

2018

Normally, 118 of the 417 national parks charge an entrance fee. (The other 299 national parks do not have entrance fees.) For 2018, the National Park Service has announced that the following dates will be entrance fee-free days. For more info, go to <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/12-12-2017-fee-free-days-2018.htm>

January 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
April 21 – First Day of National Park Week
September 22 – National Public Lands Day
November 11 – Veterans Day

1/1 - New Years Day

1/1 - M - Multiple "First Day" Walks and Hikes conducted by a number of State Parks. Go to ar.gov and select Visitors > State Parks for more info.

1/2 - Tu at 2 pm (time & date may change!) - ADEQ Public Hearing on **Regional Haze SIP Revision** - 5301 Northshore Drive, NLR - Written comments should be mailed to Tricia Treece, Office of Air Quality, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. Electronic comments should be sent to: treecep@adeq.state.ar.us, with a reference to :REGIONAL HAZE: SIP REVISION" IN THE SUBJECT LINE.

1/15 - M - Martin Luther King Jr Day

1/15 - M - National Park Service fee-free day posted (on events page)

1/16 - T - Sierra Club - **Central Arkansas Group (CAG) Meeting** - Little Rock

1/22 M – 6 pm – Conway – Courthouse Courtroom A – Faulkner County Election Commission will discuss merging polls into vote centers.

1/22 M – 7pm - Conway - Arkansas River Valley Audubon Society meeting – Program: Arkansas bats - Hendrix Reynolds Center for Life Sciences Room 010

2/5 – Greenbrier – info meeting on proposed sales tax increase (3/8%) to fund a new fire station and (1/8%) for park improvements, prior to the Feb. 13 special election. Info meeting follows the City Council meeting, which starts at 6:30 pm in the courtroom at City Hall.

2/13 Tu – Faulkner County Special Election (Greenbrier and Vilonia)

2/14 - W - Valentine's Day

2/15 Th – Little Rock - deadline for groups to sign up for the annual Little Rock Beautiful – City-Wide

Cleanup, which will be conducted 3/10 from 8 am to noon.

2/19 - M - Presidents Day (Observed)

2/20 - T - Sierra Club - **Central Arkansas Group (CAG) Meeting** - Little Rock

2/21 - W - FREE Sierra Club **bus trip to Kansas City**, to tell **EPA** we want cleaner air and cleaner power. Leaving out of Little Rock, at 6 am, picking up folks in Conway and Fayetteville along the way. Click the link below for more info and to RSVP: **Sierra Club Bus Trip to KC: Defend The Clean Power Plan!**

2/22 - Th - Candidate Registration for 5/25 Primary Election Starts

3/1 - Th - Candidate Registration for 5/25 Primary Election Ends

3/3 to 3/11 - Wye Mountain Daffodil Festival

3/11 - Su - Daylight Savings Time (DST) Begins

3/20 - T - Spring Equinox

3/20 - T - Sierra Club - **Central Arkansas Group (CAG) Meeting** - Little Rock

3/22 - Th - World Water Day - worldwaterday.org

4/11 W – 5 to 6 pm - Check out how your 2nd Congressional District candidates--Gwen Combs, Jonathan Dunkley, Clarke Tucker, and Paul Spencer--stack up on important environmental issues. Listen at 88.3 FM in Central Arkansas, or stream online at www.kabf.org

4/01 - Su - Easter

Little Rock is hosting a series of public meetings (6 to 7:30 pm) to gather public input about **proposed infrastructure projects** for 2019-2021. For more info, check page 7B of the Sunday 4/6 Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

4/12 Th – Hall High Media Center, 6700 H St

4/16 M – Southwest Community Center, 6401 West Baseline Road

4/23 M – Pankey Center, 13700 Cantrell

4/26 Th – Highland Valley United Methodist Church, 15524 Chenal Parkway

4/27 F – Dunbar Community Center, 1001 West 16th St

4/30 M – Henderson United Methodist Church, 13000 West Baseline Road

5/7 M – Center at University Park, 6401 West 12th St

4/17 - T - Sierra Club - **Central Arkansas Group (CAG) Meeting** - Little Rock

4/21 - Sa - **National Park Service fee-free day**

4/22 - Su - Earth Day

5/05 - 5/06 - Sa-Su - **Wilderness First Aid Class in Little Rock**

5/07 - M - Early Voting starts

5/12 - Sa - 8 am - 2 pm - Master Gardeners Plant Sale at the Expo Center, 2505 E. Oak, Conway

5/13 - Su - Mothers Day

5/15 - T - Sierra Club - **Central Arkansas Group (CAG) Meeting** - Little Rock

5/21 - M - Early Voting ends

5/22 - T - Primary Election Day

5/28 - M - Memorial Day

5/30 - W - **Jacksonville** - 4:00-7:00 P.M. - **Hwy 89 Improvement** - Public Involvement Meeting - North Pulaski County Community Complex, 5705 West Republican Rd:

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) and Metroplan will hold **public involvement meetings** in Jacksonville and Mayflower to present and discuss a corridor study to improve State Highway 89 between Conway and Cabot. The study seeks to determine the need for and feasibility of a continuous State Highway 89 corridor. The focus of the study is to make State Highway 89 a key component of the regional arterial network, providing a continuous east-west corridor from Interstate 40 to U.S. Highway 67 north of Camp Robinson. The public is invited to visit any time during the scheduled hours to view displays, ask questions and offer comments. The meeting will follow an open house format.

5/31 - Th - **Mayflower** - 5:00-8:00 P.M. - **Hwy 89 Improvement** - Public Involvement Meeting - Mayflower City Hall, 2 Ashmore Dr., Mayflower, AR - See above writeup.

5/31 - Th - **Batesville** - 9:30 am - 12 noon - Arkansas Natural Resources Commission Meeting to discuss development of a Watershed Management Plan for the Middle White River - UofA Community College Independence Hall Banquet Room

6/2 - Sa - National Trails Day

6/17 - Su - Fathers Day

6/19 - T - Sierra Club - **Central Arkansas Group (CAG) Meeting** - Little Rock

6/21 - Th - Summer Solstice

7/04 - W - Independence Day

Mountain - the movie - started showing in the US May 2018. The closest location I've found is St. Louis. Keep an eye out for more local showings. Go to mountainthefilm.com to watch the trailer and find other locations.

For more info on **ARDOT Meetings** - or for changes, go to:

<http://www.arkansashighways.com/>

7/9 M - 4 to 7 pm - **Cabot** - ARDOT Public Involvement Meeting - Corridor Study Meeting about Improving Highway 89 between Conway and Cabot - Veterans Park Event Center, 508 N Lincoln

7/10 Tu - 4 to 7 pm - **Danville** - ARDOT Public Involvement Meeting - Hwy. 10 - Hwy. 7 (Safety Impvts.)(Sel. Secs.)(Hwy. 27) ARDOT

Maintenance Shop, 12507 North Highway 27

7/12 Th - 4 to 7 pm - **North Little Rock** - ARDOT Public Involvement - I-530 - Hwy. 67 (Widening & Reconst.) (I-30 & I-40) - Wyndham Riverfront (Silver City Rooms), 2 Riverfront Place

7/17 - T - Sierra Club - **Central Arkansas Group (CAG) Meeting** - Little Rock

7/17 Tu - 4 to 7 pm - **Yellville** - ARDOT Public Involvement Meeting - Highway 412 Corridor Study from the Oklahoma state line to the Missouri state line - First Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, 104 W. 3rd St.

7/18 W - 4 to 7 pm - **Ash Flat** - ARDOT Public Involvement Meeting - Highway 412 Corridor Study from the Oklahoma state line to the Missouri state line - First Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, 104 W. 3rd St. - Ash Flat Community Center, Community Meeting Room, 20 Arnhart St.

7/19 Th - 4 to 7 pm - **Huntsville** - ARDOT Public Involvement Meeting - Highway 412 Corridor Study from the Oklahoma state line to the Missouri state line - Carroll Electric Building, Conference Room, 5056 Hwy. 412 B

7/19 Th - 4 to 7 pm - **Little Rock** - ARDOT Public Involvement Meeting - Widening Hwy 10 between Pleasant Ridge Rd. & Pleasant Valley Dr. and improving I-430 Interchange - Christ the King Catholic Church (Family Life Center), 4000 N. Rodney Parham Road

August - No CAG meeting in August

9/03 - M - Labor Day

9/11 Tu - 10 am - 12 pm - National Drive Electric Week Event - Location: Clinton Presidential Library Center, 1200 President Clinton Ave, Little Rock - For more info, go to:

<https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1357> - For National Drive Electric Week Events

Across the US, go to:

<https://driveelectricweek.org/?s=sc10>

9/18 - T - Sierra Club - **Central Arkansas Group (CAG) Meeting** - Little Rock

9/18 - T - 4 to 7 pm - ARDoT Public Involvement Meeting to discuss proposed design plans for widening Hwy 10 (Sam Peck - Pleasant Valley). Meeting location: Christ the King Catholic Church (Family Life Center), 4000 N. Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock. ...consider stopping by this meeting on your way to the CAG meeting to review the plans and provide your comments to ARDoT.

For more info, go

to <http://www.arkansashighways.com/>

9/22 - Sa - **National Park Service fee-free day**

9/22 - Sa - Autumnal Equinox

10/08 - M - Columbus Day (Observed)

10/16 - T - Sierra Club - **Central Arkansas Group (CAG) Meeting** - Little Rock

10/22 - M - Early Voting starts

10/23 - Tu - LR - AR-DoT Public Involvement Meeting - Proposed bridge replacement on Hwy 10 over Gill Street and the UP Railroad. Location: AR School for the Deaf, Nutt Athletic Complex, 400 W Markham Street.

10/27-28/18 – Sa-Su – Air Show at Little Rock Air Force Base - (Gates Open) 8:30 am – 4 pm – Free admission and parking – The largest science festival in Arkansas, Army Golden Knights, C-130 Combat Demo, Air Force Thunderbirds -

thunderovertherock.com

10/30/18 – Tu – 4 – 7 pm – AR DOT Public Involvement Meeting - Conway Expo Center, 2505 E Oak – Meeting to discuss improvements for Hwy 65B (Dave Ward) from I-40 to Harkrider

10/31 - W - Halloween

11/04 - Su - Daylight Savings Time (DST) ends

11/05 - M - Early Voting ends

11/06 - T - Election Day

11/11 - Su - Veterans Day

11/11 - Su - **National Park Service fee-free day**

11/13 - Tu - 2 pm - NLR - The Beautiful **Buffalo River** Action Committee (BBRAC) will hold its 2018 fourth quarter meeting at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). The meeting will take place in the ADEQ Headquarters Commission Room located at 5301 Northshore Drive in North Little Rock. For more info, go to

<https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/poa/pi/news.aspx>

AR-DoT Public Involvement Meetings - To discuss location alternatives for the **Southwest Trail**

(bicycle and pedestrian path) connecting the City of Hot Springs with the City of Little Rock. For mre info, go to <http://www.arkansashighways.com/>

11/13 - Tu - 4 to 7 pm - Bentn High School Campus (Professional Development Center), 211 North Border Street, Benton

11/14 - W - 4 to 7 pm - Embassy Suites by Hilton (Grand Salon), 400 Convention Boulevard, Hot Springs

11/15 Th - 4 to 7 pm - The Center at University Park (Banquet Hall), 6401 West 12th Street, Little Rock

11/15 - Th - 4 – 7 pm – AR DOT Public Involvement Meeting - Mayflower First Baptist Church, 4 Hwy 89 North – Meeting to discuss the proposed Union Pacific Railroad overpass and realignment of Hwy 89

11/20 - T - Sierra Club - **Central Arkansas Group (CAG) Meeting** - Little Rock

11/22 - Th - Thanksgiving Day

12/2 - Su - North Little Rock Christmas Parade

12/5 - W - Conway - Sierra Club & Beer

12/6 - Th - 1 pm - LR - The state Plant Board, at its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting, will discuss the use of dicamba products in Arkansas and the need, if any, for changes to Arkansas's current dicamba regulations. All meetings are open to the public and will take place at the Arkansas Agriculture Department located at 1 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR, 72205.

12/6 - Th - Conway - **AR-DoT Public Involvement Meeting** - To discuss a connector improvements study for improvements between Hwy 64 and Hwy 65. Where: Conway Expo and Event Center, 2505 E Oak

12/8 - Sa - Conway - Final **UCA Plantarium show** duiring Fall semester

12/25/17 - M - Christmas Day

12/21/17 - Winter Solstice

12/18 - T - No CAG meeting in December

12/21 - F - Winter Solstice

12/25 - T - Christmas