DEVIL'S DEN STATE PARK

Deep in a valley of the rugged Boston Mountains of northwest Arkansas is Devil's Den State Park. This 2,500-acre park provides some of the most spectacular Ozark Mountain scenery in the state. The park's creeks, crevices, caves, and overlooks connect you with the constant geologic forces that shape this rugged terrain. A clear mountain creek spills its cool, clear waters over the rocky valley floor with its downward flow, slowed only for a moment by a picturesque, native stone dam. The park cafe, store, and swimming pool overlook the peaceful 8-acre lake formed by the dam. Modern and primitive camping sites, picturesque cabins, picnic areas, hiking, equestrian and mountain biking trails, and fishing form a vacation setting second to none.

Lee Creek Valley was selected as the site for a state park in 1933. The park's major facilities were constructed as a Works Project Administration (WPA) project by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). In the 1970s, the park underwent a major facelift during which the native stone and log structures of the 1930s were renovated and preserved for use today and in the future.

Walk in the footsteps of the CCC here, where hard work and craftsmanship created a park that is seamless with the landscape. Whether you study the CCC architecture, hike the trails, attend interpretive programs, explore the valley's unique geologic formations, or lounge lazily by the pool, memories of your stay at Devil's Den will bring you back time and again.

FACILITIES

Lodging ◆ Near the stream, along the rocky valley. are 17 rustic cabins (1, 2, and 3 bedrooms) with fullyequipped kitchens plus air-conditioning and heating for your vacation comfort year-round. Bask in front of the massive stone fireplace in the chill of the evening or, with cup in hand, sit outside in the early dawn and listen to the chatter of animal life. A special cabin reservation number is available daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: 1-800-264-2417.

Camping ◆ Strung along the valley floor, 146 sites offer camping at its best. Many sites have electrical, water and sewer hookups. A sanitary trailer dump station is located near area E. Hike-in campsites are available for the adventuresome and a group area is available for reservation. Bring **your** horse and use the horse camp located near riding trails that meander through the Ozark National Forest. Horse rental/rides **are not available.** All horse sites are reservable; all have water & electrical hookups. Rent-A-Backpack units are available for visitors who would like to camp or backpack but don't have the necessary equipment. Campers **must** register at the Visitor Center **before** occupying a campsite and must have camping units with them. All sites are reservable and may be reserved up to one year in advance. Please call to check availability.

Food Services ◆ A cozy cafe, gift shop, and store with camping and picnicking supplies are housed in a rustic log and stone building overlooking the lake. These facilities are open seasonally with variable hours of operation throughout the year. The cafe is open for breakfast and lunch only.

Other Facilities ◆ The Visitor Center houses exhibits, an audiovisual room, and park offices. Scenic picnic areas with tables and grills, a group pavilion (reserve at the Visitor Center before use; deposit required), playground, rest rooms, coin laundry, and swimming pool (open summer) are located in the heart of the park. Paddle boats, canoes, and water bikes may be rented near the pool during summer. Medical services are available in Favetteville (28 miles). Gas stations and other conveniences are 20 minutes away at West Fork or Winslow.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES

Programs ◆ Park interpreters provide programs year-round. Depending on the season, these include guided hikes, history and nature talks, demonstrations, afternoon recreation games, and evening programs at an outdoor amphitheater or in the Visitor Center AV room. Children aged 7-14 may participate in the park's Explorer Program. Organized groups may request special programs in advance to meet specific interests vear-round.

Trails ◆ Miles of hiking and multiple use trails wind through Devil's Den and the surrounding Ozark National Forest, offering a variety of experiences. You can take a wet-water hike down Lee Creek or get away from it all on the 15-mile **Butterfield Hiking Trail**. Hikers need to register for a free permit at the Visitor Center before embarking on this trail as well as other trails leading into the National Forest. The scenic Devil's Den Self-Guiding Trail winds past the rugged geologic formations that gave the park its name. Mountain bike and equestrian trails are also available. Trail booklets and maps are available at the Visitor Center.

Special Events ◆ Wildflower walks, birding trips, Northwest Arkansas Mountain Bike Championships, and Bat-O-Rama are among the special events offered at the park each year. These events are scheduled to show off the beauty of the Ozarks. Be sure to check with the park or ArkansasStateParks.com website for the dates of these and other events.

Watchable Wildlife ◆ There are many opportunities for viewing the wild inhabitants of Devil's Den. A variety of birds, mammals, and reptiles make the park their home. Some good viewing areas have been indicated on the map side of this brochure. A good time for catching glimpses of these creatures, which can include groundhogs, beavers, vultures, ducks, deer, songbirds, armadillos, foxes, and many others, is at dawn and dusk. **Remember:** This is the animals' home and all wildlife is protected in the park.

LOCATION

From I-540, drive 8 miles south of Fayetteville. Take State Hwy. 170 at West Fork (Exit #53) 17 miles to the park; OR, from I-540 near Winslow, take State Hwy. 74 (Exit #45), 7 miles west to the park. (NOTE: No gas stations are available on Highway 74, 170, or at the park. Large trailers should not use Hwy. 74 from Winslow to the park, due to steep and winding roads.)

For general information on park hours, fees, and services, contact between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily:

Devil's Den State Park 11333 W. AR Hwy 74 West Fork, AR 72774

Telephone: (479) 761-3325

For cabin reservations ONLY: 1-800-264-2417

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