Welcome to 'The Natural State' and all the exciting trails opportunities it offers. This guide contains a sampling of many different trails in the state. It by no means represents all the available multi-use trails in the state.

The trails listed on these pages are some of the best the state has to offer and they are part of an attempt to best use our public lands. If you need further information on any particular trail feel free to contact the trail managers listed in the guide. All of the public entities are represented here, from Arkansas State Parks to the National Forest and National Park Service.

All of the trails, regardless of the designation in the guide, are open to hikers. When there is more than one user group on the trail at the same time, a little common courtesy goes a long way, so the following rules apply:
1. Hikers should yield the trail to bikers and horses.
2. Bikers should yield the trail to horses.
3. ATV riders should yield trail to all other trail users except on those trails specifically designated for ATV use.

We recommend you follow the 'No Trace' concept and take out everything you take onto the trail. It is everyone's responsibility to clean up after themselves so that future users can enjoy the beauty of the trail.

Enjoy the trails.
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= ATV, Four-Wheeler, Motorcycle trails
Arkansas Weather

There is an old saying in Arkansas, “If you don’t like the weather, just stick around—it will change.” Most of the time, this statement is very accurate. Arkansas experiences four distinct seasons and each one can be subject to dramatic change. As is true anywhere, it is very difficult to predict the weather. The following information, however, was designed to give outdoor users a basis for planning their activities to complement the potential weather conditions. These month-by-month averages are to be used for general planning purposes only. Plan ahead and be reasonably prepared. Contact the National Weather Bureau or a local airport for up-to-date forecasts before your trip.

(National Weather Service: 501-834-0308; State Police Road Conditions: 501-324-9370)

January
- average maximum temp.: 48.9°
- average minimum temp.: 30.1°
- average precipitation: 3.72"
- average snowfall: 2.3"
- north/northeasterly winds
- January temperatures often fall below the average minimum and occasionally drop to the 0° range. January is usually the heaviest snowfall month. By most standards, January road conditions are good; however, during early morning and late evening hours, ice patches are common. This is particularly true in rural areas, due to low traffic volumes. Ice storms and freezing rain occur most frequently during January.

February
- average maximum temp.: 54.2°
- average minimum temp.: 33.6°
- average precipitation: 3.42"
- average snowfall: 1.7"
- northwesterly winds
- February is similar to January with occasional variations in low temperatures and icy road conditions. These winter months are popular with a number of hardy outdoor enthusiasts due, in part, to the greater solitude.

March
- average maximum temp.: 63.8°
- average minimum temp.: 42.4°
- average precipitation: 4.69"
- average snowfall: 0.7"
- west/southwesterly winds
- March gradually signals the beginnings of spring; however, it is fairly common to see one last snowfall. During the latter part of the month leaves and flower buds begin opening to welcome the warmer temperatures.

April
- average maximum temp.: 73.4°
- average minimum temp.: 50.8°
- average precipitation: 5.63"
- southwesterly winds
- April is considered to be the first true spring month, with more consistent warmer temperatures. April also has the highest average rainfall. This early spring period is the time when the cabin fever blues of winter are washed away by spring showers and sunshine.

May
- average maximum temp.: 80.8°
- average minimum temp.: 59.1°
- average precipitation: 5.35"
- northwesterly winds
- May is one of the most popular months in Arkansas for outdoor activities. The weather is moderate, early wild flowers are abundant, and trees are beginning to show plenty of new growth. Rivers, streams, and waterfalls are generally flowing heavily, due to the high amounts of spring rain.
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June
- average maximum temp.: 89.2°
- average minimum temp.: 67.7°
- average precipitation: 3.76"
- southwesterly winds
- June is a time when heat and humidity of the summer begin to be noticeable. Temperatures still remain fairly moderate and participation in outdoor activities remains high. The early part of the month is usually quite pleasant.

July
- average maximum temp.: 92.4°
- average minimum temp.: 71.6°
- average precipitation: 3.57"
- southwesterly winds
- The old saying, “Hot as a Fourth of July firecracker,” applies particularly toward the end of the month. Temperatures can reach the triple-digit range for short periods. Late July through early September generally signals a marked decrease in strenuous outdoor activities. This is a time when water sports are certainly the most popular activities.

August
- average maximum temp.: 91.2°
- average minimum temp.: 69.9°
- average precipitation: 3.45"
- southerly winds
- August is generally considered to be the “pinnacle” of summer heat and humidity. Temperatures frequently reach the triple-digit range and humidity levels can become quite high. This creates very oppressive conditions for strenuous activities.

September
- average maximum temp.: 84.4°
- average minimum temp.: 63.4°
- average precipitation: 3.95"
- south/southeasterly winds
- September is the slow transition from summer heat to the pleasant temperatures of autumn. During the first half of the month conditions remain uncomfortable; however, they begin to improve significantly by the last week of September.

October
- average maximum temp.: 74.4°
- average minimum temp.: 51.1°
- average precipitation: 4.11"
- north/northeasterly winds
- October truly signals the beginnings of autumn. Fall color begins to appear in the northern sections of the state by the second week in October and continues slowly southward. Mid to late October generally provides peak fall color in the northern sections of Arkansas. October and November are two of the most popular months for outdoor enthusiasts, due to the beautiful fall color and pleasant temperatures.

November
- average maximum temp.: 62.3°
- average minimum temp.: 41.6°
- average precipitation: 5.41"
- average snowfall: 0.3"
- northwesterly winds
- Frost starts to become common during this month. The first of November is generally peak autumn color in the central to southern parts of the state. As the month progresses, temperatures can frequently change to harsh cold.

December
- average maximum temp.: 52.9°
- average minimum temp.: 34.0°
- average precipitation: 5.41"
- average snowfall: 0.1"
- northwesterly winds
- December signals the beginning of winter temperatures with heavy frosts becoming quite common. This is the preferred winter month for those who like to experience the colder temperatures.