

## PETIT JEAN STATE PARK

One of Arkansas's finest state parks, Petit Jean State Park lies in a unique area between the Ozark and Ouachita Mountain ranges in west-central Arkansas. This, Arkansas's first state park, includes 2,658 acres of natural beauty on Petit Jean Mountain. In this lovely mountain setting are an abundance of unmarred woods, ravines, streams, springs, waterfalls, spectacular views and surprising geological formations preserved almost as French explorers found them 300 years ago.

### FACILITIES

**Lodging** ♦ High on a bluff overlooking the Arkansas River Valley, Mather Lodge offers 24 guest rooms (6 doubles and 18 singles) and cabins. Whether for a weekend vacation or a business conference, the lodge complex provides a swimming pool, gift shop, a conference room, and full service restaurant (in-park catering available.) Small groups can meet in the Arkansas Room for a fee.

**Cabins** ♦ Twenty-one fully equipped housekeeping cabins are scattered in the woods near Mather Lodge. There are 9 rustic, 5 duplex (10 units) and 2 honeymoon cabins with hot tubs, all with fireplaces (for seasonal use only - Oct. 1 to April 1). Cabins include all-electric kitchens with cooking utensils and tableware. Linens are provided, and cabins are heated and air-conditioned for year-round comfort. Five cabins are barrier-free.

Six duplex cabins (12 units, all with fireplaces, but no kitchens) are near the lodge. There are also dog friendly cabins. (**NOTE:** No lodge rooms or cabins have telephones. Televisions are available in all rooms and cabins. The lodge pool, open seasonally, is for lodge and cabin guests only. Call to reserve a lodge room or cabin.)

**Camping** ♦ The park has 125 campsites (27 pull-thru sites) with water and electrical hookups. **NOTE:** Campers must register at the visitor center before occupying a campsite. All may be reserved up to one year in advance. Call to check availability. Sites are divided into 4 areas with a bathhouse in each. There is also a 50 unit rally-style camping area available for camping clubs. A group camp area with heated bathhouse can be reserved and is available for tent camping only, year round. An RV sanitary station is near the overflow area.

For those who don't own camping equipment, Rent-A-Camp and Rent-A-Tepee packages include a tent/tepee, mats, canoe, camp stove and other camping gear.

These are available March - November. A fly-in campground is at the airport. Call for information.

**Picnicking** ♦ Petit Jean provides wooded picnic areas along Lake Bailey and Lake Roosevelt with tables, grills, water and rest rooms. Two group pavilions are available for rent April - October. The pavilions must be reserved in advance.

**Recreation** ♦ From fishing on Lake Bailey (boat motor-10 hp limit) to an afternoon softball game, there's plenty to do at Petit Jean. During the summer, pedal boats and fishing boats with motors can be rented at the Boathouse, which also has a snack bar and game room. A modern swimming pool (no cutoffs, please), playgrounds, and tennis courts are available. The Recreation Hall, near the visitor center, can be rented for square dances or other group gatherings. (Boathouse and swimming pool are operated seasonally.) But our trails are the real attraction.

**Hiking Trails** ♦ More than 20 miles of trails guide you to Petit Jean's special places. Walk to Cedar Falls; meander through Seven Hollows; enter Rock House Cave or explore Bear Cave. Trail maps are available at the lodge and visitor center. Exhibits, books on plants and animals, and program schedules, including guided walks, can be found in the visitor center.

**Other Facilities** ♦ Picnic and grocery supplies, firewood and gift shops are located near the park (some facilities are open seasonally). The Petit Jean airport is open to daytime flying, and shuttle service to the park is available for a fee.

**NOTE:** Call Mather Lodge to make your cabin reservations. **No pets are allowed in lodging facilities; service animals are welcome. As for non-service animals, some cabins are dog-friendly.** Bikes, motorcycles, or horses are not allowed on the hiking trails. However, bicycles are allowed on the 1.75 mile CCC Hike and Bike Trail connecting the picnic and camp areas with Mather Lodge.

### INTERPRETIVE SERVICES

Begin your stay at Petit Jean with a trip to the visitor center and gift shop. While there, enjoy exhibits on park history and nature. Park interpreters provide guided hikes, nature talks, and workshops plus evening programs at the amphitheater (summer). Off-season programs and guided hikes are available; groups may request special programs to meet specific interests year-round (advance arrangements necessary).

Some special events held annually include Fall Senior American Special, Fishing Derby, Wildflower Weekend, Eagle Awareness Weekend, and the Antique Car Show.

### EMERGENCY CALL

911

### LOCATION

Take Hwy. 9 (Exit 108) off I-40 at Morrilton south 9 miles to Oppelo. Then head west 12 miles on Hwy. 154 to park; OR, take Hwy. 7 off I-40 (south), OR, off I-30 (north) to Centerville, then east 16 miles on Hwy. 154 to the park; OR, take Hwy. 155 (north) from Hwy. 10 at Casa.

### For lodge and cabin reservations, contact:

**Mather Lodge**  
1069 Petit Jean Mtn. Road  
Morrilton, AR 72110  
Telephone: (501)727-5431 OR 1-800-264-2462

### For camping reservations, information, park hours, fees and programs, contact:

**Petit Jean State Park**  
1285 Petit Jean Mtn. Road  
Morrilton, AR 72110  
Telephone: (501)727-5441 (Park)  
e-mail: [petitjean@arkansas.com](mailto:petitjean@arkansas.com)  
[www.petitjeanstatepark.com](http://www.petitjeanstatepark.com)

For information on Arkansas's other fine state parks, contact:

Arkansas State Parks  
One Capitol Mall, 4A-900  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
Telephone: (501)682-1191  
[www.ArkansasStateParks.com](http://www.ArkansasStateParks.com)



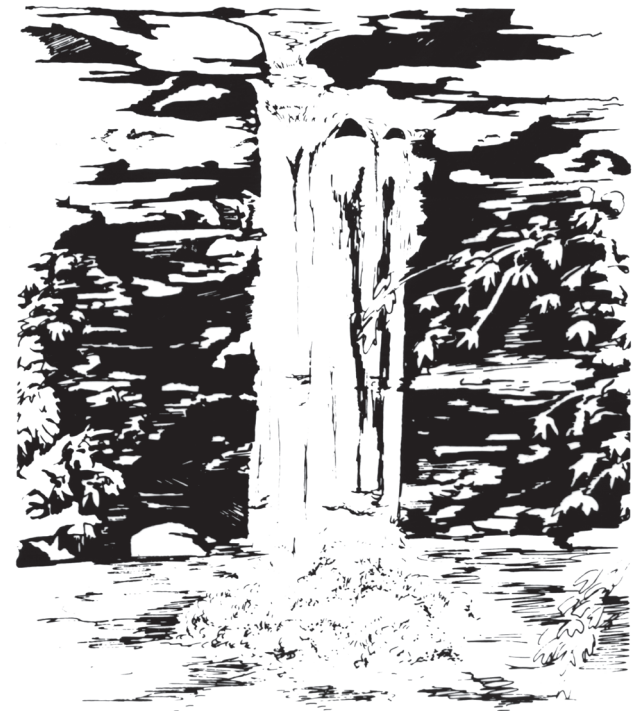
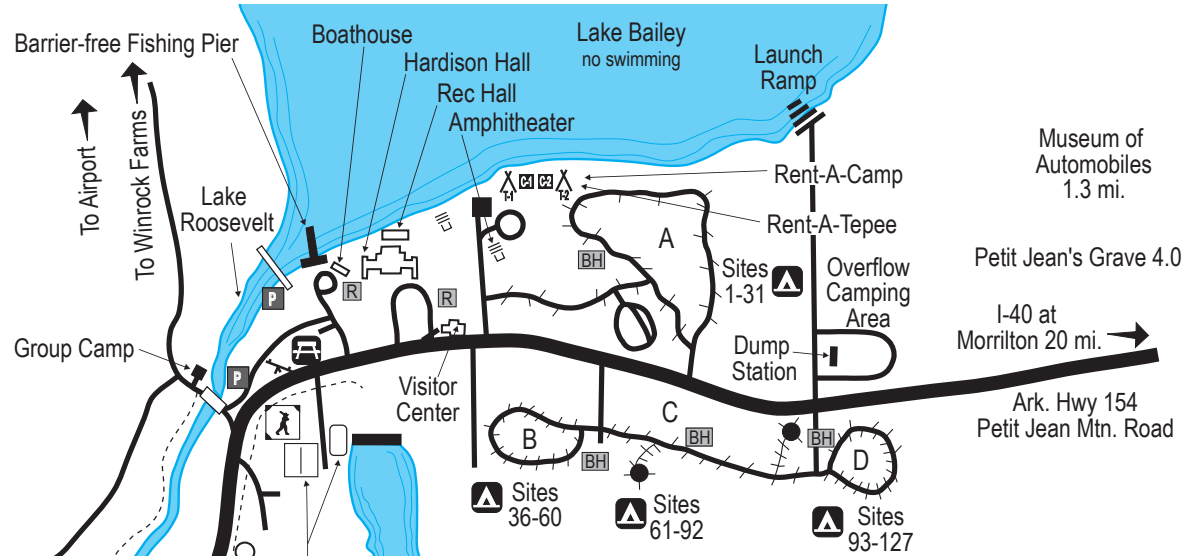
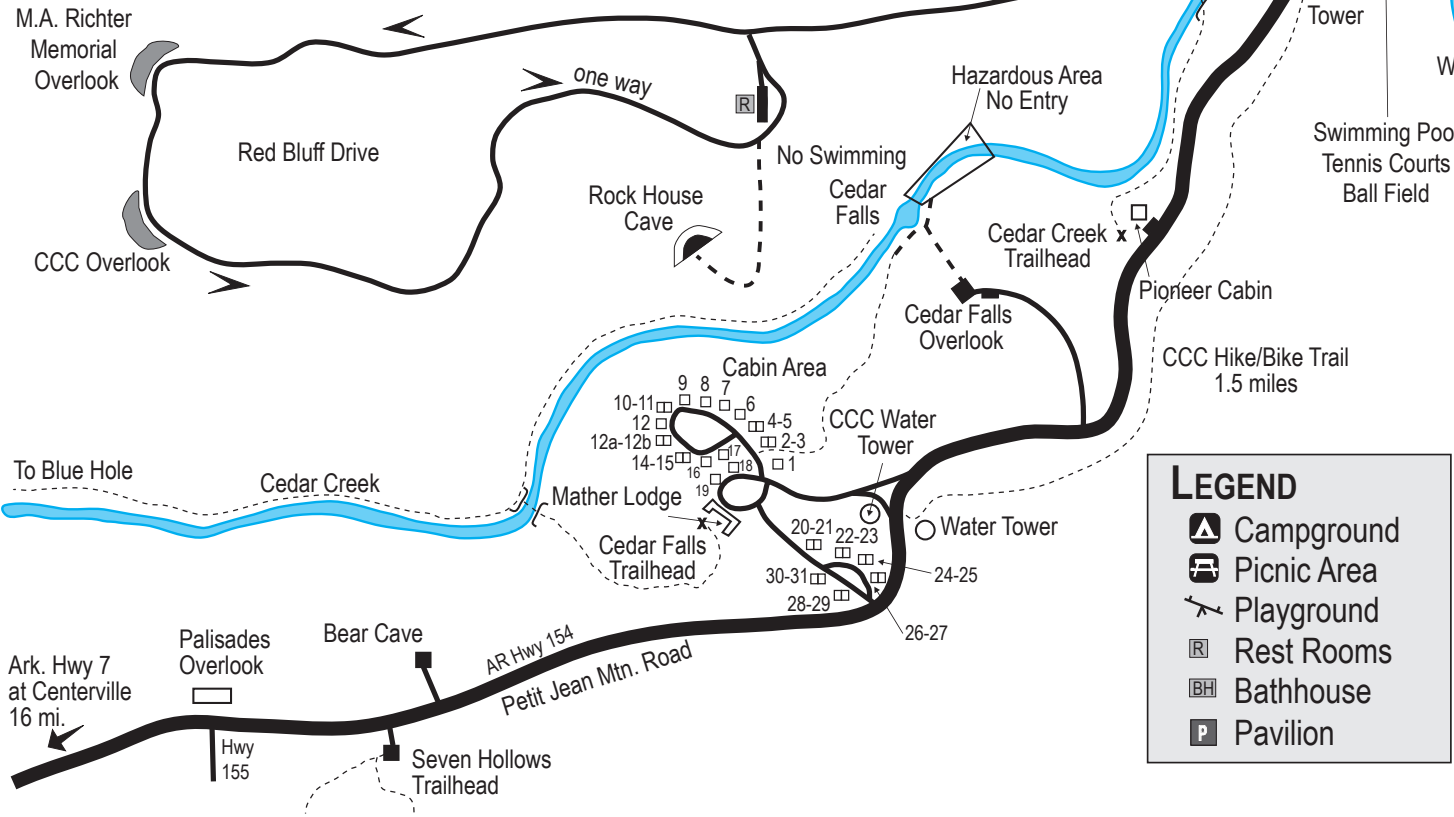
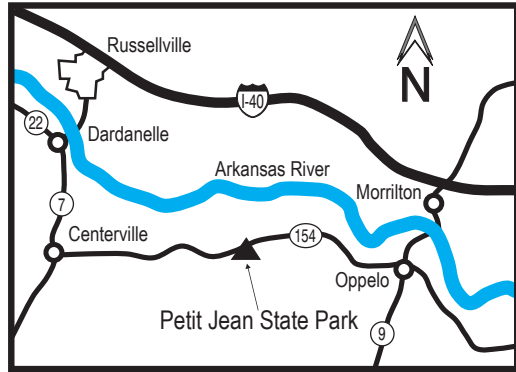
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**NOTICE:** To preserve scenic beauty and ecology, fences and warning signs have not been installed in some park locations. Caution and supervision of your children are required while visiting these areas.



**LEGEND**

- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Rest Rooms
- Bathhouse
- Pavilion

Museum of Automobiles 1.3 mi.  
 Petit Jean's Grave 4.0 mi.  
 I-40 at Morrilton 20 mi.  
 Ark. Hwy 154  
 Petit Jean Mtn. Road



EXPLORE THE BEAUTY & HISTORY OF ARKANSAS!