

Albert Pike Recreation Area Ouachita National Forest



Hiking the Little Missouri Trail

This trail provides several glimpses of the spectacular Little Missouri River, a designated wild and scenic river. Cascading waterfalls, stately hardwoods, old-growth pine stands, wildlife, and seasonal leaf colors are just a few of the natural delights awaiting hikers.

The section of trail that winds downstream (4.0 miles) through an area known as Winding Stairs, features breathtaking views of the forest, river and large novaculite rock outcrops. This segment of the trail is probably the most popular trail on the Ouachita National Forest. It is rated “most difficult” and includes a river crossing.

The segment of the trail which travels upstream to the Little Missouri Falls (6.3 miles) is also very popular. This section is fairly level and includes two river crossings.

Use caution when crossing streams during periods of high water. This trail has many water crossings.

Open Schedule

Part or all of these facilities are open year-round on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visitors are welcome to stay in the campground as long as 14 consecutive days. Current fees are posted at the self-service pay stations, with instructions on how to pay.

