



## OZARK HIGHLANDS TRAIL ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, INC.

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### November 2021 Bulletin

#### Note from the President

Happy November, everyone!

Yes, the month that kicks off the holiday season is upon us, and I hope each of you has found some time to spend in the great outdoors doing what you enjoy most. Word is that many of you celebrated the birthday of the OHTA by making your way to the Hare Mountain Hike In. Can't think of a much better way to spend a weekend! Others in our organization staffed the OHTA's booth at the 2021 Bass Pro Health and Fitness Expo, and that proved to be a big promotional success! One other noteworthy development has occurred, and that is that another of our members, Elizabeth Granderson, is taking over the reins of managing the OHTA brochure project. By taking on this challenge, she will assure that OHTA brochures get distributed far and wide in a timely and efficient manner. Thank you, Elizabeth!

If there are any other of our members who are considering getting more involved in our wonderful organization and want to know how you can make that happen, just inquire via email at [OHTA@ozarkhighlandstrail.com](mailto:OHTA@ozarkhighlandstrail.com). Active members are the lifeblood of any organization, and the OHTA is no exception.

Well, better get ready to hit the trail. Till we meet again, HIKE ONWARD!

Phil Brown

#### Annual Awards

Our annual awards were presented at the Hare Mountain Hike-In. Jim Warnock of Alma was the recipient of the Dawna Robinson Member of the Year Award, for his relentless promotion of the Ozark Highlands Trail. The Roy Senyard Maintainer of the Year Award went to Paul Rickett of Conway. Paul has been maintaining 2 sections of trail for almost 20 years and put in 98 hours of work during the 2020-2021 year. Congratulations to both for the well deserved awards.

#### Hare Mountain Hike-In

The Hare Mountain Hike-In was November 6-7 and another resounding success with over 30 participants. This is the annual celebration of the birthday of the OHT and consists of a potluck supper and campfire on the highest point along the trail. OHTA founder, Tim Ernst, made an appearance and described some of the early days of the OHT around the campfire. This is easily the longest running and most important annual event for OHTA. Make plans to attend next year.



## **Bass Pro Shops Expo**

The Eastern Chapter represented OHTA once again at the Bass Pro Shops Health & Fitness Expo in Springfield, Missouri. This event showcases outdoor activity in the Ozarks and we partner with the Ozark Trail Association to have booths side-by-side to showcase our two trail systems and the ongoing work to connect the two trails to create the Trans-Ozark Trail. There were nearly 3000 attendees at this year's event and the OHTA passed out over 300 brochures to folks wanting more information. Many thanks to Chris Adams, James Hodges, Todd Wells, Phil and Zina Brown, and Ron and Rosie Koskovich for taking the time to staff the booth and promote the Ozark Highlands Trail and the OHTA. Ron and Rosie were also working the adjacent booth for the Ozark Trail Association, so they were doubly busy!

## **LNT Campsite Remediation Project**

The joint project with Pack Rat Outdoor Center to conduct campsite remediation will be starting soon. This project involves remediating poorly sited campsites and improving them to better comply with the Principles of Leave No Trace™. If you would like to be involved, shoot an email to Chally Sims at Pack Rat ([chally@packratoc.com](mailto:chally@packratoc.com)).