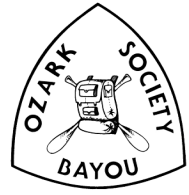




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Bayou Chapter, Ozark Society

January 2014



Centenary College Campus Map



Our monthly meetings are held at Mickle Hall in the Carlisle Auditorium on Centenary College campus on the first floor.

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Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. (except December) Program starts at 6:30 pm. Business meeting follows.

Plan to join us after the meeting for pizza and socializing.

It's annual dues time again for 2014. Our dues support BCOS conservation and club activities, Red River Clean-Up, as well as those of the Ozark Society as a whole.

Dues are \$25 per year. Please mail a check to the address below or bring it to our January meeting.

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2014 Membership Application is on the last page of this newsletter.

January Meeting

Speaker is Wellborn Jack Jr.

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 6:30 pm
Carlisle Auditorium, Mickle Hall, Centenary College

"Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society: History, Purpose, Place, Potential Positive Impact on Shreveport/Bossier and the ArkLaTex." Emphasis and Theme will be influencing public management of Publicly owned recreational lands and waters for the public good.

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Check out our website www.bayouozark.com!

BCOS Planning Calendar

More details will be posted on the BCOS yahoo groups list and on the BCOS Facebook page as the events approach. www.facebook.com/bayouozark

Jan 25 - Saline Bayou float - Jack Land, 318-423-1026. jland1@bellsouth.net

Feb 1 - Caney Lake Hike - John & Cathy Joyce, 318-221-4441. johncathyjoyce@bellsouth.net.

Feb 8 - Orienteering Meet - Walter B Jacobs Park - for more information, contact Jenny & Gary Hackman, 318-288-9096. jandgman@bellsouth.net.

Feb 15 - Float trip - Bodcau Bayou - Winks run to Cotton Valley - Jack Land, 318-423-1026 jland1@bellsouth.net.

March 1 - Day Hike - Eddie Jones Park - John & Cathy Joyce, 318-221-4441. johncathyjoyce@bellsouth.net.

March 1 - Orienteering Meet - Eddie Jones Park - contact Jenny & Gary Hackman, 318-288-9096. jandgman@bellsouth.net.

March 15 - Duck Pond Clean-Up - Roy O'Neal, 318-272-0259. roneal2@bellsouth.net.

March 28-30 - "Walk in the Woods"; Camp at Shady Lake; Contact Roy O'Neal, 318-272-0259. roneal2@bellsouth.net.

Early April - local Canoe Clinic - Adam Willard, Cell: 318-423-1690. ashleysbuilding@suddenlink.net. Then follow-up with White Water on the Ouachita River in Arkansas

April 11 - 13 - All Society Ozark Society Meeting; no actual meeting, just a "fun" event.

April 18 - Planning meeting - Jack & Marsha's place at Sugar Creek, 318-423-1026 jland1@bellsouth.net.

April 26 - Orienteering Meet - Bodcau Recreational Area - contact Jenny & Gary Hackman, 318-288-9096. jandgman@bellsouth.net.

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Paddle at Upper Sabine River. DeBerry, TX. Cathy and John Joyce. 318-221-4441. johncathyjoyce@bellsouth.net.

Hike/Float at Red River Wildlife Refuge. Jerry Bertrand. 318-347-3861. jeb1954@gmail.com.

Paddle at Dorcheat Bayou. Webster Parish, LA

Canoe Camping at Angilina River near Lufkin, Texas. Night one camp at Davey Crocket National Forest. Night two camp at Martin Dies Park. Tom Thompson. 318-227-8399. attytomnthompson@gmail.com.

Other Events of Interest

Both events below are offered at Lake Bistineau State Park. Call 318-745-3503 for more information.

January 19

Moonlight Hike at 6:00pm. Take in the unique sights and sounds of the forest at night on the park's 0.4 mile Discovery Loop trail.

January 25

A program about building primitive, overnight shelters with natural materials found in the woods will be held at 1:00pm. It will be the first in a series of survival-theme programs that will be offered on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Planning/Outings Meeting held January 11 at the Pitts' home.

Karen really knows how to get people to come - just feed us! If you weren't there, you really missed out.

Those who attended: David & Karen Pitts, Brenda & Rick Miller, John & Cathy Joyce, Jack & Marsha Land, Jenny & Gary Hackman, Tommy Thompson, Crystal Whitman, Dick Maxwell, Adam Willard, Sandy Roerig, Roy O'Neal, and George Gehrig.



Annual Trail Hike Bayou Bodcau Nature Trail

January 1, 2014: Haughton, Louisiana

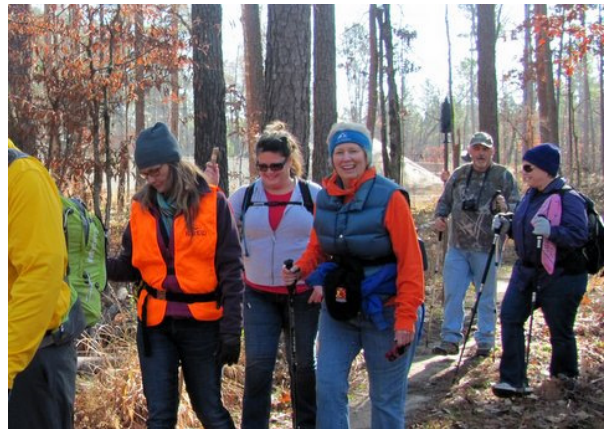
It was a bitterly cold, windy and snowy day. The temperatures were in the teens with wind chill factors approaching 20 below zero. Cars were stuck in the ditches from doing donuts in the road trying to stop. People were bundled up in their warmest winter wear trying to keep from freezing.....NO! WAIT A MINUTE! THAT WAS UP NORTH IN ANOTHER PART OF THE WORLD!!!! Get back south, Joyce, and tell the story the way it REALLY was.....OK....

Actually, it was a very nice day for the 21st annual hike on the trail at Durden Hills Nature Trail, otherwise known as the Bayou Bodcau Trail. Seven miles of beautiful scenery in the heart of the land. Up little hills and down little hills, over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's house we go...oops, sorry. Early childhood memory kicked in.

Had a great turn out. As usual, neither Governor Jindal nor Mayor Glover or the mayor of Haughton joined in the hike. BUT, Laura Touchstone & Neil; Rick & Brenda Miller; Julieann Banks, Anne Gibson, Tommy Thompson; Sandy Roerig; Barbie Halbert; and John & Cathy Joyce did. Three of the hikers finished the 7 mile trail while some went shorter distances. It was a very fun day to say the least and the trail was in excellent shape. It just so happened that a gentleman from the LOCO chapter of trail bikers came out and blew off the trail the day before. Thanks!!!! In fact, I had a chance to talk to a couple of them while waiting for the folks to get back. Good people they are.

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year. May it be a joyous, fun, healthful, worry free, less stressful, less challenging, less frightening, not so hot (temperature wise), lower car payments, better gas mileage, happier kids, more paddling (water kind), more hummingbirds, more parasailing, more kite flying, more bike riding, more walking, safe travel.....AULD LANG SYNE, my friends....

John & Cathy Joyce



ⓧ **Hikers point out best trails in La.**

By Jonathan Olivier

Special to The Advocate

<http://theadvocate.com/entertainment/travel/7353599-123/hikers-point-out-best-trails>

Take a hike, Louisiana.

The Bayou State is full of interesting places to hike, but five trails have been singled out as the best by members of the Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society and the Louisiana Hiking Club .

1. Backbone Trail: The Kisatchie Hills Wilderness Area, northwest of Alexandria, is the state's only designated wilderness area and is home to the Backbone Trail. At just over seven miles, this one-way hike offers a unique selection of terrain, scenic views and a well-maintained path.

The Backbone Trail can be completed as a day hike. According to BCOS member John Joyce, 65, of Shreveport, those seeking relative seclusion can find it here while soaking in a stunning vista at the highest point on the trail.

"The overlook is breath-taking. You can see out over the tops of trees, valleys and hills, and the terrain is unlike any other in Louisiana."

The topography of the Backbone Trail can be considered rugged for those not accustomed to climbs and descents, a characteristic of the route, Joyce said, and he advises would-be

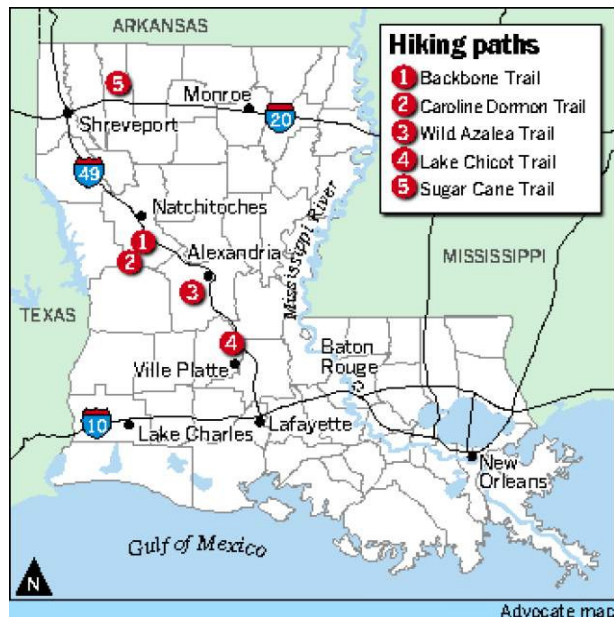
hikers to pack plenty of water.

2. Caroline Dormon Trail: Not far from the Backbone trailhead is the Caroline Dormon Trail, also located within the Kisatchie Hills Wilderness Area. The one-way trail is 10 1/2 miles and its highlights are a small waterfall among numerous pines and magnolias.

A section of the route winds along the eroded, sandstone banks of Kisatchie Bayou and makes for a picturesque view.

Those interested in a weekend-long trek can combine the two Kisatchie trails for an 18-mile, one-way hike.

3. Wild Azalea Trail: If backpacking is the goal, one should look no further than the Wild Azalea Trail. This route is southwest of Alexandria and is the longest trail in the state at about 26 miles one way. It is a favorite of experienced hikers, including LHC board member Nancy Hall, 67, of Baton Rouge.



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Hikers point out best trails in La.

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“It has a rolling terrain,” Hall said. “So you get a feeling of hiking up and down rather than having it flat. A lot of the trails that we have in the state are basically flat terrain. This one, it’s always got you going up and down a hill.”

Hikers get the opportunity for several creek crossings that contain sandy bottoms and clear water. This feature creates a ready supply of water for filtration and is more palatable than the usual murky sources in Louisiana.

Spring is a good time to visit, when the trail’s namesake, azaleas, are in full bloom. Hall advised to arrange a return shuttle at the end of the trail.

4. Lake Chicot Trail: Near Ville Platte, the Lake Chicot Trail is within Chicot State Park. The 22-mile path encircles the lake and can be day-hiked in sections or as a weekend backpacking trip, though Hall recommends day hiking because of a lack of drinking water.

“The water is an issue there,” Hall said. “It has plenty of campsites if you wanted to backpack it, but the problem is you would have to drink the lake water.”

The trail system is heavily used, so don’t expect seclusion here. But ample views of cypress trees from elevated boardwalks and, in the winter and spring, the chance to glimpse hundreds of migratory birds in the lake make for amazing scenes.

5. Sugar Cane Trail: The Sugar Cane Trail within the Caney Lakes Recreation Complex near Minden is a loop totaling about seven miles through rolling, hilly terrain that’s typical of this part of northern Louisiana. It is the most child-friendly hike among the group.

A mixture of pine and oak give shade to the well-worn trail and one can expect several nice views of Caney Lake. Joyce advises hikers to be on the lookout for wildlife that can often be spotted while walking.



“Sandra Roerig climbs one of the many hills on the Backbone Trail in the Kisatchie Hills Wilderness Area. Photo by Cathy Joyce

The following is the beginning of an article from John Ruskey's *Lower Mississippi River Dispatch*.

Louisiana Water Trails
Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge

The Tensas River creates a natural wonderland of big trees and spectacular wildlife through the middle of northeast Louisiana in the Tensas River Tensas National Wildlife Refuge.

The best way to experience the natural wonders of the Tensas is by canoe, kayak or pirogue. You can paddle in rivers or lakes. Paddlers will be humbled by giant cypress trees, and thrilled with excellent birding, flourishing flora, frequent turtle and gator sightings and many signs of the Louisiana black bear. During winter months Bald Eagle may be sighted.

The beginnings of the Tensas River are found in Lake Providence, an oxbow lake carved by an old channel of the Mississippi River. The Tensas River flows out of Lake Providence and meanders nearly one hundred miles south before it descends into the deep expansive woods of the Tensas River NWR.



Tensas River below Tendam

For the complete article click on this link <http://mailman.305spin.com/view/?cid=40&sid=183&uid=56&lid=146>

Special Days in January

By: Roy O'Neal

- 1st - Ken Miller and Jo Ann Hardy's birthday.
- 3rd - Jo Larned's birthday.
- 7th - Mark Norris appeared on the Earth scene on this day.
- 14th - Chris Bailey's birthday
- 21st - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 28th - Linda Trichell's birthday
- 29th - Grace Eyler's birthday.
- 30th - Kalli Bailey's birthday
- 31st - Jerry Martin, now of Norman, Oklahoma was born on this day.



Have stuff you don't need or use anymore?

Bring it to the meeting for Swap/Sell/Giveaway or send the information to Kalli for inclusion in the newsletter classifieds - FREE.

Kalli Bailey

Phone: 318-470-3740

Email: kallikbailey@gmail.com

See page 7 for our classifieds.



Congratulations to one of Shreveport's new businesses, Gearhead Outfitters. Headquartered in Jonesboro, AR, they are our first business member of the Bayou Chapter. Business members are featured in our newsletter and on our website. Nancy Larned, BCOS Membership Chairman and Facebook Administrator is the manager at the new location at Mall St. Vincent. They sell a full line of outdoor adventure clothing, shoes and gear. General Manager, Heath Gammill has told us that they will soon also have paddleboards available for demonstrations.

Go to <http://www.gearheadoutfitters.com> to view their website or call 318-751-9196 and ask for Nancy.

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See all the Ozark Society Chapter newsletters and the Pack and Paddle newsletter at www.ozarksociety.net.

Classifieds

This area is reserved for classified ads to buy or sell by BCOS members. If you have any items for sale you think Ozark Society members might be interested in buying please contact Kalli Bailey.
Email: kallikbailey@gmail.com

Bayou Chapter Shirts - \$12.50

1 youth medium, 1 adult large

Contact Jenny Hackman jandgman@bellsouth.net

Canoe and Kayak Rental available to BCOS members only!

Kayak rental fee: \$ Kayak \$25.00, Canoe \$45.00,

PFD (life jacket) rental fee: \$15.00

Paddle rental fee: \$15.00

Must be a BCOS member and complete rental agreement. One week notice required.

Call Adam Willard at 318-423-1690 or Email: ashleysbuilding@suddenlink.net

7 year old canoe - \$850.00

It is a Legend, Dagger, material is Royalex. It is in great shape as it has hardly been used. I have always keep it under roof and out of the sun. The few times that I used it, afterwards, it was washed and a coat of "Armor All" was applied. It does have a few scrapes but nothing that would hurt the performance. All the webbing on seats are in tack and solid. Wood has all the varnish and solid. It should last some one for years to come. Contact Craig Watson at 422-3912



Throw rope. \$25

Cycling clothing for women: Size Medium Tops \$5

One Piece woman's wet suit, Zips up the back \$20

Portable Toilet for camping \$10. (Never been used.)

Contact Toni Spitale at 318-218-5716 (Cell) or 318-869-1015 (Home)

Channel iron trailer - \$6,000

New tires.

Comes with 16 PFDs and 16 paddles. 8 - 15' long tandem aluminum canoes.

Call Mark Norris 318-588-0116

"Old Town" Loon 100 series angle - \$300.00 for canoe and paddle

Perfect for fishing and recreational whitewater runs. I purchased it from Bass Pro for \$450.00 and professional inverted paddle for \$85.00. Nice green color, 10 feet, 6 inches long, light weight, and will ride in back of a small Toyota Tacoma. Used four times and is in new condition. Email

m.l.caldwell@comcast.net.

Two-seat 14-ft River Rogue canoe and paddles (lightly used) - \$325

Dick Llorens at 773-5166

Wanted! Used kayak - recreational or touring. Not white water. Call Leslie Peters 318-925-0464 or email ptrsleslie@aol.com.

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