The Ozark Folk Center is a people place, dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of traditional Ozark Mountain crafts and music. This Arkansas State Park shares the story of the Ozark way of life which bred an independent, religious, joyful people who survived the hardships of pioneer days by their native wit and wisdom. Enjoy your stay among the delightful, talented people of the Ozarks.

Here you’ll find a people and a setting almost unique in 21st century America. Nestled in the Ozarks surrounded by misty blue mountains, the town of Mountain View holds a rustic beauty in every season. Clean air and clear streams, streaked lime-stone bluffs dropping into deeply etched valleys, and hardwood forests teeming with wildlife provide the rugged setting for life in Stone County. The Ozark heritage of self-reliance, ingenuity, and a strong work ethic, together with the joy of sharing stories, dance, and song, has survived in this isolated valley.

The Ozark Folk Center is helping to continue that remarkable heritage through careful documentation of Ozark lifeways. Apprentice and workshop programs pass these skills of the Ozark people to a new generation. Visitors can see presentations and demonstrations of the Ozark crafts and music, living history enactments and other special events that highlight this lifestyle.

As you visit the Folk Center, make your first stop the General Store near the parking lot. From here, buses will take you to the top of the Folk Center’s hill to the Ozark Folk Center Auditorium and the Crafts Village.

Crafts Village ◆ The Crafts Village is the home of twenty-four buildings and outdoor areas housing craft demonstrations and daytime music programs recalling the period 1820-1920 in the Ozark Mountains. Near the covered picnic area is the Smoke House serving handmade sandwiches and hot fried pies.

Crafts demonstrated here may be purchased in the General Store, Homespun Gift Shop or from the crafters.

Ozark Folk Center Auditorium ◆ Evening music programs feature traditional instruments of the Ozarks such as acoustic guitar, 5-string banjo, fiddle, mandolin, autoharp, mountain dulcimer, picking bow, and spoons. You’ll see mountain style jig dances and square dancing and hear instrumentals, ballads, and gospel songs learned in the homes of friends and family through the strong Ozark oral tradition.

Conference Center ◆ Available for seminars, workshops and reunions; also house the Ozark Folk School, and other Folk Center music and craft workshops and classes. Conference facilities in this building include three large meeting rooms and a 150-seat auditorium.

The 1000-seat main auditorium and the private dining rooms are also available. Group arrangements can be made here as the building also contains the administrative offices for the state park.

The Skillet Restaurant ◆ The Ozark Folk Center’s dining room features home-style southern recipes served in a scenic setting. You’ll enjoy the 100-seat main dining room, plus we have 60-seat and 25-seat private dining rooms for your group.

Cabins at Dry Creek ◆ The comfortable cabins located in a wooded setting feature two queen beds, telephone, cable, coffee maker, color TV, mini-refrigerator, iron and ironing board, hair dryer and large windows and glass doors. The office complex contains a comfortable social room and swimming pool for guests. Wireless internet is available.

For further information on park fees, services or reservations, contact: The Ozark Folk Center 1032 Park Avenue Mountain View, AR 72560 Information: (870) 269-3851 Lodge reservations or group sales: 1-800-264-FOLK (3655) OzarkFolkCenter.com e-mail: OzarkFolkCenter@Arkansas.com

Open Seasonally mid-April to mid-Nov. Crafts, Herb and Music Tues.-Sat. Skillet Restaurant 7 days a week in season Lodging available year round For information on Arkansas’s other fine state parks, contact: Arkansas State Parks One Capitol Mall, 4A-900 Little Rock, AR 72201 (501) 682-1191 ArkansasStateParks.com As a part of its conservation mission, Arkansas State Parks has printed this brochure on recycled paper and with soy ink. All park services are provided on a non-discriminatory basis. Arkansas State Parks is an Equal Opportunity Employer.