

Arkansas Rock Climbing and Backpacking

Trip Description

During Spring Break, IUOA is headed south to backpack in the Buffalo National River Trail and climb at the famous Horseshoe Canyon Ranch!

We will begin the trip by backpacking the beautiful and historic Buffalo River Trail for 3 days, along the Buffalo River, full of waterfalls, caves, and pre-civil war sites.

At the Horseshoe Canyon Ranch (HCR), we will have the opportunity to do a ton of climbing in a short period of time. In fact, with so much easy and moderate climbing within walking distance of our campsite, we might have time for other activities like caving, canoeing, disc golf and/or hikes!

There is no backpacking or climbing experience necessary for this trip.

Mandatory Planning Meeting:

- March 1, 6:30-8:30pm at IUOA

Accommodations:

- 3 nights of primitive camping (no toilets or running water) on the Buffalo River Trail
- 5 nights of car camping (toilets and running water!) at HCR

Please sign up by calling **812-855-2231**, or stopping by IUOA (in Eigenmann Hall), **on or before February 3, 2012.**



Trip Dates: March 9-18, 2012

Cost: \$570 for IU Student
\$620 for Public

Cost includes:

- Instruction
- Food (while on-trail and at camp)
- Permits and fees
- Group Gear (tents, backpacks, cooking gear)
- Transportation
- Fun, non-climbing activities at HCR

Cost does not include:

- Food (during car travel)
- Money for showers at HCR
- *All items on packing list (see page 2)*

Enrollment Limit: 11



Arkansas Backpacking & Climbing Packing List



Below is a list of items you may need and/or want to use on your trip. We do not expect you to buy all the gear on this list in brand new condition. This is simply a list of **necessary** and suggested items that you can rent or purchase, from IUOA, before your trip's departure.

Good places to purchase gear are IUOA Gear Shop (in Eigenmann), Goodwill (or other consignment shops), JL Waters (on the Square), Dick's Sporting Goods, etc.

GEAR KEY:

- **The items (and quantities of items) in bold type are mandatory.**
- The items not bolded are for comfort, but are not necessary.
- *Item is available for rent from IUOA. **Please call 855-2231 by Feb 24, 2012 to reserve gear.**
- \$ Item is available for purchase from IUOA. Please call for price and availability.

Sleeping

- **Synthetic sleeping bag (rated to 30° F) ***
- **Sleeping pad * (if air mattress, bring repair kit)**

Clothing

- **1 Waterproof jacket** \$
- **1 Waterproof pants** \$
- **1-2 Long sleeve shirts** (synthetic or wool) \$
- **1-2 Short sleeve shirts** (synthetic or wool) \$
- **1-2 Mid-weight insulating tops** (synthetic or wool) \$
- **1 Pair long pants** (synthetic) \$
- **1-2 Long underwear pants** (synthetic or wool) \$
- **1 Cap** (for sun) \$
- **1 Hat** (synthetic, for cold weather) \$
- **1-2 Pair gloves/mittens** (synthetic – fleece, wool, etc.) \$

Footwear

- **1 pair trail boots/shoes**
- **1 Camp shoes**
- **3-4 pairs of socks** (synthetic, shin-high) \$

Eating

- **1 Plate/bowl** \$
- **1 Eating utensils** (spoon and/or fork, spork) \$
- **2 Water bottles** (32oz each minimum) *\$

Other

- **Day pack (2000-3500 cubic in²)**
- Lip protection \$
- Sun block \$
- Sunglasses
- Personal hygiene items \$
- 1-2 Bandana/handkerchief \$
- Personal medications
- **1 Flashlight/headlight** *\$
- **Extra batteries** \$
- **Plastic bag(s) of various sizes** \$
- **Money**
- Waterproof camera with film \$

Group gear provided by IU Outdoor Adventures:

- ✓ Tents
- ✓ Food (menu determined in planning meeting)
- ✓ Gaiters
- ✓ Backpack (4000 cubic inches or more)
- ✓ Whistle
- ✓ Tarps
- ✓ Cooking Gear
- ✓ Compass
- ✓ Climbing gear, harness, helmet, shoes, etc.