

Charlton Recreation Area Ouachita National Forest



Facilities

- 57 camping units
 - 10 with electricity, water and sewer
 - 20 with electricity and water
 - 27 with no utilities
- All above campsites are first-come, first served.
- Group camping - 2 units (reservable-call Womble Ranger District)
- Picnic pavilion (reservable-call Womble)
- Playground
- Bathhouse
- Swimming and wading area
- 0.8 mile Prayer in the Woods Trail
- Access to the Charlton Trail and the nearby Lake Ouachita Vista Trail
- Drinking water
- Flush toilets
- Sanitary dump station
- Amphitheater (reservable-call Womble)

The native stone dam forms a small lake with a grassy beach providing a variety of water depths for swimmers. A diving platform is located near the dam.

There are three camping loops, with group sites available in loops A and C. Camp sites with electricity, water and sewer are available in loop C. Sites with electricity and water are available in loop B.

Each camping unit includes a table, tent/trailer pad, cooking grill, lantern post and parking spur. A water hydrant, garbage can, and restrooms with cold showers (warm showers in loop C) are within reasonable walking distance. Some travel trailers up to 35 feet in length can be accommodated at camping units and a dump station is available at the entrance to the campground.

Come and Enjoy

Picnic, swim, hike, fish and camp along picturesque Walnut Creek, a cold, spring-fed mountain stream in the heart of the Ouachita National Forest. This historic recreation area features a captivating native stone dam that forms the swimming area and rustic bathhouse built by the Civilian Conservation Corps federal work program in 1935.

Directions

From Hot Springs, AR, drive west on Highway 270 for 18 miles.

For a Pleasant Trip

- Hunting is not allowed in recreational areas.
- Please read and follow the posted regulations.
- You are responsible for your fires. Build them in stoves, grills and fire rings only.
- Be a good neighbor.
- No fishing in the swimming area.
- All pets must remain on a leash.
- There is a fee to use this facility. Please pay at the self-service fee station

For More Information

Womble Ranger District	Ouachita National Forest
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1523 Hwy. 270 E.	Hot Springs AR 71902
Mount Ida, AR 71957	Phone: (501) 321-5202
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The Surrounding Area

For more hiking try the nearby Lake Ouachita Vista Trail or the Ouachita National Recreation Trail extending 192 miles east to west across the Ouachita National Forest.

The Womble Trail is also available for hiking and is highly regarded as one of the premier mountain biking trails in Arkansas. Lake Ouachita abounds in water sport opportunities including fishing, boating, water skiing and scuba diving. Hotels, restaurants and camping facilities are available. Collecting quartz crystals is another of the area's popular pastimes.

Contact the Mount Ida Chamber of Commerce or the Womble Ranger Station for information.

Five no-fee float camps, River Bluff, Dragover, Fulton Branch, Rocky Shoals and Shirley Creek are located along the Ouachita River for canoeing enthusiasts or those preferring a more primitive camping experience.

Schedule

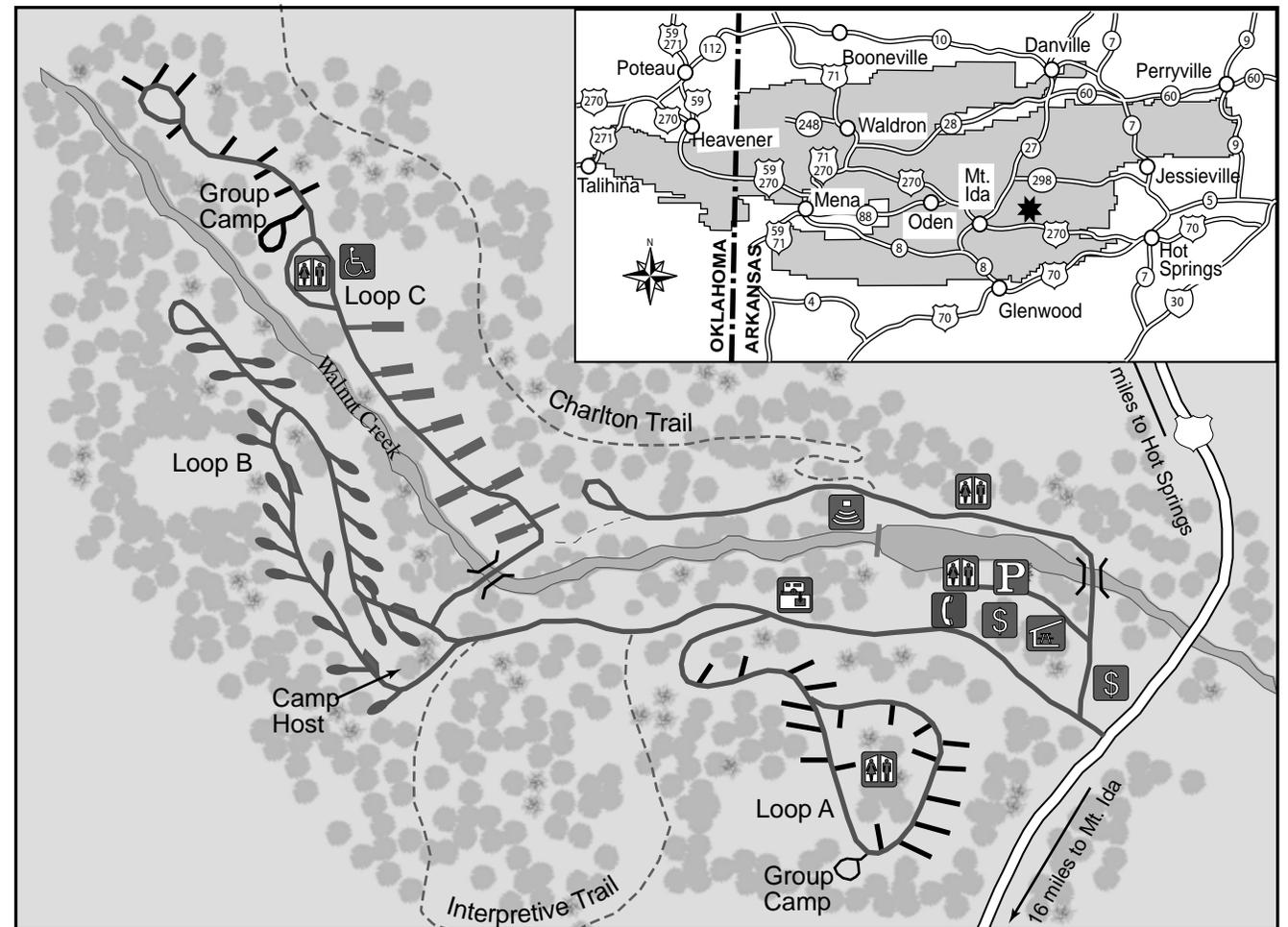
These facilities are closed during the winter season. Fees and schedule are available on-line at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/ouachita/maps>

Use the Recreation Fees and Schedule link. You can also call the Womble Ranger District.

Visitors are welcome to stay in the campground for up to 14 consecutive days.

	Campsite with electricity and water		Picnic shelter		Accessible
	Campsite with electricity, sewer and water		Day use; parking		Dump station
	Campsite with no utilities		Pay station		Telephone
	Trail		Amphitheater		
	Paved Road		Restrooms		



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