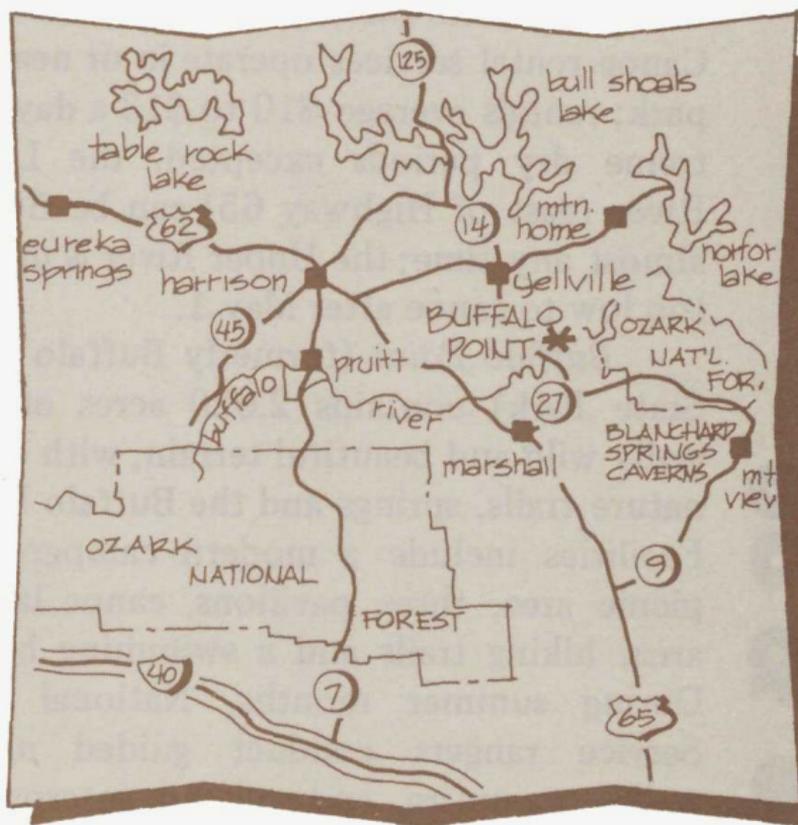


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# BUFFALO National River



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Long before our Congress decided the Buffalo River should be preserved, it was a popular canoe stream and a favored recreation center-point for the lower American Midwest. It's establishment as a National River in the National Park System is now underway.

Buffalo National River will eventually include more than 95,000 acres of rolling hill country. Today, 40 per cent of this is still privately owned. Please respect owner's privacy; do not trespass upon their lands.

Canoeing is still *the* activity on the Buffalo. Canoe rental services operate in or near the park; rentals average \$10 to \$13 a day. Extreme dry periods excepted, the Lower River (east of Highway 65) can be floated almost any time; the Upper River is usually too low to canoe after May 1.

*Buffalo Point* (formerly Buffalo River State Park) contains 2,020 acres of ruggedly wild and beautiful terrain, with caves, nature trails, springs and the Buffalo River. Facilities include a modern campground, picnic area, three pavilions, canoe launch area, hiking trails and a swimming beach. During summer months, National Park Service rangers conduct guided nature walks, campfire and related interpretive programs.

*Lost Valley* (formerly Lost Valley State Park) is a wildly rugged narrow gorge carved through sheer limestone cliffs over eons of time by spring-fed waters of Clark Creek. This fragile ecological unit is in the heart of the most rugged section of the Ozark Mountains. The primitive campground is used by those who enjoy rough-in' it!

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*Blanchard Springs Cavern*, an underground fantasy world of cave formations. Located in and operated by the Ozark National Forest, east of the National River, about 15 miles northwest of Mountain View. The National Forest also operates public campgrounds.

A visit to the *Ozark Folk Center* just outside Mountain View is a cultural must. Operated by the State of Arkansas, the Center features Ozark craftsmen, good ol' mountain music, and an appreciation of the distinctive Ozark culture.

*Beaver and Table Rock Reservoirs and Bull Shoals and Norfolk Lakes* — all north of the National River — offer an abundance of water-oriented recreational opportunities, with some of the best boating and fishing found in America.

Perhaps the greatest attraction of Buffalo River Country is to drive leisurely through the countryside, exploring back roads, and possibly picnicking under an old oak beside a babbling brook. To do this is to learn to love the Ozarks.

The Buffalo National River flows for some 132 miles through four counties of northwestern Arkansas. East-west highways serving the region are U.S. 62 on the north and I-40 on the south. U.S. 65 crosses, north-south, through the region, intersecting U.S. 62 five miles southwest of Harrison and I-40 near Conway, 25 miles north of Little Rock. State Highway 7 (north-south) also crosses the region, connecting with U.S. 62 at Harrison and I-40 near Russellville.

Buffalo Point, the principal site of Service programs and activities, is best reached from Yellville, on U.S. 62. Turn south on State Route 14 about 14 miles to State Route 268, then east directly to the area. From the south, turn off U.S. 65

at Marshall onto State Route 27. At Harriet (12 miles) turn left (north) on State Route 14 about 10 miles to Route 268, leading to Buffalo Point.

Lost Valley is reached via State Route 43 south out of Harrison, or State Route 74, west from Jasper (on State Route 7, 5 miles south of the River).

Harrison is the largest town near the National River and offers all visitor needs. The larger towns of the four county region are Jasper, Marshall, Yellville and Mountain Home. All offer at least minimal overnight and restaurant accommodations.

Limited lodging and dining facilities are operated by a concessionaire at Buffalo Point from April through November. Accommodations should be reserved in advance by writing: Buffalo Point Concessionaire, Route A, Box 214, Yellville, AR, 72687.

The National River operates campgrounds at Buffalo Point (123 sites with tables, grills, flush toilets and showers) and Lost Valley (15 sites, primitive). All are on a first-come-first-served basis, with a 14-day limit. A per night fee of \$3 is charged at Buffalo Point.

There are several private campgrounds along Highway 7 between Harrison and Jasper.

Summers along the Buffalo are humid. Daytime temperatures are in the high 80's and 90's with nights moderate. Winters are generally moderate but there are short periods of severe cold.

The average annual rainfall is 45 inches, but droughts do occur in late summer and fall. Snowfall is light and remains on the ground only a short time.

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Peak visit months at Buffalo Point are May through September, with most people coming for weekends. During this period the campground is generally full by early afternoon. Try winter camping here; the campgrounds are not heavily used and floating is often possible.

Lost Valley's busy season is in the spring, when floating on the Upper River is at its best. During this time we find it necessary to turn visitors away when the campground is filled. Fall and winter here often offer floating on the Upper River — and not often taken full advantage of.

Visitors and residents alike agree that the most pleasant time to visit the Buffalo River country is in spring, when buds are abustin', or fall, when the foliage takes on its red and gold coloring.

Write the Ozark Society, Box 2914, Little Rock, AR 72203, for information about their publications on the Buffalo River.

**IF YOU CANOE**

...wear a life jacket; don't float in dangerous waters; watch for heavy rains causing high waters; take a partner, a first aid kit and a litter bag.

**IF YOU SWIM**

...always swim with a buddy; be careful of submerged rocks when you dive; and be careful that you don't step in a deep hole.

**IF YOU HIKE OR CAMP**

...wear proper clothing and take proper equipment; stay on the trails; stay away from cliff edges; and don't climb the bluffs.

Always, please, leave wildlife alone. Three of the four poisonous snakes found in the United States are found here: rattlesnakes, copperheads and cottonmouth water moccasins.

**rules**

You won't have a good time if our Rangers have to remind you about rule infractions.

Keep pets on leash at all times when in developed area, campgrounds and on established trails.

No firearms are permitted in the high visitor-use areas of Buffalo Point of Lost Valley.

An Arkansas license is required for fishing or hunting along the River.

Quiet hours begin in the campgrounds at 10 p.m.

All accidents must be reported to a Ranger as soon as they happen.

Much of the land adjoining the River is still in private ownership. Use of private lands without owner permission can have serious consequences. If in doubt, don't trespass.

As the Nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has responsibility for most of our nationally owned public lands and natural resources. This includes fostering the wisest use of our land and water resources, protecting our fish and wildlife, preserving the environmental and cultural values of our national parks and historical places, and providing for the enjoyment of life through outdoor recreation. The Department assesses our energy and mineral resources and works to assure that their development is in the best interests of all our people. The Department also has a major responsibility for American Indian reservation communities and for people who live in Island Territories under U. S. administration.

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