

# Sugar Creek Hiking Trail

Ouachita National Forest



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**TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS:** The trail, connecting Knoppers Ford Recreation Area to Jack Creek Recreation area, covers challenging terrain offering excellent views of the Sugar, Middle and Jack Creek drainages and surrounding countryside. A short day hike on this trail allows visitors to view abundant wildlife, interesting geologic formations and pine/hardwood forests.

### Other Opportunities:

- Camp, picnic, and swim at Knoppers Ford and Jack Creek Recreation Areas. Both facilities are located along a beautiful forested stream.
- For further hiking opportunities try Hole in the Ground Mountain Trail and Overlook Trail. Buck Ridge Rifle Range is open for target shooting.
- For a more remote and primitive experience try the Hogan Mountain Walk-In Turkey Hunting Area or Dry Creek Wilderness.

### For More Information:

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**Length:** 3.5 miles.

**Directions:** From State Highway 23 take State Highway 116 east to County Road 19. Turn south for 8 miles to Knoppers Ford Recreation Area and park at the trailhead. The trail can also be accessed from Jack Creek Recreation Area by traveling east on Hole in the Ground Mountain Trail for 0.2 miles.

**Trail Information:** Unsurfaced.

**Site Amenities:** Vault toilets are available at Knoppers Ford and Jack Creek Recreation Areas. Knoppers Ford is a "fee collection" site.

Jack Creek Campground is open from mid-May to early September.

Knoppers Ford is open year around.

**Difficulty Level:** Most difficult.

**Safety:** Use caution around the bluffs and creek crossing. Be prepared to wade through two creeks. Treat water from streams before drinking.

**Requirements:** This trail is restricted to hiking. Horses, pack animals, and vehicles of any type are not allowed on this trail.

**Recommended Seasons:** The trail is open year round, but is exceptionally pleasant during the spring, winter, and fall.

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