

March 2024

Paddle Trails

The Ozark Society Pulaski Chapter



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Pulaski Chapter Meetings

MARCH MEETING

Date: Tuesday, March 5

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: 2nd Presbyterian Church, Room 62

Zoom Link: There will be no zoom streaming this month.

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Speaker Update - Buffalo Tales at the March Meeting

We are so pleased to have Joe David Rice, Arkansas's tourism director for 30 years, joining us on March 5 for our 7 pm meeting at Second Presbyterian Church, Room 62. Born in Paragould, Arkansas, and raised in Jonesboro, Joe David is a well-known and respected resource on all things Arkansas, and he'll share how his two-volume Backstories originated as well as tell us some captivating stories about the Buffalo River area. An accomplished promoter of the state as a "must see" destination, Rice served as for thirty years, working under five governors, before retiring in 2017.

Joe David first developed an appreciation for the outdoor world during the many weekends spent with his family on Lake Norfolk. Upon graduation from the University of Arkansas, he attended the University of Illinois, earning a master's degree in environmental planning from. A former owner of a canoe outfitting business on the Buffalo River, he also owned the second largest cave in the state at one time. He testified before a U.S. Senate committee in behalf of the Arkansas Wilderness Act, has been published in *American Photographer* magazine, and produced the "Arkansas Floater's Kit." The proud father of Weston and Henry, he enjoys wandering the Arkansas countryside by foot, canoe, or car—and unearthing those lesser-known treasures that make the Natural State so distinctive. Joe David and his wife Tracey, also a native of northeast Arkansas, take great delight in introducing friends to their special corner of the Ozarks in Newton County.

At the end of the meeting, you'll have the opportunity to purchase his Backstories, and also his thriller set on the Buffalo, An Undercurrent of Murder!

Ann Owen
Vice Chair

PULASKI CHAPTER HIKING SCHEDULE WINTER/SPRING 2024

Here is our next set of hikes for this winter and spring. We have two new locations, and we will visit some old favorites as well. Everyone, member or not, is welcome to join us on outings. Remember, we do not charge for our outings, and be aware that you are here voluntarily and responsible for your actions. Our leaders are trained and knowledgeable and will work to keep you and everyone safe. Call the leader if you have questions about participating.

March 9 – Ouachita Pinnacle - East (Ouachita Trail) - 6 or 10 miles – mod./hard.

We go west of Jessieville to descend eastward from the top of Ouachita Pinnacle. Be at the Chick-fil-A by Bass Pro at 8 am to carpool. We will drop off a shuttle car and then drive up the Pinnacle to start our hike. Bring lunch and good shoes. Distance of the hike is dependent on road conditions. Check back to see how far we hike. Steve will check out conditions before the hike.

April 13 – C.R.57 to C.R.58 (Cedar Creek) – Ozark Highlands Trail – 4 miles – moderate.

It's going to be tough to top the eclipse on the Monday before, but when it comes to raw natural beauty, this hike has a lot. We will carpool from Morgan McDonald's at 7:30 or you can meet us at Haw Creek Falls at 9:30. You'll see cliffs, waterfalls, and early wildflowers. Bring lunch, water, and water shoes in case the creek is up.

May 11 – Fern Hollow Trail & Little Grand Canyon (White Oak Lake) – 6.1 miles – Mod.

Another new hike! We head south to White Oak Lake State Park to hike the Fern Hollow Trail. We will only do half of the trail and then go over to the Little Grand Canyon area on a branch of White Oak creek. Meet at the Chick-fil-A by Bass Pro at 8 am or meet us at the Park Visitor's center at 10. Bring lunch and water.

More events may be added at any time. Check the Ozark Society's website calendar for updates and additional outings. You are more than welcome to join any of the trips listed on the calendar, even if they are not sponsored by the Pulaski Chapter. Reach out to the leader and let them know you are coming. Our leaders are well-trained and knowledgeable, dedicated to ensuring everyone's safety. If, at any point, you feel unsafe during an outing, please communicate with the leader. Feel free to call the leader if you have any questions about participating. While kids are generally welcome on most trips, it's advisable to check with the leader for specific details.

Got Questions? Contact Outings Chair, Steve Heye, at 501-350-5275 or Heye@aristotle.net.



OUTDOOR MEDIA EXCHANGE

Exciting news! We are launching an outdoor & nature magazine and information exchange at our monthly meetings. Feel free to bring along some of your favorite DVDs, periodicals, books, and brochures to share!

SEPTEMBER GEAR DRIVE

It's not too early to start collecting items for the annual Gear Drive we hold during our Fall Picnic, which is September 3 this year! As usual, acceptable items include (but are not limited to) gently used clothing, shoes, outdoor gear, sporting equipment, and accessories. All proceeds from our pay-what-you-want sale will benefit the Ozark Society Pulaski Chapter, and any remaining items will be donated to The Van.

LEOPOLD WEEK VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES MARCH 1-10

Each year around the first week and weekend of March, organizations and individuals across the country come together to celebrate Aldo Leopold and a land ethic through community readings, film screenings, outdoor activities, and more.

More info at www.aldoleopold.org/

2024 SOLAR ECLIPSE FLOTILLA

Hosted by Alan and Janet Nye

When: April 8, 2024
Where: Murray Lake,
an offshoot of the AR
River

Set sail on your canoe, kayak, paddleboard, or other boat and engage in lively chatter as the TOTAL solar eclipse approaches. Prefer to lounge? Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the eclipse from the shore!

What to Bring:

- Your preferred watercraft
- Snacks and drinks for sharing
- Solar eclipse glasses for safe viewing
- A lawn chair for ultimate relaxation

Schedule of the Eclipse:

Doors "Open": 11:30 AM
Partial Eclipse: Begins at 12:33 PM
Total Eclipse: Begins at 1:45 PM
Eclipse Conclusion: 3:11 PM

Please contact Janet Nye
for further information
and to confirm if coming!

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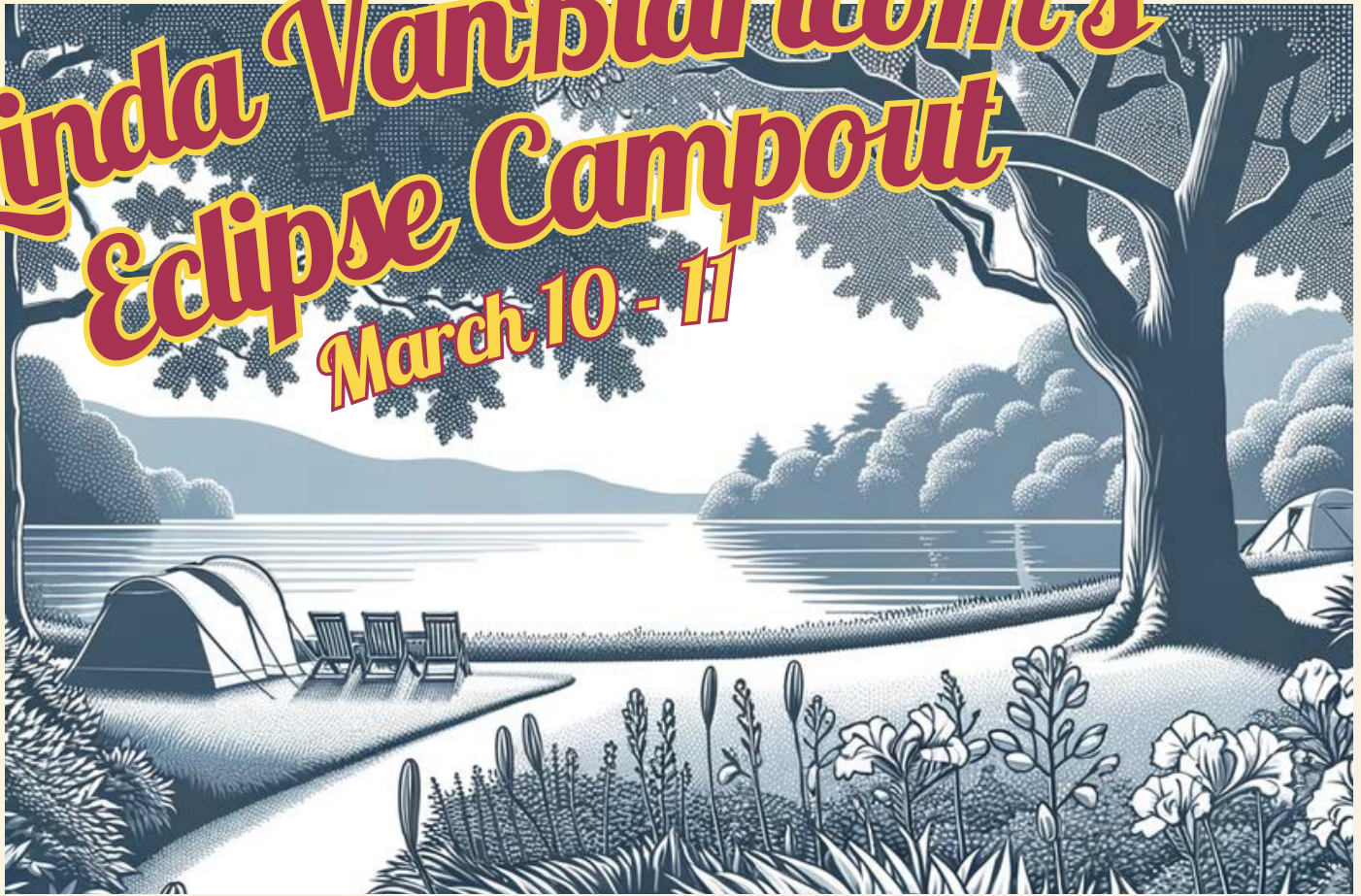
Launch Details:

The launch can accommodate canoes, kayaks, rafts, and paddleboards. For larger vessels, visit the boat launch at Maumelle Park, downstream on the river.



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Linda VanBlaricom's Eclipse Campout March 10 - 11



We are thrilled to extend this celestial invitation to all Pulaski Chapter members by Linda VanBlaricom! You're invited to a special eclipse viewing campout hosted on her scenic property at 122 Woods Lane, Russellville. With over 4 acres featuring stunning lake vistas, it's the perfect backdrop for the eclipse weekend.

Bring a dish to join in on the shared potluck on Sunday evening & delightful brunch potluck on Monday!

Special Feature: NASA will broadcast the eclipse live from Russellville!
<https://eclipserussellville.com/>

Important Reminder: Traditional restroom facilities are limited, so please come prepared with your own WAG bag*.

We have 40 pairs of NASA-approved eclipse glasses for safe viewing!

✉ RSVP: Email Linda at lvbuu2@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

For more info on WAG Bags, check out:
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