

MOUNT MAGAZINE STATE PARK

Magnificent vistas of broad river valleys, deep canyons and distant mountains welcome lovers of beautiful natural scenery and outdoor adventure to Mount Magazine State Park. At 2,753 feet above sea level, Mount Magazine is the highest point in Arkansas. This state park is managed by Arkansas State Parks under a special use agreement from, and in concert with, the USDA Forest Service, Ozark National Forest, and conserves 2,234 acres of Mount Magazine's oak-hickory and pine covered, plateau-like summit. The mountain and the surrounding forests are part of the national forest and offer trails, lakes and forest recreation areas.

On the mountaintop, altitude, geography and climate combine to create unique habitats for rare plants and animals. The elevation also makes it a cool place to be on warm summer days.

Mount Magazine State Park offers a variety of activities for outdoor adventure. Trails provide hours of enjoyable hiking, biking and horseback riding through the forests. For extreme adventure enthusiasts, there is rappelling and rock climbing on 200-foot high bluffs. Take a leap with your hang glider to soar with the birds over the vast Petit Jean River Valley, or enjoy the mountain slowly and quietly through wildflower photography or bird and butterfly watching. Roads complete with bike lanes lead visitors to all park facilities including the lodge and cabins.

The park is surrounded by the Ozark National Forest, which allows you to enjoy hunting, fishing, boating, backpacking, horseback riding, mountain biking and other activities while using the state park as a base.

Although few remnants remain, the mountain was once home to farms, homesites and earlier resort lodges. Attracted by lower temperatures (usually 10-15 degrees cooler than in the valley), as early as the 1850s, settlers and vacationers began using the mountain to escape the summer heat. Drought, erosion and the Great Depression era brought much of that to an end. Campgrounds, trails and a lodge were constructed by the federal Works Progress Administration. That lodge, operated by the U.S. Forest Service, burned in 1971.

FACILITIES

Visitor Center ♦ Features interactive exhibits, an audio-visual auditorium, a wildlife viewing area, concession vending and park offices.

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

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

Camping ♦ Cameron Bluff Campground has 18 sites with full hookups (electric, water, and sewer) and a bathhouse with hot showers. An RV dump station is located in the area.

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

Picnic Pavilion ♦ A group rental pavilion is located at the Greenfield Picnic Area.

Gift Shops ♦ Located at the visitor center and lodge

Future Facilities ♦ Horse camp, 19th-century homestead and amphitheater

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 will 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 ♦ Road cycling is allowed throughout the park. 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 ♦ The rock quarry holds populations of bream, catfish and largemouth bass; however, anglers may prefer to travel from the park to fish Cove Lake, Blue Mountain Lake, Cedar Piney Lake or Spring Lake.

Swimming ♦ An indoor pool is available for lodge and cabin guests. Swimming can also be enjoyed at Cove Lake, Blue Mountain Lake or Spring Lake. A public pool is located in Paris.

Rock Climbing ♦ This is allowed, but only at certain places to protect the sensitive plants and animals in the park. Check at the visitor center for specifics and register upon arrival.

Hang-gliding ♦ Hang gliding is also allowed but it too has restrictions. Check at the visitor center for specifics and register upon arrival.

Horseback Riding ♦ Horseback riding is permissible on the Huckleberry Mountain Horse Trail that can be accessed at the northeast rock quarry. At the visitor center pick up the Forest Service map for this trail.

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 ages 7-14 are invited to participate in the park's Junior Naturalist and the Arkansas State Park's Explorer programs.

LOCATION

The park is on Scenic Highway 309, 16 miles south of Paris; or 10 miles north of Havana.

Mount Magazine State Park

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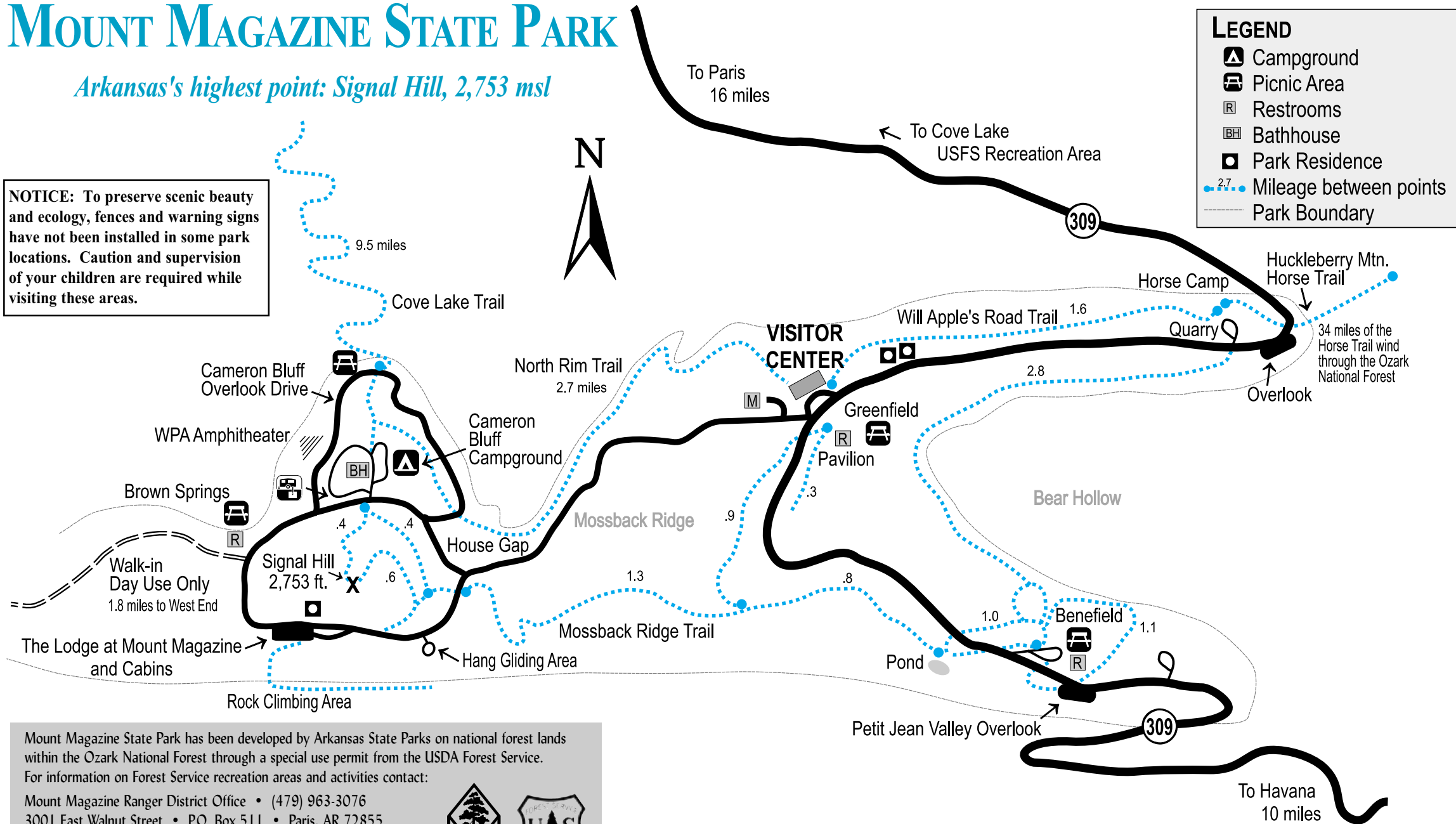
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Arkansas's highest point: Signal Hill, 2,753 msl

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.



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

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