

BASE TRAIL

This trail is blazed in **light green**. Starting at the East Summit Trailhead, approximately 25 yards up the trail you will encounter the Base Trail. You can choose to hike the Base Trail clockwise around Pinnacle Mountain by going left or you can go right to make the Base Trail loop around the mountain in a counterclockwise direction. This 3-mile trail circles the entire base of Pinnacle Mountain and conveniently connects the West Summit Trailhead with the East Summit Trailhead. While hiking the Base Trail you will encounter intersections at the West Summit Trail, East Summit Trail, and Ouachita Trail. The Base Trail is fairly level and wildlife may be encountered.

TRAILS IN THE ARKANSAS ARBORETUM

(Located on Pinnacle Valley Road)

THE ARKANSAS TRAIL

The Arkansas Trail is near the center of the park within the 80-acre Arkansas Arboretum. This .75-mile paved, barrier-free walking trail is dedicated to helping students, visitors, and Arkansas citizens understand the variety and many values of Arkansas's trees and forests. Interpretive signs with recorded messages help introduce the state's trees and natural and geological history. Guided tours for groups and field study classes may be scheduled on a staff-available basis, by appointment.

To protect the arboretum and visitors, please observe the following:

1. All plants and animals are protected (do not pick leaves or flowers!).
2. Please remove all trash or litter.
3. Horses, bikes, or motorized vehicles not allowed.
4. Pets must be leashed.
5. Winter hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

TRAILHEADS LOCATED AT THE VISITOR CENTER

(Located on Pinnacle Valley Road and access road)

SCENIC OVERLOOK

To reach the overlook, start from the east corner of the upper parking lot. Follow the main trail to the first intersection and turn left up the flight of stairs. The overlook is 75 yards from the parking lot. You will find scenic views of the Arkansas River Valley, Pinnacle Mountain, and Lake Maumelle. This is an excellent location for observing migrating hawks in the fall. (For those not able to walk stairs, the visitor center balcony offers a view of the Arkansas River.)

ROCKY VALLEY TRAIL

This trail is marked in green blazes. The trailhead starts at the same location as the overlook trail – the upper parking lot of the visitor center. This 2-mile loop enters a heavily forested valley after leaving an old rock quarry area. Allow 1.5 to 2 hours to go down and back up this valley. (For a longer trip, see listing for East Quarry Trail.)

EAST QUARRY TRAIL

Red blazes mark this route. This is a .5-mile spur from the mid-point of the Rocky Valley Trail. It leads to the eastern portion of the park and climbs a steep hillside to another quarry area which offers a rock-lined overlook with dramatic vistas of Pinnacle Mountain and the Arkansas River Valley. The trail is one mile round trip from the Rocky Valley spur.

OUACHITA TRAIL

This trail is blazed in **blue**. Follow the sidewalk downhill from the visitor center to the lower parking lot to reach the eastern terminus of the Ouachita National Recreation Trail. The trail winds west two miles inside the park boundary, then continues 22 miles to the Arkansas/Oklahoma border. Maps and trail

guides are available. **Overnight backpackers planning to leave vehicles in the park must register at the visitor center.**

RABBIT RIDGE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

The Rabbit Ridge is a .7-mile, beginner mountain biking trail offering novice riders a chance to improve their skills before attempting longer, more technical trails. The trail does have rocks, roots, and elevation changes that give riders a true mountain biking experience. A bench is located at the top of the ridge where riders can rest and non-riders can enjoy the environment while waiting on riders.

JACKFORK MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

The Jackfork is a 6.5-mile intermediate/advanced trail designed for experienced mountain bikers. Elevation gain, rocks, and technical turns will keep a rider's attention. If you are uncomfortable with a section of trail, walking your bike is an acceptable option. (Hint: always turning right at the trail intersection is the easiest route.) Please report any problems with the trail, including bridge issues, to the park office.

OTHER TRAIL ACTIVITIES

BACKPACKING AND NATURE HIKES

The park sponsors introductory backpacking workshops. Interpreter-led hiking adventures are offered as listed in the park calendar of events. Schools and other groups interested in interpreter-led programs should call ahead to schedule program dates.

LITTLE MAUMELLE WATER TRAIL

Guided canoe and kayak day floats are scheduled in spring and fall. Call early for reservations. A 4.5-mile float starts from the boat ramp at the West Summit Picnic Area. Inquire at the visitor center about river levels and a map.

BIRDING AND WILDLIFE VIEWING ROUTES

There are many short walks that offer opportunities for wildlife observation. Visit with park staff to find out more. Nature guides, exhibits, and a wildlife observation area can be found at the visitor center.

VISITOR SERVICES

The visitor center gift shop has hats, walking sticks, maps, and trail guides. Vending machines are available for drinks.

Water fountains can be found at the visitor center, East Summit parking lot, and the West Summit Trailhead and restroom area.

Restrooms are located at the visitor center, West Summit Picnic Area and the Big Maumelle Boat Ramp Area. A porta-potty facility is available at the Arkansas Arboretum.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Anyone interested in becoming a trail guide or any other volunteer opportunities should contact the Volunteer Coordinator at the visitor center.

TRAILS OF PINNACLE MOUNTAIN State Park



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