

Ouachita National Forest

Arkansas - Oklahoma

Black Fork Mountain Trail



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BLACK FORK MOUNTAIN TRAIL

Trail Highlights: The trail offers beautiful panoramic views in every direction. A day hiker or an overnight backpacker may enjoy spectacular views of Queen Wilhelmina State Park, Rich Mountain Fire Tower and the Ouachita Mountains in Arkansas and Oklahoma.

The trail traverses historic sites dating from the late 1800s to 1940 where pioneers once settled. The trail also features unusual geology and vegetation.

The trail leads you into Black Fork Mountain Wilderness – a place for solitude and primitive recreation.

Please hike in small groups of less than 10 people.

Page, OK has an old road that leads to the wilderness boundary.

Surrounding Areas:

- Rich Mountain Fire Tower
- Rich Mountain Botanical Area
- Talimena Scenic Drive
- Queen Wilhelmina State Park

For More Information:

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Mena, AR 71953
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52175 US Hwy. 59
Hodgen, OK 74939

(Ten miles so. of Heavener
on Highway 59/270)
918-653-2991 |
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Length: 6 miles one way.

Travel Time: 3 hours one way.

Directions: From Mena, AR go 4 miles on Hwy 71 north to Acorn. At Acorn, take Hwy 270 west 6 miles to the trailhead.

Trail Information: Unsurfaced. White rectangles mark the trail.

Water: Limited to fall, winter and spring.

Difficulty Level: More difficult.

History: Part of the existing trail was a 1800s trail road that wound its way to the top of Black Fork Mountain.

The eastern end of the Black Fork Mountain Wilderness Trail follows a road that was built in 1963 for a 15,000-acre fire known as Eagletown Burn. In 1984, it was designated as a National Wilderness in Arkansas.

The Oklahoma section was added in 1988.



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