

# Ozark – St. Francis National Forests

*Boston Mountain Ranger District - Arkansas*

Campground  
Hiking



## White Rock Mountain Recreation Area

Southern National Forests

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### Attractions:

The Boston Mountain Ranger District is located within the heart of the Boston Mountain range of the Ozarks. This area offers rugged mountain bluffs and spectacular scenery.

Step into the past by visiting the three natural stone cabins and the lodge on White Rock Mountain built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). President Franklin D. Roosevelt formed the CCC during the Great Depression. Wind, rain, and natural elements caused the deterioration of the buildings over the years. In 1987 a volunteer group, Friends of White Rock, began a project to renovate the structures. With a lot of hard work, the cabins and lodge were restored in 1991. Visitors to White Rock Mountain enjoy scenic views from the cabins.

White Rock Mountain is 2,260 feet above sea level and received its name from the appearance of the lichen on the sheer bluffs that look white from a distance. High bluffs surround this area. Please use caution while along the bluff line, especially with small children.

### Surrounding Areas:

White Rock Mountain is the hub of several trail systems. It offers a 13.4-mile loop trail south to Shores Lake and returns to intersect with the Ozark Highlands Trail. Around the rim of the mountaintop is a 1.5-mile loop trail.

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### Facilities:

- 3 rental cabins and a lodge. All three feature stone fireplaces and original furniture. The lodge can accommodate up to 30 people a night and is accessible to the physically challenged. The cabins can be rented year-round. *Call White Rock Mountain Concessionaire at (501) 369-4128 for reservations at the cabins and lodge.*
- 8 family camping units with tent pads and fire pits.
- 8 family picnicking units.
- Drinking water.
- Vault toilets.

### Fees:

User fees and regulations are posted at the self-service pay station.

### Location:

Take Arkansas 215 north from Mulberry for 15 miles, then follow Forest Service Road 1505 (paved for 0.5 mile, then gravel) for 8 miles, then turn left (west) on Forest Service Road 1003 (gravel) for 2.5 miles.

### For more information, contact:

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