which passes right below Flatside Pinnacle on its way down a steep hill to cross the aptly named Crystal Prong of Cedar Creek. If enacted, this would be the only addition in wilderness acreage in Arkansas since 1984 when most of the other wilderness areas in Arkansas were designated (Caney Creek and the Upper Buffalo River were established in 1975).

Former 2<sup>nd</sup> district congressman Ed Bethune,

prominent in the initial 1984 act, spoke eloquently about the need for more wilderness. According to forester Tom McClure there is another 2,400 acres that would be suitable for inclusion with proper management. Bill 5636 asks the forest service to take appropriate steps in this direction.



*Tom McClure has worked hard for this wilderness designation*



*2<sup>nd</sup> District Congressman French Hill presents his Flatside Wilderness Bill while former congressman Ed Bethune listens attentively. Both congressmen, along with Dale Bumpers, were instrumental in the 1984 wilderness bill. Charles Mullins, recognizable by the white beard, was again interviewed by the Ark/Dem reporter. Note: Flatside Pinnacle is not flat on top.*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MEETINGS:

**AUGUST 7 - CHAPTER MEETING** – Randy Easley (Ozark Society member & Director of Water Quality for Central Arkansas Water) will give a presentation on "Ecological Restoration for Water Quality."

**SEPTEMBER 4** - Our "Meeting" will be a **picnic at the Big Maumelle Pavilion at Pinnacle Mountain State Park.**

We have the pavilion from 4pm until dark - you can come early to float or fish before the potluck dinner. True potluck – we will eat whatever you bring. Also bring your own plate and utensils, and something to drink. A great way to get regroup for fall!



### PULASKI CHAPTER HIKING SCHEDULE FALL 2018:

We have a very diverse hike schedule this fall! We have a lot of new destinations. 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 well behaved dogs are welcome on some hikes, ask the leader if it's appropriate.

#### **OCTOBER 6 – CEDAR FALLS AND LUNCH AT PETIT JEAN – EASY. 3 MILES**

Let's do a nice easy hike to start off the Hiking Season. We will hike down to Cedar Falls Creek and then hike up to the falls and back. Wonderful hike if you've never done it. We will have lunch in the Mather Lodge Restaurant when we get back up. Bring water and sturdy shoes. Meet at the Morgan McDonald's at 8 to carpool up or be at Mather Lodge by 9:30

#### **OCTOBER 20/21 – GOAT TRAIL/HEMMED IN HOLLOW - MODERATE. DAY HIKES OVERNIGHT CAR CAMP – STEEL CREEK CAMPGROUND BUFFALO RIVER.**

I've been given a request to do this area. I'm going up Friday night to Steel Creek and setting up a car camp. Meet me here by Sat. Morning at 9:30 to hike to Hemmed in Hollow, Goat Trail and other nearby sites. Some of us will stay Sat. night at Steel Creek and hike Sunday somewhere on way back. Call me if you want to organize a carpool from Little Rock for Sat. only hikers. Bring water shoes and we may have Sat. night dinner at Low Gap Cafe.

#### **NOVEMBER 10 – SYLAMORE TRAIL – GUNNER POOL TO BLANCHARD SPRINGS MOD. 5.3 MILES**

This is a wonderful hike following the Sylamore Creek. There are some bluff lines and we may explore a side valley if time permits. Meet at the Morgan McDonald's at 7:30 to carpool or be at Blanchard Cavern Parking lot by 10. Bring sturdy shoes, water, orange vest or clothing and lunch. Leaves should be at their peak.

#### **DECEMBER 8 – SECT. 2 THE NEW B.R.T. - ZACK RIDGE RD. TO RED BLUFF RD. MODERATE – 4.5 MILES.**

Time to check out section two of the new Buffalo River Trail Extension. We will meet at the Morgan McDonald's at 7:30 and carpool up or you can meet us at the Harp's Grocery lot in Marshall at 9:30. Bring lunch, sturdy shoes and water. There is a wet crossing at Brush Creek.

#### **JANUARY 12 – BIG CREEK CAVE FALLS – NEAR DEER - MODERATE. - 5 MILES**

Here is a new hike for us for the new year. The creek comes from a cave makes a spectacular falls. We will explore some of the other falls in the area as well. If it's been cold enough we may even have ice formations. Be at the Morgan McDonald's at 7:30 to carpool or be at the Pelsor Store by 10. Bring boots, lunch and water. May be some wet crossings if water is up on Big Creek.

Steve's contact info: 501-455-2210 or [Heye@aristotle.net](mailto:Heye@aristotle.net)

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## Let's Go Floating!

By Stewart Noland

On June 9 and 10, twenty Ozark Society members floated the Buffalo River for 16 miles from Woolum to Grinders Ferry. Watercraft on the trip included solo and tandem canoes, kayaks, and a raft. There was just enough water to make the paddling fun.

Numerous wildlife was spotted, perhaps highlighted by the eaglets at Margaret White Bluff. Much fishing and swimming was enjoyed all day Saturday.

We camped on a large, flat gravel bar at Peter Cave Bluff, about 10 miles downstream from Woolum, and

enjoyed a good group supper and breakfast there. The food pinnacle, no doubt, was Heather Hicks' river lunches, which were superb.

Sunday morning took us past Blue Bluff, Red Bluff, Arnold Island, and on to Grinders Ferry. The weather cooperated the entire trip. We had a fun float and thinking about it makes me want to be there again right now.

(NOTE: 2018 is the 50th anniversary of the Wild And Scenic Rivers Act. Arkansas' Wild and Scenic



Rivers give us much for which to be thankful. Ozark Society members can be proud to know that the Ozark Society was instrumental in helping to ensure the passage of the Arkansas Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.)







# 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](http://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)

- ☐ 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)
- ☐ \$10 10 Mississippi Valley (Cape Girardeau, MO)
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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](mailto:mb2rene@aol.com).