



OZARK HIGHLANDS TRAIL ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (print and postal mail)

The Ozark Highlands Trail Association (OHTA) is a private, nonprofit volunteer organization that was organized in 1981 *to...build, maintain and enjoy the Ozark Highlands Trail*. Since that time thousands of our **volunteers from twenty states have contributed over 350,000 hours of work to this trail project**. Our members are all ages, come from different parts of the country, and have many backgrounds and interests.

The Ozark Highlands Trail is a 218 mile (and growing) footpath that winds its way through the Boston Mountains from Lake Ft. Smith State Park to the White River. It is one the most scenic hiking trails in the United States. Construction of the trail was begun in 1977 by the U.S. Forest Service, but soon funding disappeared and OHTA volunteers took up the torch. The 165 mile first section of the trail was completed in 1989, and it was dedicated as a National Recreation Trail. Work on the trail continues—we are upgrading the bad spots, creating loop trails and spurs, have an ongoing maintenance program that covers the entire trail, and continue to coordinate the efforts to extend the trail all the way to St. Louis, Missouri—creating a trail system of nearly 1,000 miles!

OHTA is an outings club too—we try to have at least as many "fun" hikes as we do work trips. These casual trips will take you to some of the most scenic spots in the Ozarks, as well as other regional natural areas. We are also an educational organization, with emphasis on teaching low impact camping and hiking techniques, and helping to ease those who are new to the sport of hiking into the back country. *Beginners welcome!*

We usually have bi-monthly meetings and a newsletter September through June, an expanding program of work trips, day-hikes, and overnight backpack trips for hikers of all ages and abilities. If this sounds like the group for you, please fill out the form below and mail it in. For more information see our web site at **[www. OzarkHighlandsTrail.com](http://www.OzarkHighlandsTrail.com)** (Where you can view the always current on-line newsletter).

Anyone who uses the Ozark Highlands Trail needs to support and be a member of OHTA.

Fill out the application below and MAIL it in with a check to (we do not accept credit cards):

Ozark Highlands Trail Association • P. O. Box 10979 • Fayetteville, AR 72703

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Individual or Family/\$20 (if 25 or under/\$10)

Trail Friend/\$30

Contributing/\$50

Supporting/\$100

Life/\$300

Other \$ _____

Membership is good for a full year.

OHTA is recognized as a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization by the IRS and is an affiliate of the American Hiking Society

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