Orchard Trail

Ouachita National Forest

Trail Highlights: This accessible trail meanders through the picturesque pine and hardwood forest surrounding the Talimena Scenic Byway Visitor Information Station near Mena, AR. This short hike features the ruins of an abandoned home site with a viewing deck and benches. This trail and all site facilities allow easy access for all visitors including those physically challenged.

Surrounding areas:

- For an extended hike try the 2.8 mile Earthquake Ridge Hiking and Mountain Bike Trail beginning at the northwest side of the Visitor Information Station parking lot.
- Continue driving west on the Talimena Scenic Byway and enjoy the beautiful vistas from high mountain ridgelines and cultural treasures such as Rich Mountain Fire Tower and Pioneer Cemetery.
- The Queen Wilhelmina State Park Lodge at the top of Rich Mountain offers travelers a beautiful and historic place to spend the night or enjoy a tasty meal.

For More Information:

Mena Visitor Information & Ranger Station 1603 Highway 71 North Mena, AR 71953

(479) 394-2382

(East end of Mena)







Hiking

Interpretive

Accessible

Length: 0.5 mile.

Directions: One mile north from Mena, AR, on Highway 88; entrance to the Talimena Scenic Byway

Trail Information: The trail is a paved surface with a gentle grade. Interpretive signs along the trail highlight landscape features and cultural history.

Site Amenities: Parking, water fountains and restrooms are available at the staffed Visitor Information Station open daily, April through mid-November. A picnic area is located at the beginning of the trail

Difficulty level: Easy

Recommended Season: Year round.



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