## PINNACLE MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

The cone-shaped peak of Pinnacle Mountain is a dramatic natural landform that has been a landmark for generations. Rising 756 feet from the adjacent flood plains, Pinnacle's rocky peak reaches an elevation of 1,011 feet above sea level. Surrounded by wooded hillsides, lush lowlands, and clear waterways, a view from its summit provides a panorama of nature's handiwork carved into the eastern slopes of the Ouachita Mountain range. Located little more than a dozen miles west of the state capitol in Little Rock, this natural environment was set aside in 1977. A day-use only park, Pinnacle Mountain fulfills the department's three-fold purpose of preservation, recreation, and environmental education.

#### PRESERVATION

As the population and industrialization of central Arkansas grows, so does the need to preserve green, open spaces. Pinnacle Mountain helps meet this need with 2,351 acres of diverse, natural habitat. Everywhere you walk here, from wetlands to upland ridges, you see an ever-changing web of plant and animal life that flourishes because diverse habitats are protected.

To ensure the safety of wildlife and park visitors, **pets must be leashed at all times**.

#### RECREATION

For those wanting to get away from an urban setting without travelling far, Pinnacle Mountain is the ideal place. The recreation area at the base of the mountain has shaded picnic tables, grills, water, a playground, rest rooms, and a large, open air pavilion with a cooking fireplace and tables. The pavilions (one located at the base of the mountain and the other along the Big Maumelle River) are a favorite place for get-togethers and can be reserved for a fee. For those wishing to play outdoor games an open, grassy field is available.

If you enjoy hiking or mountain biking, it's certain you'll enjoy the trails offered at Pinnacle Mountain State Park, from the breathtaking view at the mountain's summit to the meandering flood plain of the paved, barrier-free Kingfisher Trail. See our trails brochure and map for additional information. Fishing, canoeing, and boating are favorite pastimes on the Big and Little Maumelle Rivers. Boat ramps and a fishing pier allow ready access to these streams. Look on our events calendar for guided floats.

Park gates are closed one hour after sunset. Camping is not permitted at Pinnacle Mountain State Park. Excellent facilities are available at Maumelle Park 3.8 miles east of Highway 300 on Pinnacle Valley Road. This *Corps of Engineers* park is along the Arkansas River and contains 129 campsites with water and electrical hookups, hot showers, and a dump station.

### **EDUCATION & VISITOR SERVICES**

The park's professional interpreters offer programs in geology, botany, archeology, wildlife, and many other topics. Each presentation helps the visitor understand and appreciate their relationship to earth's environment and Arkansas history. Park facilities and staff are available for school educational activities (educators, please request a teacher's guide). **Both on-site and off-site programs can be conducted.** A *special events calendar* is available at the visitor center.

Though many programs are conducted in the park's outdoor classroom, a large number also take place in the **Visitor Center** overlooking the Arkansas River. In addition to the interpretive exhibits, this facility has rest rooms, refreshments (vending), book sales, gifts, and a wildlife viewing area. A conference room for public gatherings is available for a small fee. **Discovery Room** ◆ A room designed for exploring natural items contains a large wildlife viewing window, animal displays and hands on exhibits. **Environmental Education Pond** ◆ The pond is used for aquatic studies, fishing clinics, and wildlife observation. It is open to the public unless there is a school program taking place.

Native Plant Gardens ◆ Pulaski County Master Gardeners installed and maintain native flower gardens, a butterfly garden, and a native flower meadow to attract wildlife and for the education and enjoyment of visitors. Arkansas Arboretum ◆ A .6 mile, paved, barrierfree trail with interpretive exhibits is open for public use. It features native trees and shrubs from all regions of Arkansas. Tours can be arranged for studying the forest and tree species. A water fountain and benches are along the trail.

#### **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

Many opportunities are available including park research, trail maintenance, special event support, clerical assistance, and trail and arboretum guides. Support the park by becoming a member of: Partners for Pinnacle (PartnersforPinnacle.org), Central Arkansas Master Naturalists, or Master Gardeners. Volunteer Hard Hat Days are scheduled throughout the year. Contact the park's Volunteer Services Coordinator for details on programs and training.

#### LOCATION

Take Exit 9 off 1-430 to Hwy. 10, then west 7 miles to Hwy. 300, turn right and go 2 miles north to the park; OR, take Pinnacle Valley Road north off Hwy. 10 just 3 miles west of 1-430.

For further information on park programs, fees or hours, contact:

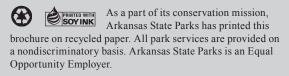
Pinnacle Mountain State Park 11901 Pinnacle Valley Road Little Rock, AR 72223 (501) 868-5806 (park) pinnaclemountain@arkansas.com

After-hours emergency 911 OR (501) 367-0064, (501) 367-0071, (501) 868-2618, (501) 868-9150

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.

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

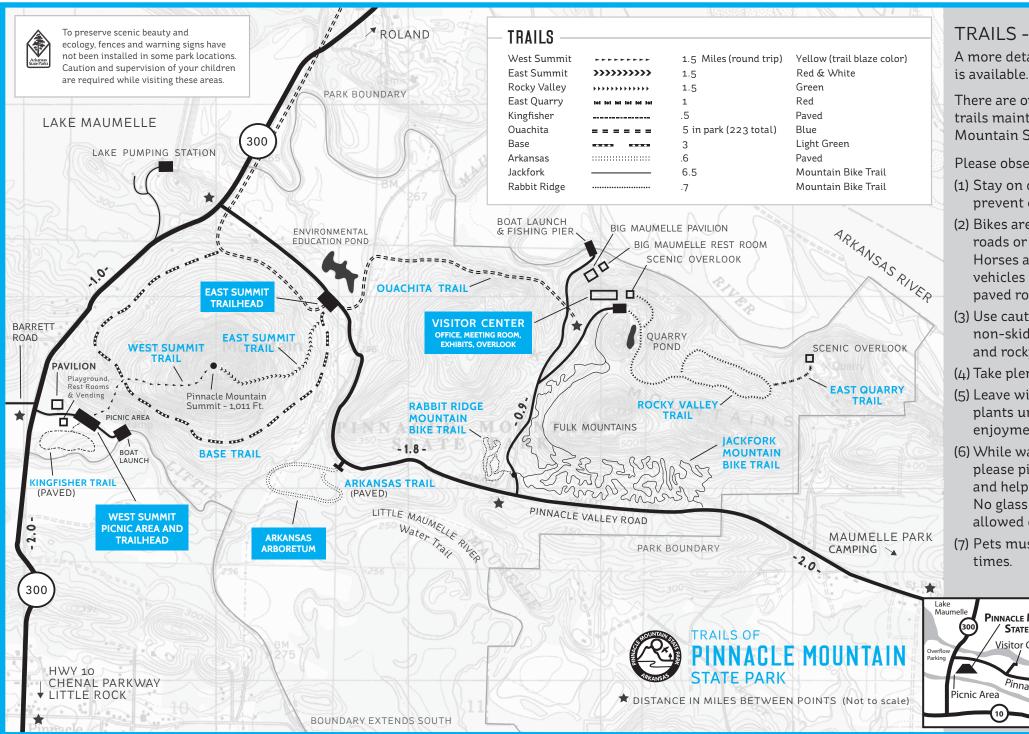
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A more detailed trail brochure is available.

There are over 40 miles of trails maintained by Pinnacle Mountain State Park.

Please observe the following:

(1) Stay on designated trails to prevent erosion.

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- (2) Bikes are limited to paved roads or designated trails.
  Horses and motorized vehicles are limited to paved roads only.
- (3) Use caution and wear non-skid footgear on steep and rocky trails.

(4) Take plenty of water.

(5) Leave wildlife, rocks, and plants undisturbed for the enjoyment of others.

(6) While walking the trails, please pick up a piece of litter and help keep the trails clean. No glass containers are allowed on the trails.

(7) Pets must be leashed at all times.

#### Arkansas River Arkansas River Overflow Parking Overflow Parking Pinnacle Valley Road 10