

PINNACLE MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Rising more than a thousand feet above the Arkansas River Valley, the cone-shaped peak of Pinnacle Mountain has been an Arkansas landmark for generations. Surrounded by wooded hillsides, lush lowlands, and clear waterways, a view from its summit provides a panorama of nature's handiwork carved into the eastern slopes of the Ouachita Mountain range. Located little more than a dozen miles west of the state capitol in Little Rock, this natural environment was set aside in 1977. A day-use only park, Pinnacle Mountain fulfills the department's three-fold purpose of preservation, recreation, and education.

PRESERVATION

As the population and industrialization of central Arkansas grows, so does the need to preserve green, open spaces. Pinnacle Mountain helps meet this need with 2,000 acres of diverse, natural habitat. With its varied wildlife and array of plant life, Pinnacle Mountain State Park provides limitless natural encounters.

Since all plants and animals, and all natural and man-made features are protected, visitors are assured opportunities to experience the beauty of natural surroundings. To insure the safety of the wildlife and park visitors, **pets must be leashed at all times.**

RECREATION

For those wanting to get away without travelling far, Pinnacle Mountain is the ideal place. The recreation area at the base of the mountain has shaded picnic tables, grills, water, a playground, rest rooms, and a large, open air pavilion with a cooking fireplace and tables. The pavilion is a favorite place for get-togethers and can be reserved for a fee.

For those wishing to play softball, volleyball, and similar games, an open, grassy field is available. A limited amount of free loan recreational equipment is available on a first come-first served basis.

If you enjoy hiking, it's certain you'll enjoy the many trails offered at Pinnacle Mountain State Park. From the breathtaking view at the summit to the meandering flood plain of Kingfisher Trail, park visitors have found countless hours of hiking pleasure. **See our trails brochure and map for additional information.**

Fishing, canoeing, and boating are favorite pastimes on the Big and Little Maumelle Rivers. Boat ramps and a fishing pier allow ready access to these fine streams. Look on our events calendar for guided floats.

Park gates are closed one hour after sunset. Camping is not permitted at Pinnacle Mountain State Park. Excellent facilities are available at Maumelle Park 3.8 miles east of Highway 300 on Pinnacle Valley Road. This *Corps of Engineers* park is along the Arkansas River and contains 129 campsites with water and electrical hookups, tables and grills, pavilions, hot showers, and dump station. A boat ramp and playground are also available. **Camping requires a fee year-round.**

EDUCATION & VISITOR SERVICES

The park's professional interpreters offer programs in geology, botany, archeology, wildlife and many other topics. Each presentation helps the visitor understand and appreciate their relationship to earth's environment. Park facilities and staff are available for school educational activities. **Both on-site and off-site programs can be conducted.** A *special events calendar* is available at the Visitor Center.

Though many programs are conducted in the park's outdoor classroom, a large number also take place in the **Visitor Center** overlooking the Arkansas River. In addition to the interpretive exhibits, this modern facility has rest rooms, refreshments (vending), book sales, gifts, and a wildlife viewing area. A conference room for public gatherings is available for a small fee. **Discovery Room** ♦ A room designed for exploring natural items contains a large wildlife viewing window, animal displays and hands on exhibits.

Environmental Education Pond ♦ The pond is used for aquatic studies, fishing clinics and wildlife observation. It is open to the public unless there is a school program taking place.

Interpretive Gardens ♦ Pulaski County Master Gardeners installed and maintain native flower gardens, a butterfly garden and a native flower meadow to attract wildlife and for the education and enjoyment of visitors. **Arkansas Arboretum** ♦ A .6 mile, paved barrier-free trail with interpretive exhibits is open for public use. It features native trees and shrubs from all regions of Arkansas. Tours can be arranged for studying the forest and tree species. A water fountain and benches are along the trail.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Many opportunities are available from exhibit guides and park research, to trail maintenance, special event support and clerical assistance, trail and arboretum guides. Support the park by becoming a member of Partners for Pinnacle, Inc. Volunteer Hard Hat Days are scheduled throughout the year. Contact the park Director of Volunteers for details on programs and training.

LOCATION

Take Exit 9 off I-430 to Hwy. 10, then west 7 miles to Hwy. 300, turn right and go 2 miles north to the park; OR, take Pinnacle Valley Road north off Hwy. 10 just 3 miles west of I-430.

For further information on park programs, fees or hours, contact:

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11901 Pinnacle Valley Road
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After-hours emergency (501) 367-0071 OR
(501) 868-2618 OR (501) 868-9150
Fax (501) 868-5018
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P.F.P. website: www.partnersforpinnacle.org

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

For information on Arkansas's other fine state parks, contact:

Arkansas State Parks
One Capitol Mall 4A-900
Little Rock, AR 72201
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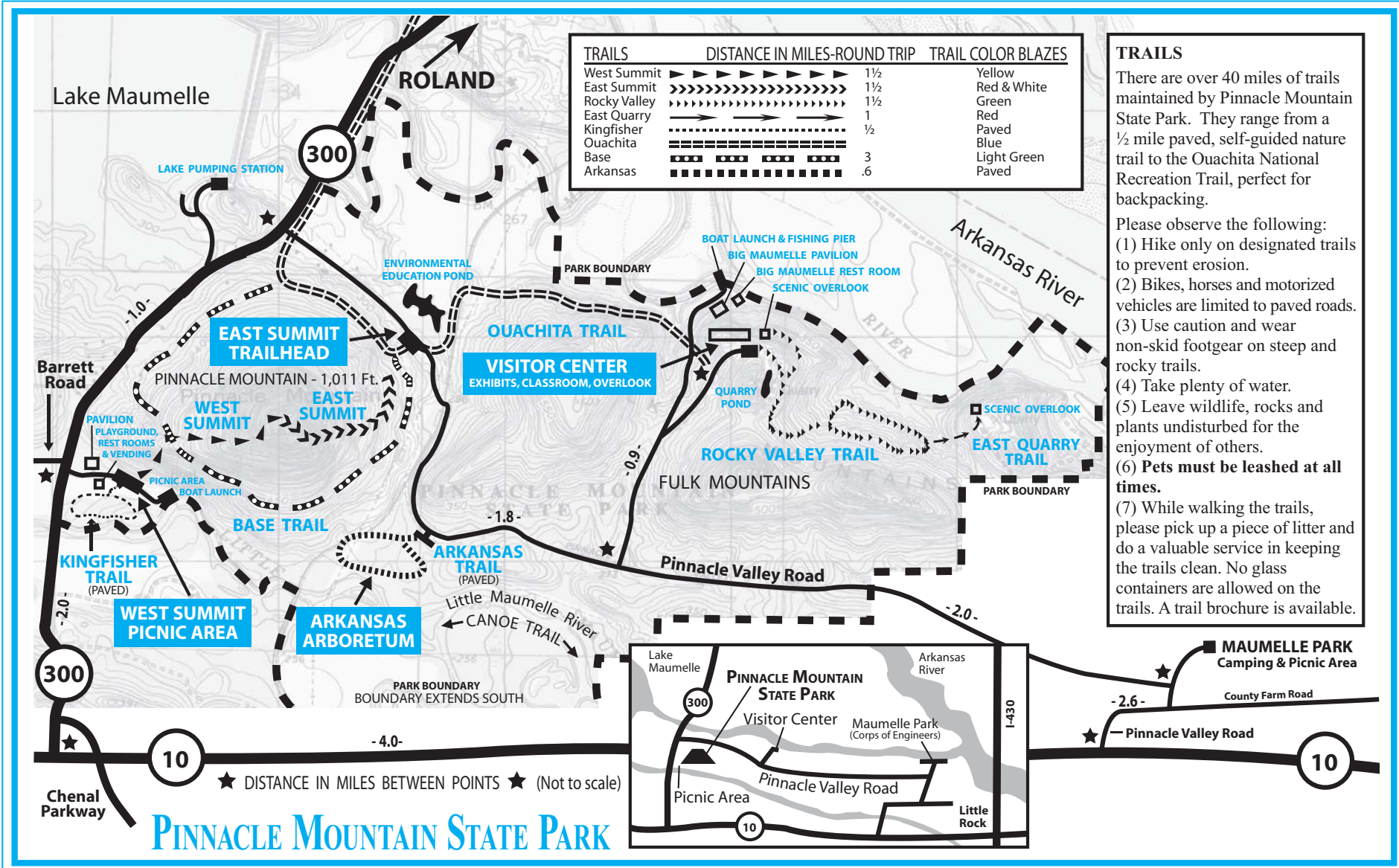
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