

Wildcat Mountain Trail

Ouachita National Forest



Hiking



Biking

Trail Highlights: Wildcat Mountain Trail challenges even the most experienced rider. Traveling a series of old abandoned logging roads dating back to the 1930s, the trail offers a wide variety of conditions. Riders will enjoy the excitement of steep, rocky terrain and sweeping, grassy stretches opening up to panoramic views of the Ouachita Mountains. A short rock scramble to Bobcat Point will reveal a spectacular view of Wildcat Mountain. Sections of the trail wind back and forth across narrow rocky creeks. Experience nature's reclaiming powers as you pick your way through young pine trees that have sprouted in the old roadbed. Plan a day here and you will not be disappointed.

Surrounding Areas:

- Camp, picnic, hike, swim, and fish at **Lake Sylvia Recreation Area**.
- Enjoy the self-guided auto tour along **Winona Scenic Drive**. Contact the **Winona Visitor Information and Ranger Station** for your free guide.
- For an extended hike, explore the **Ouachita National Recreation Trail**, stretching 192 miles east to west across the Ouachita National Forest.
- **Chinquapin Mountain Walk-In Turkey Hunting Area and the Flatside Wilderness Area** offer the more adventurous hiker a primitive escape.

For More Information:

Jessieville Visitor Information and Ranger Station
P.O. Box 189
8607 Highway 7 N.
Jessieville, AR 71949
(501) 984-5313

(Nineteen miles north of Hot Springs, AR
on the Scenic 7 Byway.)

Length: 8.8 miles; 2 loops

Directions:

- Highway 9 to Forest Road 132, west 4 miles to Forest Road 179, south 300 feet, or
- Highway 9 to Weyerhaeuser Road 28970, west to Forest Road Y35P, or
- Highway 7 to Forest Road 132, east 25 miles to Forest Road 179, south 300 feet.

Trail Information: Travel Time is 3 to 8 hours across unsurfaced trails of various grades. Trail markings include white triangles.

Site Amenities: There is a small parking area at the trailhead on Forest Road 179.

Difficulty level: Easiest to most difficult.

Safety: Wear appropriate safety equipment.

Requirements: Pack it in, pack it out.

Recommended Season: The trail is open year round, but is exceptional during fall and spring.



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