

# Ouachita River Float Camps

## Ouachita National Forest

### (No-fee camps)

  
Sites may  
flood during  
extreme rainfall



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OUACHITA RIVER FLOAT CAMPS

The float camps are on the banks of the beautiful Ouachita River. The river tumbles through narrows and rapids near Shirley Creek, then gradually slows to meander past massive rock bluffs at the lower end at River Bluff and beyond to Lake Ouachita.

Seven landings are usable, five of which are float camps. **All five float camps are free to the public.**

The trip covers about 45 miles. Average floating speed is 1 mile per hour, varying with depth and season.

Good bass, bream, catfish, and walleye fishing.

These camps typically have openings, even on holiday weekends when most campgrounds are filled to capacity. Only rarely will you arrive on the day or evening before a holiday and fail to find an open campsite. And you won't have to pay a penny for the privilege of using one of the great underutilized treasures in the Ouachita National Forest.

#### SHIRLEY CREEK

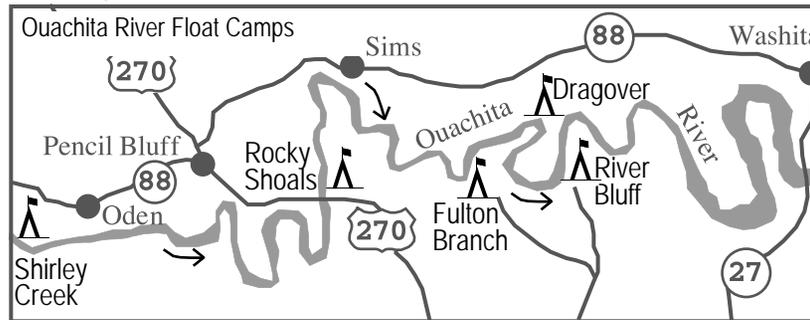
- Camping (6 units)
- picnicking
- vault toilet
- canoe access
- fishing

Exit U.S. 270 at Pencil Bluff to State Hwy. 88, west 1 mile past the Oden Ranger Station, turn left on County Road 7991 for 1/2 mile.

Area Latitude: 34.6112528  
Area Longitude: -93.8272333

**Mena-Oden Ranger District**

#### Vicinity Map



#### ROCKY SHOALS

- Camping (6 units)
- picnicking
- vault toilet
- fishing
- canoe access
- hiking
- biking (access to the Ouachita National Recreation Trail)

Take U.S. 270 northwest from Mt. Ida, AR for 6 miles; turn right (north) just before crossing the Ouachita River Bridge (east side of river).

Area Latitude: 34.6114889  
Area Longitude: -93.6975139

**Womble Ranger District**

#### FULTON BRANCH

- Camping (6 units)
- picnicking
- vault toilet
- fishing
- canoe access
- hiking
- biking (access to the Womble Trail)

Take U.S. 270 northwest from Mt. Ida, AR for 4-1/2 miles to Arkansas Hwy. 298; turn right (north) for 1/2 mile to Forest Service Road 568; turn right (east) for 1-1/2 miles to Forest Service Road 1437.

Area Latitude: 34.6262028  
Area Longitude: -93.6603389

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## DRAGOVER

Float camp on the Ouachita River.

- *Camping (7 units)*
- *picnicking*
- *vault toilet*
- *canoe access*
- *hiking*
- *fishing*

From Pencil Bluff, AR take Arkansas Hwy. 88 east for 7 miles; turn south on County Road 97 for 1 mile.

Area Latitude: 34.6413694  
Area Longitude: -93.6312528

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## RIVER BLUFF

Float camp on the Ouachita River.

- *Camping (6 units)*
- *picnicking*
- *vault toilet*
- *fishing*
- *canoe access*
- *hiking*
- *biking (access to the Womble Trail)*

From Mount Ida, AR; turn right (north) on Arkansas Hwy. 27 for 1/2 mile; turn left (northwest) on County Road 59 for 3-1/2 miles to Forest Service Road 138; turn left (north) for 2-1/2 miles.

Area Latitude: 34.6405000  
Area Longitude: -93.6257028

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### For More Information:

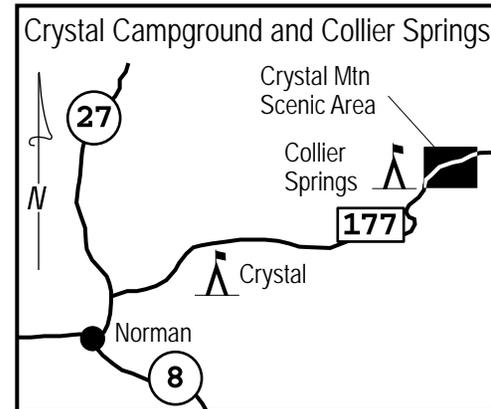
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# Crystal Campground

Ouachita National Forest

(no-fee recreation area)

## Vicinity Map



**CRYSTAL CAMPGROUND:** Attractive wooded site on stream; flowing spring.

- camping (9 units)
- picnic shelter
- vault toilet
- fishing
- hiking
- swimming

Take Arkansas Hwy. 27 north from Norman, AR for 1 mile; turn right (east) on Forest Service Road 177 for 3 miles.

Area Latitude: 34.4795139  
Area Longitude: -93.6388250

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**COLLIER SPRINGS:** Natural setting at clear-flowing spring. Great picnic site for campers at Crystal Campground.

- picnicking
- picnic shelter (1 table)
- vault toilet

Take Arkansas Hwy. 27 north from Norman, AR for 1 mile; turn right (east) on Forest Service Road 177 for 3 miles to Crystal Campground, then continue on to Collier Springs.

Area Latitude: 34.8676194  
Area Longitude: -93.5948361

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