## **Mountain Top Trail**

**Ouachita National Forest** 





Hiking

Biking

Trail Highlights: This loop trail is created by hiking the Ouachita National Recreation Trail on the north side of the mountain and the Mountain Top trail on the south. The trail leads the hiker along the beautiful north side of the mountain where many varieties of oaks and gums grow.

Approximately 3/4 mile from the trailhead, hikers can walk to an overlook where rocks and boulders form a point. The overlook showcases Holson Valley and the Talimena Scenic Drive as it continues west along the mountaintop.

From this point, the trail continues, crossing the Talimena Scenic Drive and guiding the hiker along the south side of the mountain. On this route, a visitor can walk along a small brook as it flows down the mountain.

Other Opportunities: The Mountain Top Trail is adjacent to the Winding Stair Campground and is located along the Talimena Scenic Drive. It is approximately a 25-minute drive to Cedar Lake Recreation Area.

## For more information, contact:

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(Ten miles south of Heavener on Hwy 59/270)

**Length:** Varies from 0.9 to 1.7 miles.

**Directions:** From U.S. Highway 259, 2.5 miles west on State Highway 1. Persons staying at the Winding Stair Campground can easily access the trail. The Mountain Top Trail begins at the trailhead that is just off the Talimena Scenic Drive. Visitors may park at the trailhead.

Trail Information: Unsurfaced. The Mountain Top Trail is blazed with white markers; the **Ouachita National Recreation Trail has blue** markers.

Site Amenities: The trail winds along the crest of Winding Stair Mountain. showcasing the beauty of the pines and hardwoods, and at times the valleys below.

Safety: Always tell someone where you plan to hike and when you expect to be back. The trail is not recommended for hiking after sundown.

Requirements: The Ouachita National Recreation Trail portion of the loop is open to foot travel and bikes only. No stock animals are permitted.

**Difficulty Level:** Easiest

Recommended Season: Spring through fall.



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