



FoOT

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Friends of the Ouachita Trail
Membership Application

September 19, 2005

“Friends of the Ouachita Trail” (FoOT) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to assist in maintaining, enhancing and using the Ouachita National Recreation Trail. This is done through the recruiting and management of volunteer labor to perform trail maintenance. We work in conjunction with, and support of the US Forest Service (Ouachita National Forest), the Arkansas State Parks, and other agencies or landowners with jurisdiction over the trail.

On February 8, 2005, FoOT became an Arkansas nonprofit corporation. Incorporation significantly enhances our ability to carry out our organization’s mission: **“to provide assistance for the maintenance, enhancement, and use of the Ouachita National Recreation Trail.”**

The ***Ouachita National Recreation Trail*** stretches 223 miles through the beautiful Ouachita Mountains of Arkansas and Oklahoma. The “Ouachita Trail”, as it is more commonly known, runs from Talimena State Park in Oklahoma to Pinnacle Mountain State Park, near Little Rock, Arkansas. It is a premier trail asset for hikers, backpackers, and mountain bikers. The Ouachita Trail is primarily within the Ouachita National Forest and is administered by the US Forest Service. The trail begins and ends in state parks, however, and traverses two wilderness areas and several wildlife management areas

The most important thing you can do is to make a commitment of time and effort to help maintain the trail. We continuously need volunteers to adopt sections of trail. Individuals have adopted sections as small as 1 mile; clubs have adopted sections as large as 27 miles. By adopting, you agree to perform trail maintenance on your section at least twice a year. You can also volunteer to be an occasional, on-call worker to join work parties, help with administrative tasks, fund raising efforts, etc. This can be as often or as seldom as you like and does not involve a fixed commitment.

Our annual membership drive allows you to select the membership category that appeals to you.

FoOT’s Bylaws establish five categories of membership described below. **Please be a Friend** and join in maintaining the Ouachita National Recreation Trail.

----- Please detach and mail or email to friends_ot2003@yahoo.com -----

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DATE: _____

_____ **WORKING MEMBER/ORGANIZATION** -- Adopts a trail section for maintenance **or** works at least ten (10) hours on FoOT activities.
Check one: ___ Adopt a section of trail ___ Join occasional work parties ___ Other services

_____ **SUPPORTING MEMBER** – Does not work or works less than ten (10) hours on FoOT activities **AND** pays a membership fee of at least **\$25.00**.

_____ **SUSTAINING MEMBER** -- Adopts a trail section **or** works at least ten (10) hours on FoOT activities **AND** pays a membership fee of at least **\$15.00**

_____ **SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION** -- Does not work or works less than ten (10) hours on FoOT activities **AND** pays a membership fee of at least **\$50.00**.

_____ **SUSTAINING ORGANIZATION** -- Adopts a trail section **or** works at least ten (10) hours on FoOT activities **AND** pays a membership fee of at least **\$25.00**

Please complete above.

Make check or money order payable to **FRIENDS OF THE OUACHITA TRAIL** and return to
PO Box 8630, Hot Springs AR 71910