Petit Jean State Park

One of Arkansas’s finest state park facilities, Petit Jean State Park lies in a unique area between the Ouachita and Ozarka Mountain ranges in west-central Arkansas. Situated upon beautiful Petit Jean Mountain, the park encompasses 2,658 acres of rare natural beauty. In this area, one can find extensive tallgrass prairies, hardwood woods, riparian areas, and mixed oak-juniper woodlands. Visitors will find opportunities for recreation and education throughout the year.

Facilities

Lodging • Overlooking the beautiful Arkansas River Valley, Mather Lodge offers 24 guest rooms (12 doubles and 12 singles). Whether for a weekend vacation or a business conference, the lodge complex provides a variety of facilities such as a swimming pool, gift shop and full-service restaurant. In-park catering available. Small groups can meet at the Lodge in the Arkansas Room or the Legacy Room (fee). Six overnight duplex cabins (12 units, all with fireplace) are located near the Lodge (no kitchen). Each sleeps up to four persons. (NOTE) No Lodge rooms or cabins have telephones. Televisions are located in Lodge rooms and all cabins. The Lodge swimming pool, open seasonally, is only for Lodge and cabin guests.

Restaurant • Family dining, full menu, open daily.

Cabins • Twenty fully equipped housekeeping cabins, 9 rustic, 5 duplex (10 units) and 2 honeymoon cabins with hot tub, all with fireplaces (fireplaces for seasonal use only - Oct. 1 to April 30), are scattered in the woods near Mather Lodge. Cabins include all-electric kitchens with cooking utensils and tableware. Linens are provided and beds are heated and air-conditioned for year-round comfort. Five cabin areas are barrier-free.

Campgrounds • The park contains 125 individual camp sites (including 25 pull-through sites) offering water and electrical hookups. Thirty-nine sites have 50 amp electric, water and sewer at each site. NOTE: Campers must register in the Visitor Center before occupying a campground. All sites are reservable and may be reserved up to one year in advance. Please call to check availability. Sites are divided into several areas with a bathhouse in each. There is also a 24-unit rally-type camping area available for camping clubs. A reservable group camp area is available for tent camping only, your sound with aointed bathhouse. A trailer sanitation station is located near overflow area. For those who don’t own camping equipment, a Rent-A-Tent package which includes a tent, mats, cots, chairs, camp stove, fire ring, and other camping gear, is available at the counter. A fly-in camping area is available at the counter. For call information.

Picnicking • Petit Jean provides wooded picnic areas along Lake Bailey and Lake Rousseau with tables, grills, water and restrooms. Two group picnic areas are available for rent April - October. The picnic pavilions must be reserved in advance at the Visitor Center.

Recreational Facilities • A fishing on Lake Bailey (boat motor - 10hp limit) to an afternoon softball game on the playing field, there’s plenty to do at Petit Jean. During the summer, fishing boats with motors and pedal boats can be rented at the boats house which also has a snack bar and game room. A modern swimming pool (no cutoffs, please), playgrounds and tennis courts provide a wide variety of activities for the entire family. The Recreation Hall, located near the Visitor Center, can be rented for group gatherings. Boathouse and swimming pool are operated seasonally.

Hiking Trails • More than 20 miles of trails guide you to Petit Jean’s secrets. Walk in Cedar Falls area, meander through Seven Hollows, enter into Rock House Cave and much more. Trail maps and brochures are available at the lodge or Visitor Center. Exhibits, books on plants and animals, and program schedules, including interpretive walks, will be found in the Visitor Center.

Other Facilities • Picnic and grocery supplies, firewood and gift shops are located near the park (some facilities are open seasonally only). The Petit Jean airport is open to general public aviation with fuel available, a fly-in campground, and shuttle service is available to the park for a fee.

NOTE: Cabin reservations may be made by calling Mather Lodge. Campers must register in the Visitor Center before occupying a cabin. (This is not a reservation system - trying to a site. All sites are assigned. Bikes, motorcycles or boats are not allowed on the hiking trails. No pets are allowed in lodging facilities; service animals are welcome.

Interpretive Services

Begin your stay at Petit Jean with a trip to the Visitor Center and Gift Shop. While there, enjoy the interpretive exhibits on the park’s history and environment. Park personnel provide guided hikes, nature talks and workshops plus evening programs at the outdoor amphitheater (summer). Off-season programs and guided hikes are available; groups may request special programs to meet specific interests year-round (advance arrangements necessary). Special events held annually include Fall Senior Seminar, Spectacle Fishing Derby, Wildflower Weekend, Eagle Awareness and the Antique Car Show.

Location

Take Hwy. 9 (Till 108) off I-40 at Morrilton south 9 miles to Oppal. Then go west 12 miles on Hwy. 154 to park. OR, take Hwy. 7, Exit 81 off I-40 (south), OR, I-30 (north) to Conway, then east 16 miles on Hwy. 154 to the park. OR, take Hwy. 155 (north) from Hwy. 10 at Casa.

For further information on park hours, fees and programs, contact:

Petit Jean State Park • 1285 Petit Jean Mountain Rd. • Morrilton, AR 72110

Telephone (501) 727-5441 • Email: petitjeanarkansas.com • Web: petitjeanarkansas.com

For Lodge and Cabin Reservations, contact:

Mather Lodge • 1009 Petit Jean Mtn. Rd. • Morrilton, AR 72110

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