Albert Pike Recreation Area
Ouachita National Forest

Biking Camping Fishing HIking Swimming

Facilities
- 54 camp sites with tables and grills(the 8 sites in Area D also have electric and water hookups)
- Swimming and wading area
- 1-mile Bluff Mountain Hiking Trail
- Access to the 15-mile Little Missouri Hiking Trail
- Water faucets
- Flush toilets and showers
- Sanitary dump station
- Amphitheater

For a Pleasant Trip
- Respect the rights of property owners. A portion of the shoreline of the Little Missouri River is privately owned.
- Although hunting is permitted in most areas of the Ouachita National Forest it is not allowed in recreational areas.
- All State hunting and fishing regulations, fees and seasons apply to national forest lands.
- Please read and follow the posted regulations and rules.
- Visitors are responsible for their fires. Build them in stoves, grills and fire rings only.
- Use only dead and down wood in or near the recreation area.
- Do not leave your camping gear unattended.

For More Information

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Ouachita National Forest
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Floating the Little Missouri River

Starting at Albert Pike, visitors can canoe a distance of 20 miles over challenging rapids, through spectacular scenery to the bridge on U.S. Highway 70 near Lake Greeson. Typically, the floats are divided into two sections - Albert Pike to Highway 84 bridge, a distance of 8.5 miles, and Highway 84 bridge to Highway 70 bridge, covering 11.5 miles.

This float, with twisting drops and rapids up to Class IV (very difficult) on the first section, and large, standing waves on the second section, is for experienced paddlers. Though floating conditions depend on suitable amounts of rainfall, the Little Missouri can be a challenge. Massive bluffs and tree-covered banks along the first section create a sense of complete isolation. The float ends in a pleasant pastoral flatland as the Ouachita Mountains are left behind. The river offers fishing for trout, bream and smallmouth bass.

Come and Enjoy

Nestled in the forested splendor of the rugged Ouachita Mountains, this recreation area is located in the southern portion of the national forest. Visitors are invited to swim and fish in the refreshing cool steam, picnic in a secluded spot near the towering trees, camp in a secluded spot near the water's edge, hike the nature trail or experience the excitement of a canoe trip on the Little Missouri River

Directions

From Hot Springs take Highway 70 west 36 miles through Glenwood to Salem. Turn west on Highway 84 and go 13 miles to Langley. At Langley turn north on Highway 369 and go 6 miles to the recreation area.

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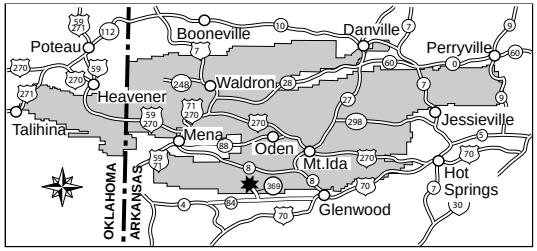
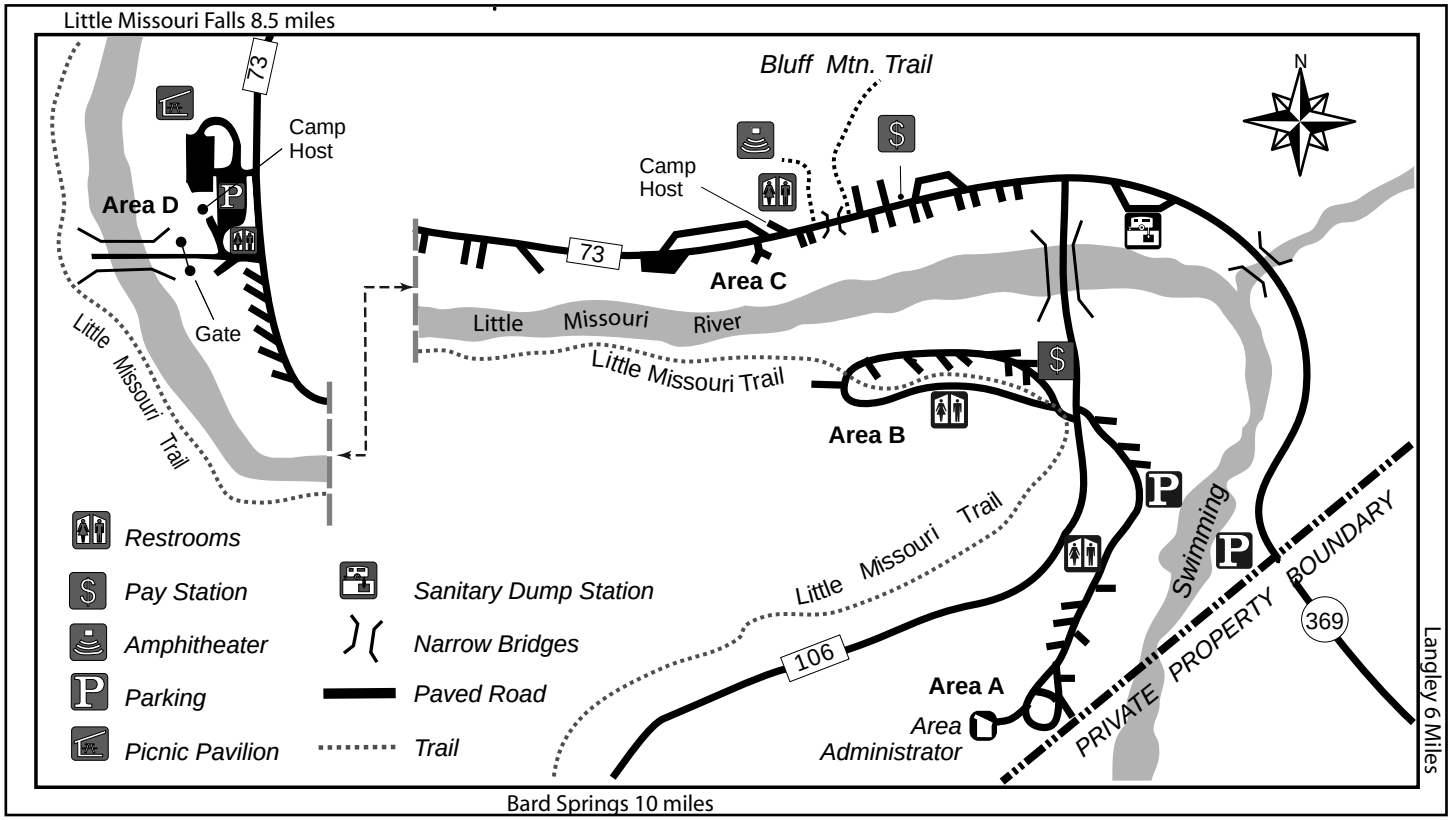
Hiking the Little Missouri Trail

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.