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Building Trail

The OHT continues to grow. Ken's Krew, sponsored by the Ozark Society, built a reroute required by the National Park Service along a segment of trail near Little Rocky Creek at the end of May. Trail Patriarch, Ken Smith, visited the group and provided "guidance." This reroute should complete the OHT/BRT from Wollum to Dillard's Ferry. On April 24th, a group went out and did trail work along Lake Norfolk with the Ozark Keystone Trail Foundation (formerly David's Trail) to make progress toward extending the OHT North to the Missouri Border.

If you missed out and wished you had joined us, keep an eye on future Bulletins beginning this fall. As always, it's just too hot and buggy in the summer here in Arkansas, so we take the summers off.

Board Election

We will be conducting our annual board election in May online. Members will receive an email with directions on how to vote. James Hodges and Wade Colwell are both running for re-election to three-year terms on the Board. No other members expressed an interest in serving. I hope this changes in the future. Fresh blood is vital to keeping an organization afloat. **We need your input.**

Upcoming Events

On May 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm we will host our virtual Annual Membership Meeting. This is a corporate formality where we will announce the winners of the board election and give brief reports of the past year's accomplishments. Join us via Zoom using the link below.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77012826299?pwd=bXBjZk9YcmJkDdG9XdTZlS1lvS3c2UT09>

June 5, 2021 is National Trails Day. OHTA will be hosting a picnic at Lake Fort Smith State Park. Join us at the Visitor Center at 10:00 for a hike on the Shepherd's Spring Loop (5 miles), then lunch up at the Dining Lodge. Expect some door prizes and possibly a post-lunch hike as well. RSVP to ohta@ozarkhighlandstrail.com so we have an idea how much food we will need.

Maintenance Base Camp is scheduled for September 22-26, 2021 at White Rock Mountain. Base Camp is an opportunity for people that are interested in learning about trail maintenance to join experienced maintainers for a little education and a lot of fun. If you are interested in attending for a day, two or the whole time, send an email to ohtmaintenance@gmail.com.

Pack Rat Fundraiser

OHTA and Pack Rat Outdoor Center are joining forces to raise funds for a special project. In February, a group from Pack Rat joined OHTA President Steven Parker to remediate a campsite along the trail that seriously violated Leave No Trace® principles. We had been looking at applying for some grants, but decided self-raising the funds avoided restrictions imposed by grants. Stop by Pack Rat to donate or to sign up as a volunteer for campsite remediation.





Trail Love for the Ozark Highland Trail May 1st – June 30th

We are raising funds for the *Ozark Highland Trail Association* to do much needed restoration work on campsites that get a lot of use.

With each \$10 you donate you are entered for a chance to WIN one of several fantastic prize packages.

Prize packages items list

Grand Trunk Double Deluxe Hammock
Dog leashes from Ruffwear and Chaco
Mountain Smith Tour Pack
Cotopaxi 35L Allpa Travel pack & Luzon 18L packs
MSR Pocket Rocket Deluxe Stove
MSR ThruLink Filter

Platypus soft bottles
LifeStraw bottles and Personal water filters
Men's and Women's Smartwool socks
Big Agnes Mica Basin Chair
MSR Trail Solo Cook set



Donate at Pack Rat with cash or credit card



Grand Prize!