

FACILITIES

Visitor Center: Features interactive exhibits, a meeting room (available for rent), a wildlife viewing area, wildflower and butterfly garden, vending, gifts, and park offices.

The Lodge at Mount Magazine: All 60 guest rooms and the lodge's Skycrest Restaurant offer spectacular views of the Petit Jean River Valley and Blue Mountain Lake. Amenities include an indoor swimming pool, fitness center, game room, conference/banquet/meeting rooms, business center and high-speed Internet access. Forty-three guest rooms feature balconies and 17 offer spa tubs. Four suites offer fireplaces and two balconies each.

Cabins: Thirteen fully equipped cabins include one-, two- and three-bedroom designs featuring covered decks with hot tubs that offer sweeping views from the bluff. Amenities include wood-burning fireplaces, kitchens, a private bathroom for each bedroom, and high-speed Internet access.

Camping: Cameron Bluff Campground has 16 AA and 2 AAA sites with full hookups (electric, water, and sewer) and a modern bathhouse with hot showers. A dump station is in this area. There are also 6 tent-only sites at Brown Springs, and 6 self-contained sites at the horse camp.

NOTE: Campers must register at the visitor center before occupying a campsite. All sites can be reserved up to one year in advance. Call for availability.

Picnic Pavilion: A group rental pavilion is in the Greenfield Picnic Area near the visitor center.

Cameron Bluff Amphitheater: Constructed in 1939 and updated in 2017, this gathering place offers scenic views. Contact the visitor center for rental information.

Gift Shops: Located in the visitor center and lodge.

RECREATION

Picnicking: Tables and grills are available at the Greenfield, Benefield, Brown Springs, and Cameron Bluff areas.

Hiking: The trails on the top of the mountain lead you through prime examples of oak-hickory and pine forests, wooded glades and soggy seeps. Trail maps are available at the visitor center and lodge.

Cycling: Bikes are available for rent at the lodge. Road cycling is allowed throughout the park, and paved areas feature bike lanes. Mountain biking is allowed on the Will Apple's Road Trail and the Huckleberry Mountain Horse Trail. Maps are available at the visitor center and lodge.

Fishing: At the rock quarry anglers can find bream, catfish, and largemouth bass; or they may prefer to fish at nearby Cove Lake, Blue Mountain Lake, Cedar Piney Lake, or Spring Lake.

Swimming: An indoor pool can be enjoyed by lodge and cabin guests. Swimming can also be found at nearby Cove Lake, Blue Mountain Lake, or Spring Lake. There is a public pool in Paris.

Rock Climbing: The park has several designated areas for climbing. To protect sensitive species, check with visitor center for approved sites and for registration information.

Hang Gliding: Get the ultimate mountain experience by gliding in the park. Contact the visitor center for approved sites and registration information.

Horseback Riding: Bring your own horses and enjoy horseback riding on the Huckleberry Mountain Horse Trail. The Trail begins at the northeast rock quarry. Pick up the Forest Service map for this trail at the visitor center.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES

Guided hikes, history and nature talks, audiovisual programs and demonstrations are available throughout the year. Organized groups can request special programs in advance. School groups are encouraged to schedule field trips to the park for hands-on, curriculum-based education programs.

Children aged 6-14 are encouraged to participate in the Arkansas State Parks Explorer program. Ask a park interpreter or the lodge or visitor center front desk for the Explorer Field Guide.

MOUNT MAGAZINE STATE PARK



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BEAR HOLLOW TRAIL

Length: 2.8 miles
Trailhead: Benefield Picnic Area
Trail End: HWY 309 south of horse camp
Difficulty: Moderate
Trail Blaze: Orange

Some of the best scenery on the mountain is found along this trail. Points of interest include Sunrise Rock, Inspiration Point, and Shoal Creek. Several wet weather creeks lead to beautiful waterfalls. The upper part of the hollow has never been logged and is some of the last remaining virgin hardwood forest in Arkansas. The first part of this trail, just north of the picnic area, was originally constructed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1938. A spur trail reconnects with the Benefield West Loop to create a .5-mile loop.

BENEFIELD TRAIL

Length: 2 miles total - divided between two loops (1.1-mile East Loop and .9-mile West Loop)
Trailhead: Picnic Area
Trail End: Return to Picnic Area
Difficulty: Easy
Trail Blaze: Blue

In the 1880s Benjamin Benefield homesteaded 160 acres here. Forty acres were cultivated in onions, turnips, potatoes, an apple orchard and vineyard. One of their seven children is buried beside the entrance road. This trail is divided into two loops. The 1.1-mile East Loop follows a path originally constructed by the WPA in 1938. It leads to wonderful views of Bear Hollow, Ouachita Mountains, and the Petit Jean River Valley. The .9-mile Benefield West Loop Trail leads to a wildlife pond and connects to the Mossback Ridge Trail. It returns to the picnic area via the entrance road.

COVE LAKE TRAIL

Length: 9.5 miles (one-way)
Trailhead: Cameron Bluff Campground
Trail End: Cove Lake
Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult
Trail Blaze: White Diamond shapes

Starting in the Cameron Bluff Campground this trail descends over 1,500 feet in elevation to Cove Lake. Only .3 of a mile of this trail is in the state park. Most of the trail is in the Ozark National Forest. It is best enjoyed at a slow pace and is excellent for beginning backpackers. Overnight camping is allowed in the national forest. Hunting is allowed in the national forest so be aware of the seasons and wear bright colored clothing. More forest service trails surround Cove Lake. An additional map is available.

GREENFIELD TRAIL

Length: .9 miles (one way)
Trailhead: Greenfield Picnic Area
Trail End: Junction with Mossback Ridge Trail
Difficulty: Moderate
Trail Blaze: Green

The Greenfield Picnic Area now occupies what was part of a family farm prior to the Great Depression. This trail starts in the picnic area, crosses the highway, the headwaters of Big Shoal Creek, and meets the Mossback Ridge Trail. It climbs 210 feet in elevation. A .3-mile spur leads down an old wagon road to Turkey Springs.

MOSSBACK RIDGE TRAIL

Length: 2.1 miles
Trailhead: Hwy 309 Across from Benefield Picnic Area
Trail End: Junction with Cove Lake Trail
Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult
Trail Blaze: Yellow

Named for Albert Morsbach, a settler, farmer, and teacher, this trail connects with four other trails: Benefield West Loop, Greenfield, North Rim, and Signal Hill. The three ascents are rather steep, but walking is easy on top of the ridge.

NORTH RIM TRAIL

Length: 2.7 miles
Trailhead: West of Visitor Center
Trail End: Junction with Cove Lake Trail
Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult
Trail Blaze: Red

Starting just west of the Visitor Center, this trail follows the north rim of the mountain and connects to the Cove Lake Trail just north of the Cameron Bluff Campground. It winds through hardwood forests, scrub oaks, and cedar glades and crosses several tumbling creeks. Windswept bluffs tower over rugged Gutter Rock Hollow. On clear days the Ozarks can be seen beyond the Arkansas River Valley from Dill Point. A spur connects with the Mossback Ridge and Greenfield trails to create a 4.4-mile loop.

SIGNAL HILL TRAIL

Length: 1.4 miles
Trailhead: Cameron Bluff Campground
Trail End: The Lodge at Mount Magazine
Difficulty: Moderate
Trail Blaze: Black

At an elevation of 2,753 feet above sea level, Signal Hill is the highest point in Arkansas. No visit to Mount Magazine is complete without having hiked to the highpoint. At the top is a stone map of Arkansas. A wide variety of plants and songbirds make this a nice nature walk in spring and summer. From the campground trailhead the trail climbs 153 feet.

WILL APPLE'S ROAD TRAIL

Length: 1.4 miles
Trailhead: East of Visitor Center
Trail End: Horse Camp
Difficulty: Easy
Trail Blaze: None

Named for a farmer in the mouth of Bear Hollow, this was one of the first roads to reach the crest of Mount Magazine. During the 1800s, wagons hauled produce from the mountaintop to the valley using this path. This trail starts just east of the Visitor Center and ends at the Horse Camp. Features include remains of historic home sites, wildflowers, escaped domestic flowers, stone fences, and ruins of the Buckman swimming pool built in the 1920s. Mountain bikes are allowed on this trail.

MOUNT MAGAZINE STATE PARK

Magnificent vistas of broad river valleys, deep hollows, and distant mountains welcome visitors to Mount Magazine State Park. At 2,753 feet above sea level, Mount Magazine is the highest point in Arkansas. Through a special partnership with the USDA Forest Service, the park manages the 2,234 acres of Mount Magazine's plateau summit. Although few remnants remain, the mountain was once home to farms, homesteads and early resort lodges.

People have long been attracted here by lower temperatures (usually 10-15 degrees cooler than in the valley). As early as the 1870s, settlers and vacationers began using the mountain to escape the summer heat. Drought, erosion, and the Great Depression brought much of that to an end. In the 1930s and '40s, campgrounds, trails, cabins and a lodge were constructed by the federal Works Progress Administration. That lodge burned in 1971.

Mount Magazine's altitude, geography, and climate combine to create beautiful vistas and unique habitats for rich wildlife diversity. These characteristics attract thousands of visitors each year.

Mount Magazine State Park offers a variety of activities for outdoor adventure. Enjoy the mountain slowly and quietly through wildflower photography and wildlife watching. Over 14 miles of trails provide hours of enjoyable hiking. For extreme adventure enthusiasts, there is rappelling and rock climbing on high sandstone bluffs. Take a leap with your hang glider to soar with the birds over the vast Petit Jean River Valley. The park is surrounded by the Ozark National Forest, which provides opportunities for hunting, fishing, boating, backpacking, horseback riding, mountain biking, trail running and other adventures while using the state park as a base.



MOUNT MAGAZINE STATE PARK

**EMERGENCY:
CALL 911**

- Amphitheater
- Bathhouse
- Cabins
- Camping
- Dump Station
- Hang Gliding
- Lodging
- Overlook
- Pavilion
- Picnic Area
- Point of Interest
- Restaurant
- Restrooms
- Rock Climbing
- Swimming Pool
- Trailhead



CAMERON BLUFF CAMPGROUND



The Lodge at Mount Magazine

Visitor Center

NOTE: To preserve scenic beauty and ecology, fences and warning signs have not been installed in some park locations. Caution and increased supervision of your children and others in your care are required when visiting these areas.



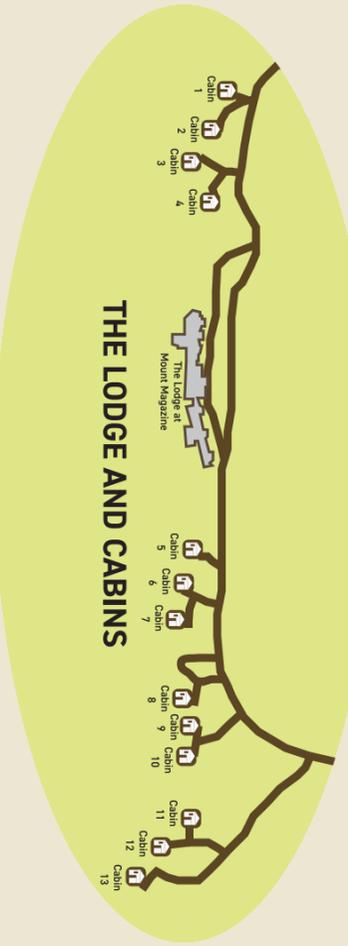
Mount Magazine State Park has been developed by on national forest lands within the Ozark National Forest through a special us permit from the USDA Forest Service. For information on Forest Service recreation areas and activities contact:

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- MAP LEGEND**
- Bear Hollow Trail
 - Benefield Trail
 - Cove Lake Trail
 - Greenfield Trail
 - Huckleberry Mountain Horse Trail
 - Mossback Ridge Trail
 - North Rim Trail
 - Signal Hill Trail
 - Will Apple Road Trail



THE LODGE AND CABINS