

Jessieville/Hot Springs Area

Ouachita National Forest



Welcome

Jessieville Visitor Information and Ranger Station is located 20 miles north of Hot Springs on Scenic 7 Byway. The hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays year round, except on federal holidays.

The information station is staffed by volunteers and Forest Service personnel, ready to assist with your information needs. They have an extensive supply of brochures and handouts on recreation opportunities in the forest as well as in the Hot Springs area. Nature study guides and other education materials can also be purchased.

While at the visitor center, pick up a copy of the Buffalo Gap Auto Tour, the Winona Auto Tour, or both. Either is a great introduction to the beauty, folklore and history of the Ouachita National Forest.

Be sure to visit the Friendship Trail, located behind the Ranger Station. This short 30-minute hike meanders through a mature pine and hardwood forest, is paved and accessible, and features a pond, picnic area, interpretive signs, pavilion and restrooms.

For More Information

Jessieville Visitor Information and Ranger Station
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Ouachita National Forest
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Hot Springs AR 71902
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IN THE JESSIEVILLE AREA:

Picnicking: South Fourche, Iron Springs, Friendship Trail, Lake Ouachita State Park.

Camping: South Fourche, Lake Ouachita State Park,

Restrooms: South Fourche, Iron Springs, Jessieville Ranger Station, Friendship Trail.

Fishing: Little Bear Creek Lake, Dry Fork Lake, Friendship Pond.

Trails (hiking): Ouachita National Recreation Trail east and west of Highway 7, Hunt's Loop, Friendship Trail and mountain bike trails below.

Mountain bike trails: Possum Kingdom, Buffalo Gap, Little Blakely, Bear Creek, Ouachita National Recreation Trail west of Highway 7.

Equestrian Trails: Bear Creek

IN THE HOT SPRINGS AREA:

Picnicking: Camp Charlton, Gap Creek

Camping: Charlton, Gulpha Gorge (Hot Springs National Park, Clearfork (groups only), Corps of Engineer (COE) campgrounds on Lake Ouachita.

Trails (hiking): Charlton, Lake Ouachita Vista (LOViT), National Park trails in and around Hot Springs National Park.

There are no National Forest mountain bike or equestrian trails in the vicinity of Hot Springs other than those in the Jessieville area or west toward Mt. Ida.



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