

## What's New (Items posted on the Arkansas Chapter Web Site in 2015)

### POSTED IN DECEMBER 2015

- 12/28 - 2015 December Flooding along the Arkansas River
- 12/28 - College Distinguished Lecture Series list updated (next one is 1/6/16)
- 12/18 - C&H Hog Farms - Environmental Assessment (EA) is now Available
- - - Comment period ends on January 18, 2016
- 12/15 - EPA Court Victory for Clean Air (Arkansas Times) with Glen Hooks comments
- 12/13- Fayetteville - regional park at Kessler Mountain's base
- 12/5 - The News > Environment-Outdoors web page has been split into several sub-pages.
- 12/2 - New History Tours for 2016 have been added to History Tours web page

### POSTED IN NOVEMBER 2015

- 11/23 - USS Hoga arrives at the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum
- 11/22 - AHTD I-30 Corridor (to Benton) Public Involvement Meetings Scheduled
- 11/22 - Update on Location of the USS Hoga
- 11/22 - Fayetteville - Use of chemicals to retard growth
- 11/21 - Outdoor Ice Rink Opens in Bentonville
- 11/21 - Nature Center Planned for Springdale
- 11/21 - Registration of Drones
- 11/16 - Natural State News, a statewide multimedia journalism collaboration
- 11/15 - Clean Line Transmission Project Final Environmental Impact Statement maps available
- 11/10 - Deer Saved From Cistern Tank
- 11/6 - News Hits Relating to Keystone Pipeline Rejection
- 11/3 - Press Release - U.S. District Court Rules For Sierra Club; Sets Final Date For Clean Air Plan

### POSTED IN OCTOBER 2015

- 10/26 - Sierra Club - Arkansas - \$20.15 for 2015 Campaign
- 10/24 - Additional links to news hits added to News > Chapter in the News web page
- 10/23 Information on intern positions for senators, congressmen, state offices updated
- 10/22- AHTD public involvement meeting on I-30 expansion through Little Rock.
- 10/22 - Press Release - AR Sierra Club Applauds Finalized Clean Power Plan; Responds To Latest Frivolous Attack By AG Rutledge
- 10-19 to 10/22 AHTD meetings on Long Range Intermodal Transportation Plan (LRITP)
- Use of methyl bromide [posted 10/19/15]
- Additional events added to Events-non-Club page [posted 10/18]
- 10/15 - Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge claims that Sierra Club can't sue the EPA to enforce clean air laws because we are "essentially an out-of-state organization trying to put their own policies into regulations here in Arkansas." Click here for Sierra Club - Arkansas Director Glen Hooks' response.
- [\*\*10/15 - Mud slide blocks highway in California\*\*] [posted 10/17]
- 10/16-17 - F-Sa - Virtual Reality demo at UALR [posted 10/12]
- 10/14-15 W-Th - E-waste Collection Event at Verizon Arena [posted 10/11]
- 10/18 - Morrilton Train Station 100th Anniversary - museum tours, etc/ [posted 10/12]

### POSTED IN SEPTEMBER 2015

- USS Hoga completes first leg of journey to NLR [posted 9/29]
- 9/29 Tu - Jasper - C&H Hog Farm Public Hearing
- College Distinguished Lecture Series info added to History Tours web page [posted 9/26]
- USDA Awards Grant for Rice co-op Plan [posted 9/20]
- Arkansas has too Many Trees? [posted 9/20]
- Invasive Species - Crapemyrtle Bark Scale identified in Arkansas [posted 9/19]
- Additional ADEQ Hearings/Meetings Scheduled [posted 9/13]
- Court rips EPA for approving Dow insecticide linked to honeybee deaths [posted 9/13]
- Millions of Gallons of Deadly Industrial Wastewater Spilled Across U.S. [posted 9/13]
- Brief description of 9/12 Walks Through History tour of Tital II ICBM Launch Complex [posted 9/12]

### POSTED IN AUGUST 2015

- Rising waters eroding beaches and town of Kivalina, Alaska [posted 8/31]

Additional Astronomy Star Parties at the Faulkner County Library added [posted 8/31]

Additional possibilities for volunteer work have been posted on the Get Involved page. [posted 8/26]

New BS Degree Program in Environmental Science (at Arkansas Tech University) Announced [posted 8/23]

Monarch Butterfly Preservation [posted 8/20]

Vast areas of the ground in California's Central Valley are sinking faster than in the past as massive amounts of groundwater are being pumped during the current drought. ...[READ MORE](#) [posted 8/19]

Sept. 8-12 - Volunteers needed for Little Rock historic property survey [posted 8/16]

See the indicated Sunday Arkansas Democrat-Gazette for the next two items:

8/9 - Blame the market for killing coal -Michael Bloomberg editorial on page 2H in Perspective section.

8/9 - Ozarks Electric given OK to plan solar energy - Article on page 2B in Arkansas section.

#### **POSTED IN JULY 2015**

7/14 Tu - On July 14, after a 9-year journey, the New Horizons spacecraft will fly past Pluto on July 14.

Watershed water quality meetings during August - See Issues > Clean Water web page [posted 7/11]

Fracking: Report on Fracking in California Released [posted 7/9]

[\*\*New National Monuments Created in Texas, Nevada, California\*\*] [posted 7/9]

Washington County Judge approves wind farm. For more information, click [HERE](#). [posted 7/7]

[\*\*JBS USA to buy Cargill's US-based pork business. (Effect on hog farm in Buffalo River Watershed is unknown.) For more information, click [HERE](#).\*\*] [posted 7/7]

The EPA announced Thursday that it had awarded \$558,258 to ADEQ to monitor fine particulate matter. Refer to the Sunday July 5 Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (page11A) for more information. [posted 7/5]

Sierra Club President Aaron Mair's statement on diversity [posted 7/1]

[\*\*(web) site map has been updated to reflect current site. Click here for guide to what items are on the web site and where they are located.\*\*] [posted 7/1]

#### **POSTED IN JUNE 2015**

Amazeum - Little Rock has the Museum of Discovery. Starting July 15, Bentonville will have the new Amazeum. For more information, go to [amazeum.org](http://amazeum.org) [posted 6/30]

Little Rock - New Hiking Trail - Wildwood Park's new 1.9 mile Wild 40 trail is now open to the public [posted 6/28]

Springdale - Proposed Trail - City officials held a meeting at the Jones Center to obtain public comment on location of a new trail (estimated cost of \$5 M) to extend north from the Center. Another such meeting will be held Tuesday 6/9 from 4 to 6:30 pm at the same location. [posted 6/4]

Little Rock - A natural gas pipeline ruptured east of I-30 bridge Sunday morning May 30, closing two miles of the Arkansas River - For more info, go to <http://www.arktimes.com/ArkansasBlog/archives/2015/06/02/natural-gas-pipeline-ruptures-east-of-i-30-bridge-closing-two-miles-of-arkansas-river> - The Arkansas River is now expected to crest at Little Rock Thursday morning June 4 at 4 am, with water flowing closer to 400,000 cfs (cubic feet per second) than the normal 20,000 cfs. Determining what happened may be delayed. (See info and photos on the News > Environment > Outdoors web page.) [posted 6/2]

2015 Spring Flooding Along the Arkansas River (moved to News > Environment - Outdoors page 6/6)

#### **POSTED IN MAY 2015**

10/3 Sa - CAG/Pinnacle Mountain State Park - Fall 2015 Canoe Cleanup [added 5/30]

May 17 - National Sierra Club officers for 2015-2016 announced

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