

Ozark Mountain Scramble Fall Ride

Saturday night, October 5 rendezvous in Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Thursday night, Oct 10 arrive back in Eureka Springs

Logistics suggestions: Leaving Chicagoland Friday mid-afternoon and riding to St Louis would leave a nice easy ride on Saturday and put you into Eureka to settle in and enjoy dinner and Saturday night entertainment. You could ride St Louis to Rolla on I-44, then cut south on Rt 63 to Rt 60. Rt 60 East to Rt 65 south to EE. Zig over to 160, 13, 86, then 123 which would put you in Eureka Springs. At the end of the ride, waking up in Eureka on Friday the 11th. You'd have lots of options – some off-road riding in the area, a Eureka rest day, or a couple of days to get back to Chicago and still have Sunday at home. There has been some discussion of trailering as an option.

LODGING – BOOK NOW!!

Eureka Springs, 2 nights, check in Sat Oct 5 and check out Mon Oct 7

1. Tall Pines Inn, 3 Pivot Rock Rd. (across from the Rowdy Beaver) ph.: 479-253-8096
<http://www.tallpinesinn.com> \$100/104/144/154
2. Country Mountain Inn, 4112 E Van Buren St, 479-253-7120 \$84
3. 1886 Crescent Hotel, 75 Prospect Ave ph. 855-725-5720 “America’s Most Haunted Hotel”
<https://crescent-hotel.com>. Weekend rate (Fri/Sat) applies to Sat so its \$400 for Sun/Mon
4. Swiss Village Inn Econolodge still have some rooms if needed

Dardanelle, AR Mt Nebo State Park, 2 nights, check in Mon Oct 7 and check out Wed Oct 9

16728 State Hwy 155, Dardanelle, AR 72834 ph. 479-229-3655 or book online
www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/mount-nebo-state-park

Hot Springs, AR, 1 night, check in Wed Oct 9 and check out Thu Oct 10

1. Arlington Resort Hotel and Spa, 239 Central Ave ph. 501-623-7771
www.arlingtonhotel.com book online, in notes ask for 7th floor/pool floor, specify if over 50 or AAA for 10% discount and breakfast included.
2. Backup hotel: Best Western Winners Circle, 2520 Central Ave. ph. 501-624-2531

Eureka Springs, 1 night check in Thu Oct 10, check out Fri Oct 11

1886 Crescent Hotel, 75 Prospect Ave ph. 855-725-5720 “America’s Most Haunted Hotel”
<https://crescent-hotel.com> Biker rate applies for weekdays \$129/night

THE RIDES!!

Routes being finalized; details and GPX will be forthcoming.

SUNDAY, OCT 6

Sunday morning we'll head east to enjoy the backroads of central Arkansas. Highlight will be the **Push Mountain Rd**, AR-14 and 341, tight curves and knee-checking stretches of pavement, as well as gorgeous scenery. Little traffic, known locally as "the serpent". Planning around 300 miles, returning to Eureka Springs in time for dinner, hot tub, maybe the ghost tour at the Crescent Hotel.

MONDAY, OCT 7

Check out of hotel, head south on 23 to rendezvous for breakfast at Granny's Kitchen in Huntsville. Route will include AR-74 over to Jasper, south a bit into Ozark National Forest, east, working our way over to AR-23, **The Arkansas Pig Trail Scenic Bi-way**. USA Today Reader's Choice rates this as the #2 ride in the US. This is a beautiful mountain ride with nice elevation changes and switches; we'll be riding under a canopy of Fall foliage. Once we get near the Arkansas River we'll head east (either on N or S side of river. May catch a piece of the Mt Magazine Scenic Byway, enroute to town of Dardanelle. We'll climb 5 or 6 steep miles (e.g. 18%) up Mt Nebo to the state park and check in to our cabins for two nights. (Kitchens in each but no restaurant up top, but there will be adult beverages and hot tub(s).

TUESDAY, OCT 8

Heading North to start today's loop, the Bayou Bluff recreation area to Tilly, then Ar-16 through Witt Springs and Ben Hur. A stop at **Pedestal Rock** then through San Gap and on to AR-123, another really nice road. Probably stop for lunch in Clarksville and cross the river to do the full **Mount Magazine Scenic Byway and the loop**. On through Havana, Danville, and back North to Mt Nebo State Park for the night. Around 200 miles as it currently stands.

WEDNESDAY, OCT 9

Check out. Today we'll head south and west, enjoying the **Ouachita National Forest**. We'll get over to east of Mena to Queen Wilhelmina Park and the Talimena Scenic Drive before riding back east to Hot Springs National Park. Check in to Arlington Resort Hotel in Hot Springs, on the pool and hot tub floor. You may want to enjoy a mineral bath Wednesday evening. Route for the day is around 230 miles – may add an option that bumps that up.

THURSDAY, OCT 10

Check out and leave Hot Springs for a great ride back to Eureka Springs. The route includes AR-7, a popular bike road, and will definitely include **Arkansas Grand Canyon** and **The Arkansas Dragon**. May include **The Toad Suck Run**. Probably loop through Huntsville and could stop at

my friend Junior Bollinger's *Church Street Bar and Grill*. Then up to Eureka and check back into hotel for the night. Currently at around 225 miles.

FRIDAY, OCT 11

Formal ride ends (tux and evening gowns were not required). Take it from here for your trip home.



Looking forward to a great ride. The more the merrier! Please RSVP to:

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