

## **BACKPACKING THE OUACHITA TRAIL**

Will drive to trail Friday evening and car camp that night. Hiking will begin Saturday morning and camping on Saturday and Sunday night will be done along the trail. Return on Monday evening.

The Ouachita Trail is the longest trail in Arkansas, but actually begins in Oklahoma. It begins at Talimena State Park and runs the full length of the Ouachita National Forest and ends up at Pinnacle Mountain State Park near Little Rock. The trail is 222.5 miles one-way. The trail runs along high ridge tops, with great views across the countryside and has a number of spur and loop trails that join it.

This hike is for the EXPERIENCED backpacker. Each participant must be able to carry his or her pack full of gear while hiking 10 miles a day. This is not recommended for children.

All gear provided includes sleeping bags, ultra-light therm-a-rest pads, backpacking tents, water purifiers, backpacking stoves, cooks sets and backpacks.

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