

## 2016 Past Events

12/25/16 - Trump and the future of public lands - Check the article on page 11C of today's Arkansas Democrat-Gazette - A lot has been said and written on this topic in recent weeks. The referenced article includes comments from a variety of outdoors organizations.

11/11/16 - 1/13/17 - **Tim Ernst - 2016 Fall Slide Program Schedule** - 11/11/16 - 1/13/17 - All programs are free and open to the public. Some are in the afternoon & some in the evening. For more information about any of these, go to <http://timernst.com/slideprograms.html>

11/11 - Hot Springs Village, Coronado Center  
11/17 - North Little Rock, Windsong Church of Christ  
11/19 - Springdale, Shiloh Museum of Ozark History  
11/21 - Ft. Smith Grace Comm. United Meth. Church  
11/27 - Fayetteville Public Library  
11/29 - Conway, Faulkner County Library  
12/02 - Springfield MO, (reservation required).  
12/03 - Bentonville Library  
12/04 - Rogers Public Library  
12/05 - Dover, High School Cafeteria  
12/08 - Russellville  
12/11 - Little Rock, Central Arkansas Nature Center  
12/13 - Ft. Smith Library  
12/15 - Benton, Saline County Library  
12/16 - Harrison - Durand Center  
12/19 - Clarksville, Clarksville School District Fine Arts Center  
01/13/17 - Bull Shoals-White River State Park.

12/31 Sa - **CAG Outings** - Pinnacle Mountain State Park **Base Trail** (3 miles) - Check back Monday evening for final details after leader checks weather forecast for Saturday.

12/25 Su - Christmas Day

12/20 Tu - No CAG meeting in December

12/17 Sa - Ouachita Trail (easternmost section) - It looks like this December is not a good one for Saturday hikes. With rain again predicted for mid-day Saturday, this hike is cancelled.

Th 12/15 - Fayetteville - Public Meeting - Nuclear reactor test site cleanup - Strickler Fire Department building at 6 pm. See Sunday 12/11 Arkansas Democrat-Gazette pg 6B for more information.

12/8 Th - 9:30 - 11:30 am - Marshall AR - ADEQ Public Meeting - **Buffalo River Watershed Management Plan Public Meeting** - Searcy County Civic Center, 515 Zack Road

12/3 Sa - Rocky Valley Trail & East Quarry Trail (3 miles) - 80% chance of rain forecast - Hike Cancelled

12/1 Th - 1 pm - NLR - ADEQ HQ - Public presentation on results of drilling study at the C&H Hog Farm. For more info, check page 2B of the 11/24/16 Democrat-Gazette

11/24 Th - Thanksgiving

11/22 Tu - 7:30 pm - NLR - The Arkansas Canoe Club is having a **fundraiser for the Legal Fund for the Buffalo** - Flyway Brewing, 314 Maple St., North Little Rock. Flyway has graciously agreed to donate \$1 of every pint bought during the business hours of 4-9 pm on Tuesday, November 22. The money they are raising is in support of "the Legal Fund for the Buffalo 3" to help with the attorney fees involved in filing an appeal of ADEQ's latest decision to grant a modification request to use a permit that had been abandoned and should be void, to allow C&H to use another 550 acres to dispose of hog waste. Almost all these new fields drain into the tributaries to the Buffalo River.

11/15 Tu - LR - **Sierra Club Event: CAG meeting**

## **National Park Free Admission Days** - 1/18 - 11/11/16

America's national parks are offering free admission to all visitors for 16 days in 2016:

January 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

April 16 through 24: [National Park Week](#)

August 25 through 28: National Park Service Birthday

September 24: National Public Lands Day

November 11: Veterans Day

11/8 Tu - Election Day

11/6 Su - Daylight Savings Time Ends

4/8 thru October - Hugo and Gayne Preller collection of turn of the 20th century photographs on display at the Historic Arkansas Museum. For more info, check the 4/7/16 edition of the Arkansas Times or google the Preller Collection.

4/23 to 10/29/16- Farmer's Market - NLR - A new farmer's market will open Saturdays from April 23 to Oct. 29 at the parking lot next to the NLR Main Library. For more info, see the 3/13/16 Sunday Arkansas Democrat-Gazette page 6B.

## **County Fairs - 8/21 - 10/23/16**

8/21 - 8/28 - Newton County Fair at Jasper, Newton County - Hub Convention Center - 870-446-2645

8/30 - 9/3 - Polk County Fair at Mena, Polk County - 479-437-FAIR

8/30 - 9/3 - Washington County Fair at Fayetteville, Washington County - 479-444-1755

9/3 - 9/3 - Legendary Blues Festival at Helena-West Helena, Phillips County - 870-572-9506

9/5 - 9/10 - Stone County Fair at Mountain View, Stone County

9/5 - 9/10 - Tri-County Fair at Marvell, Phillips County

9/6 - 9/10 - Cleburne County Fair and Livestock Show at Heber Springs - 501-206-6691, 501-362-2524

9/10 - 9/17 - White County Fair at Searcy, White County - 501-268-1568

9/12 - 9/18 - Van Buren County Fair at Clinton, Van Buren County

9/20 - 9/24 - Union County Fair at El Dorado, Union County - 870-862-8071

9/20 - 9/24 - Faulkner County Fair at Conway Expo Center - faulknercountyfair.net

9/23 - 10/1 - Arkansas/Oklahoma State Fair - Fort Smith, Sebastian County,

Kay Rodgers Park - 479-783-6176

9/26 - 10/1 - North Central Arkansas District Fair at Melbourne, Izard County - 870.368.4140, 870.368.4215

10/14 - 10/23 - Arkansas State Fair at Little Rock, Pulaski County

10/23-29 - National Sierra Club Outing - Autumn Colors in the Ozarks by Foot and Paddle (As of May 2016, trip is full with a waiting list.)

10/20-25 - **Steam Locomotive to Make Stops in Arkansas - Union Pacific (UP) 844** is scheduled to travel from Piggott to Marion AR on Thursday 10/20, from Marion AR to Memphis and back on Saturday 10/22, from Marion to North Little Rock on Monday 10/24, and from North Little Rock to Van Buren on Tuesday 10/25. For a complete listing of scheduled stops,

go to [https://www.up.com/aboutup/special\\_trains/steam/details.shtml](https://www.up.com/aboutup/special_trains/steam/details.shtml)

UP 844 was the last steam locomotive delivered to Union Pacific. Today, it is one of UP's oldest serving locomotives. For more information on the train,

go to [http://www.up.com/aboutup/community/inside\\_track/844-returns-7-13-2016.htm](http://www.up.com/aboutup/community/inside_track/844-returns-7-13-2016.htm)

or to [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union\\_Pacific\\_844](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_Pacific_844)

10/18 Tu - LR - **Sierra Club Event: CAG meeting**

10/8 Sa - Conway - Ecofest

Command and Control - a Documentary Film - [www.commandandcontrolfilm.com/](http://www.commandandcontrolfilm.com/) - Directed by Robert Kenner (FOOD, INC.) and based on the book by Eric Schlosser, COMMAND AND CONTROL is a minute-by-minute account of an almost deadly accident at a Tital II missile complex in Damascus AR in 1980. The film will be on AETN in early 2017 after a brief run in theaters this fall. Local showings include - see <http://clintonschool.uasys.edu/>:

October 07, 2016 - Hot Springs - Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival

October 08, 2016 - Bee Branch - South Side Bee Branch Fine Arts Center

October 09, 2016 - Little Rock - Clinton School of Public Service at The University of Arkansas at the Ron Robinson Theater |100 River Market Avenue | Little Rock, AR 72201

10/5 W - 7 pm - Fall Hunting Regulations - AETN & AGFC live call-in program will provide an opportunity for hunters to get the latest information.

9/27/16 - Arkansas Times (and other) posts include Sierra Club statements on the Clean Power Plan

9/24 Sa - is National Public Lands Day, when entrance fees are waived at America's national parks.

9/20 Tu - LR - **Sierra Club Event: CAG meeting**

7/2 to 9/19 - Bentonville - Crystal Bridges Museum - Display of American Made Folk Art Treasures

9/17/16 Sa - **2016 Arkansas Military Expo** - LRAFB - The expo will feature numerous aircraft displays including various C-130s. While there will be no personnel drops or acrobatics due to construction, various airdropping capabilities will be highlighted throughout the day. The expo is open to the community and will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. with a variety of booths and events, including those for the family. For more info, go to

<http://rockinattherock.com/arkansasmilitaryexpo.shtml>

9/5 Su - Labor Day

6/3 to 8/31 - Champion Trees Art Exhibit - at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute on Petit Jean Mountain. For more information, go to [www.Rockefellerinstitute.org/institute-programs/trees](http://www.Rockefellerinstitute.org/institute-programs/trees) (The largest of each species of tree in the state is designated a Champion Tree.) To attend the public launch of the art exhibit, register at the indicated URL

8/25 Th - National Parks Service 100th birthday

8/23 deadline - Metroplan defers decision on I-30 project waiver until August 24 meeting. Public comment period opened 7/17 and closes Tu 8/23. (posted 7/21)

8/16/16 Tu - No CAG meeting in August

8/4 Th - NLR - AHTD - Community meeting concerning I-30 project. For more information, check the 7/31 Arkansas Democrat-Gazette pg 2B. (As of 7/31, this was not on the AHTD on-line Calendar.)

7/30 Sa - 9 am - Centerville (east of Greenbrier) - solar power workshop - learn how to assemble and connect parts from local suppliers. For more info, Google: tyler roberts centerville solar

7/22-24 F-Su - The 5th annual Arkansas Outdoor Expo will be held at the Conway Expo Center.

7/19/16 Tu - CAG meeting - Emily Bemis of Bemis Tree Farm provided an interesting talk on bee keeping and the handling of bee hives. For more information, visit the [Bemis Tree Farm web site](#).

**Becoming an Outdoors-Woman** - Registration opens June 2 and **closes July 15** for this annual Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) program. Classes are conducted September 30 to October 2 in the Little Rock area. For more information, go to [agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com) and select Education or go directly to

<http://www.agfc.com/education/Pages/EducationProgramsBOW.aspx>

7/14 - 8:30 - 3:30 - Blytheville - ADEQ - [Recycling Economics](#)

7/11/16 - 6 to 7:30 pm - Conway - ADEQ Public Hearing - for the proposed discharge of treated domestic wastewater into an unnamed tributary of Little Creek, thence into Little Creek, thence into Lake Conway, thence into Palarm Creek, thence into the Arkansas River. The proposed construction will include three (3) **20,000 gal septic tanks**, one (1) 30,000 gal recirculation tank, a 6,000 square feet recirculating sand filter, an effluent pump tank, and a UV disinfection unit with an overall design flow of 0.03 MGD. The written comment period has expired but ADEQ will accept additional written comments during the hearing. For more information, go to <http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/poa/pi/calendar.aspx>

7/4 M - Independence Day

6/30/16 Th - 7 pm - Grizzly Guardian - an Evening with Jason Matthews - Join the Arkansas Chapter of the Sierra Club as they present "**Grizzly Guardian- an Evening with National Geographic's Jason Matthews**". Jason is a native Arkansan who has lived and worked in Montana and Alaska for the past twenty years as a wilderness guide, naturalist and wildlife cameraman. Jason will be discussing the current USFWS plan to Remove the Grizzly Bear from the Endangered Species List and sharing photos and video from his various National Geographic bear projects. A small donation to the Sierra Club: Grizzly Guardian campaign is suggested. Location: [The Oyster Bar](#) - 3003 W Markham St, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

6/24/16 F - ADEQ HQ NLR - 9 to 10:30 am - Pollution Control & Ecology Commission Meeting - Item 5 on the Agenda: Big Creek Research Team Report – Dr. Andrew N. Sharpley. Go to <http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/poa/pi/calendar.aspx> for more information

6/21-23 Tu-Th - **2016 Arkansas Environmental Expo** - The Arkansas Environmental Education Association (AEEA) will be conducting their **2016 statewide Environmental Expo** June 21-23 in Northwest Arkansas! Lots of fun activities as well as interesting talks are planned: canoeing, caving, pontooning, climate change talk by Project Learning Tree and many more! Ozark Natural Science Center (ONSC) and Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge will be co-hosting events and talks with help from many Environmental Organizations and Educators from the region. Registration includes a guided tour of the wild cat rescue refuge. Held every two years, the Expo is Arkansas's statewide environmental education conference. For learning, networking, and experiencing our great Ozark outdoors, go to the ONSC website for more info: [www.onsc.us](http://www.onsc.us) (then click on continue to site, then on AEEA 2016 Expo (at bottom of page).

6/21 Tu - LR - **Sierra Club Event: CAG meeting**

6/18 Sa - Maumelle Tree Board Walk and Talk - Certified arborist Pete Rausch to teach participants about the care and selection of trees and woody plants. (open to the public.) For more information, see the 6/5/16 Arkansas Democrat-Gazette pg 3V or call Jim Rule at 501-831-5020

[Central Arkansas Water \(CAW\) Recreation Study](#) - Comments due June 17.

6/11 Sa - [Walks Through History](#) - Hardy Downtown Historic District

6/3 F - [Sandwiching in History Tour](#) - Dr. Clarence W. Koch House 6601 Stagecoach Road

5/30 M - Memorial Day

5/21/16 Sa - [CAG Spring Picnic](#)

5/17 Tu - 6 to 7:30 pm - Location: Sherman Park Community Center, 624 N. Beech Street - The EPA will hold a community meeting to inform residents about the on-going cleanup activities at the North Little Rock Auto Salvage site, located at 600 North Dixie Lane. EPA staff will be available to answer questions about current site actions. For more information, go to <http://www.epa.gov/ar/public-meetings-and-events-arkansas>

5/17/16 Tu - [CAG meeting](#) - Dana F Steward, author of "A Rough Sort of Beauty" - Reflections on the Natural Heritage of Arkansas

5/14 Sa 8 am to 2 pm- Conway - **Plant Sale** - Faulkner County Master Gardeners at the Conway Expo Center - For more info, check the Democrat-Gazette 5/1/16 pg 3V.

5/14 Sa - [Walks Through History](#) - Saint Mary's Catholic Church and Cemetery, Altus

5/14 - National Astronomy Day - For more info, go to <http://www.caasastro.org/>

5/9 - Sun & Planets - Mercury Transit of Sun - For more info, go to <http://www.caasastro.org/>

5/7 - 5/8 Sa - Su - Little Rock 4-H - Wilderness First Aid Class - This is one of two or three Wilderness First Aid classes available in Arkansas in 2016. If you are interested, save the dates. \$280 with classes running from 8 to 5 both days. For more info, [check the First Aid web page](#). Check the WMI web site for latest info. Provider: WMI.

5/7 Sa 8 am to noon- Russellville - Plant Sale - Pope County Master Gardeners at the County Fairgrounds - For more info, check the Democrat-Gazette 5/1/16 pg 6V.

5/6 F - [Sandwiching in History Tour](#) - Fulk Building 300 Main Street

4/26 Tu from 5 to 8 pm - NLR - AHTD Public Involvement Meeting on I-30 Expansion: - see 4/10 Arkansas Democrat-Gazette pg 7B for info (not yet on AHTD web site as of 4/10)

4/23 Sa - Conway - Electronic Waste Recycling Drive for Residences - 8 am to noon

4/22 F - Conway - Electronic Waste Recycling Drive for Businesses - 8 am to noon

4/19 Tu - LR - **Sierra Club Event: CAG meeting**

4/14 Th - Jasper - ADEQ General CAFO Permit Renewal Public Hearing - 6 to 7:30 pm at the Jasper School District Cafetorium, 600 School Street

4/13 W - Legislature 2016 Fiscal Session starts

4/11 M - Jasper - ADEQ hearing to receive public comment on a permit modification to convert use from storage and land application of swine waste from EC Farms to only land application of swine waste from C&H Hog Farms, Inc. in accordance with APC&EC Reg. 5.601.

4/9 Sa - **Walks Through History** - Perryville Commercial Historic District

4/9 Sa - Bulb, Plant, and Seed Exchange at the Laman Library (NLR) from 9 to 11 am (This event could not yet be found on the library web site as of 3/18.)

4/9 - National Park Service (NPS) Public Comment Period ends - The NPS has proposed replacing two wastewater treatment plants at the Buffalo National River, according to a news release from the agency last week. - For more info, see the 3/13 Sunday Democrat-Gazette page 6B.

thru 4/7 Th - Jasper - **Chronic Wasting Disease** (CWD) - Weekly public meetings are scheduled to discuss CWD with meetings scheduled for March 18 F, 24 Th, and 31 Th and April 7 Th. Meetings are held at 11 am at the Carroll Electric Coop, 511 E. Court St. in Jasper. For more info, go to <http://www.agfc.com/Pages/eventDetails.aspx?show=3788> -

For a list of frequently asked questions, go to [www.agfc.com/cwd](http://www.agfc.com/cwd) - If these URLs do not work, go to the AGFC's web site at [agfc.com](http://agfc.com)

4/6 - LR - Special Legislative Session starts on proposed **Arkansas Works** program

4/1 F - **Sandwiching in History Tour** - Nannie C. Wright House 1617 S. Battery Street

3/31 Th - Sustainability Summit - The **City of Little Rock's Seventh Annual Sustainability Summit** will be held at the William J. Clinton Presidential Center. This year's Summit will include a report card style update on the progress of 2020 Sustainability Roadmap. Focus will be on three goals from the Roadmap. The goals to be discussed are commercial organic waste recycling, the adoption of complete streets, and plans for developing the Fourche Creek as a recreational destination.

thru 3/30 - Arkansas Agriculture Department will hold a number of **Pesticide Collection Events** in southern Arkansas. For more information, go to <http://aad.arkansas.gov/Pages/eventsUpcoming.aspx>

3/27 Su - Easter

mid-March thru 4/7 Th Jasper - Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) - Weekly public meetings are scheduled to discuss CWD with meetings scheduled for March 18 F, 24 Th, and 31 Th and April 7 Th. Meetings are held at 11 am at the Carroll Electric Coop, 511 E. Court St. in Jasper. For more info, go to

<http://www.agfc.com/Pages/eventDetails.aspx?show=3788> - For a list of frequently asked questions, go to

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3/22 Tu - Arkansas Works - Governor Hutchinson Townhall Meeting at Central Baptist College at 7 pm - Approximately 100 people attended the meeting at which the Governor described current plans for the program, then answered questions from a variety of people: medical/hospital personnel, a representative of someone currently on the medicaid waiting list. others. A number of members from the state legislature were present. The Governor indicated several issues to be considered: work requirement for those able, personal responsibility for minimizing cost, employer mandate, 130% of federal poverty level limit, program integrity.

**Used Book Sale** - at Little Rock's main Library - Friday and Saturday (Mar. 18-19)

3/18 - 19 F - Sa - Used Book Sale - Little Rock's main Library. For info on special discounts, see the 3/13 Sunday Democrat-Gazette page 6B.

3/16 W - **ADEQ Public Comment Period ends** - ADEQ has extended the public comment period for the agency's proposed **2016 Impaired Waterbodies List** (commonly called the 303(d) List). The ADEQ will now accept written or electronic mail comments until 4:30 p.m. (Central Time) March 16.

3/14 to 3/16 M to W - LR- **Big Dam Bridge closing** - The pedestrian bridge will be closed from 7 am to 5 pm for inspection. (For more info, see the 3/13 Sunday Arkansas Democrat-Gazette page 6B)

3/15 Tu - LR - **Sierra Club Event: CAG meeting**

3/13 Su - Daylight Savings Time begins

3/12 Sa - **Walks Through History** - Downtown Newport

3/11 F is deadline for public comments on the newly released EPA Draft **Pesticide General Permit** (for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for Point Source Discharges From the Application of Pesticides). Check our **EPA Info page for a summary**

3/11 F is deadline for comments on EPA's **Draft Pesticide General Permit**

3/4 F - **Sandwiching in History Tour** - Waldo E. Tiller House 35 Sherrill Road

3/1Tu - NLR - ADEQ - Public Hearing Set on Impaired Streams List - Go to

<http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/poa/pi/calendar.aspx> for more information

2/27 Sa - LR - **Sierra Club Event: CAG Outing**

2/25 - **College Distinguished Lecture Series** - Fayetteville- Bud Walton Arena - **Ari Fleischer** and **David Axelrod** will talk politics

2/20 Sa - LR - **Sierra Club Event: CAG Outing**

2/20-21 Sa-Su - Fayetteville - **Wilderness First Aid Class** - This is one of two or three Wilderness First Aid classes available in Arkansas in 2016. \$225 - \$255 with classes running from 8 to 5 both days. For more info, check the [First Aid web page](#). Class may still have openings. Provider: WMI

2/16 Tu - LR - **Sierra Club Event: CAG meeting**

2/15 M - President's Day

2/14 Su - Valentine's Day

2/14/16 Su 1-4 pm - **Seed Swap** - Faulkner County Urban Farm Project - Location: Faulkner County Library in Conway. For more info, check page 3V of the Sunday 1/17/16 Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

2/5 F - **Sandwiching in History Tour** - First Presbyterian Church 800 Scott Street

1/21/16- From Arkansas Times: Rutledge loses another Clean Air fight; Sierra Club cheers - by Max Brantley

1/21/16 - Federal Court Rejects Fossil Fuel Industry Effort to Delay Clean Power Plan Implementation

1/21/16 - Arkansas Sierra Club Response to AG Rutledge's "Mats" Opposition

1/21 Th - Conway - 6:30-8 pm - **Lake Conway-Point Remove Watershed** Alliance public meeting - Media Room on 2nd floor of the Conway Police Department. Watershed plan questions-answers; volunteers who want to participate, For more info, check page 2V of the Sunday 1/17/16 Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

1/19 Tu - LR - **Sierra Club Event: CAG meeting**

1/8 F - Bull Shoals - Tim Ernst slide shows - For additional info, go to <http://timernst.com/slideprograms.html>

1/4 - 1/11 - Batesville (Lyon College) - **Wilderness First Responder** class - For more info, check the [First Aid web page](#). Provider: SOLO.

1/6 W - **College Distinguished Lecture Series** - LR - Clinton School - Senator **David Pryor** will be interviewed by Skip Rutherford.

1/1/16 F - New Year's Day - A number of state parks are scheduling **First Day hikes**.

**Christmas Tree Drop-off:** Go to <http://www.agfc.com/Pages/googleSearch.aspx?q=christmas> for info on where you can drop-off trees.