

Ouachita National Forest

Arkansas - Oklahoma

Lake Ouachita Vista Trail (LOViT)



Trail Highlights: This 4.7-mile segment of the Lake Ouachita Vista Trail (LOViT) travels from south to north along the eastern shore of Lake Ouachita's Denby Bay. Plans call for the trail to extend 35 or 40 miles along the shores of Lake Ouachita, running through private resorts and public campgrounds and linking up with the Charlton trail to the east.

The trail is a popular day-trip, traveling up, down and along mountain slopes through a mixed hardwood and pine forest, opening up at several places to spectacular views of the lake before you. Beautiful displays of wildflowers await hikers and bikers during the spring and summer months.

Along the trail, pits left by quartz speculators and the remains of a moonshiner's still are evidence of the area's colorful history.

Surrounding Areas:

- **Lake Ouachita** offers visitors a broad array of water sports opportunities, restaurants, and overnight accommodations.
- Camp, swim, and picnic at **Tompkins Bend Recreation Area** (closed in winter) on **Lake Ouachita**.
- **Charlton Recreation Area** (closed in winter) 5 miles east of the Trail on Highway 270 also offers opportunities for camping swimming and hiking. The **Charlton Trail** begins at **Charlton Recreation Area** and ends at **Crystal Springs Campground** on **Lake Ouachita**.

For More Information:

Womble Visitor Information and Ranger Station
1523 Highway 270 East
Mount Ida, AR 71957
(870) 867-2101
(1 mile east of Mount Ida on U.S. Highway 270.)

Length: 4.7 miles, one way.

Travel time one- way: About 2 to 2.5 hours across a trail of various grades.

Surface type: Unsurfaced.

Difficulty Level: Easy to moderate.

Recommended Season: Fall through spring.

Safety: Treat water from springs, streams and lakes before drinking.

Directions: From Hot Springs, go west on Hwy 270 for 21 miles, turn right on County Rd 162 (road to Tompkins Bend Recreation Area). Follow 162 (Trail's End Road) for 0.8 mile to the south trailhead. Or stay on Hwy 949-3 (toward Tompkins Bend Recreation Area) for 2.4 miles to the north trailhead.

From Mount Ida, go east on Hwy 270 for 8.3 miles, turn left on County Rd 162 and follow the above directions to the trailhead of your choice.

Trail Marking: White rectangles.

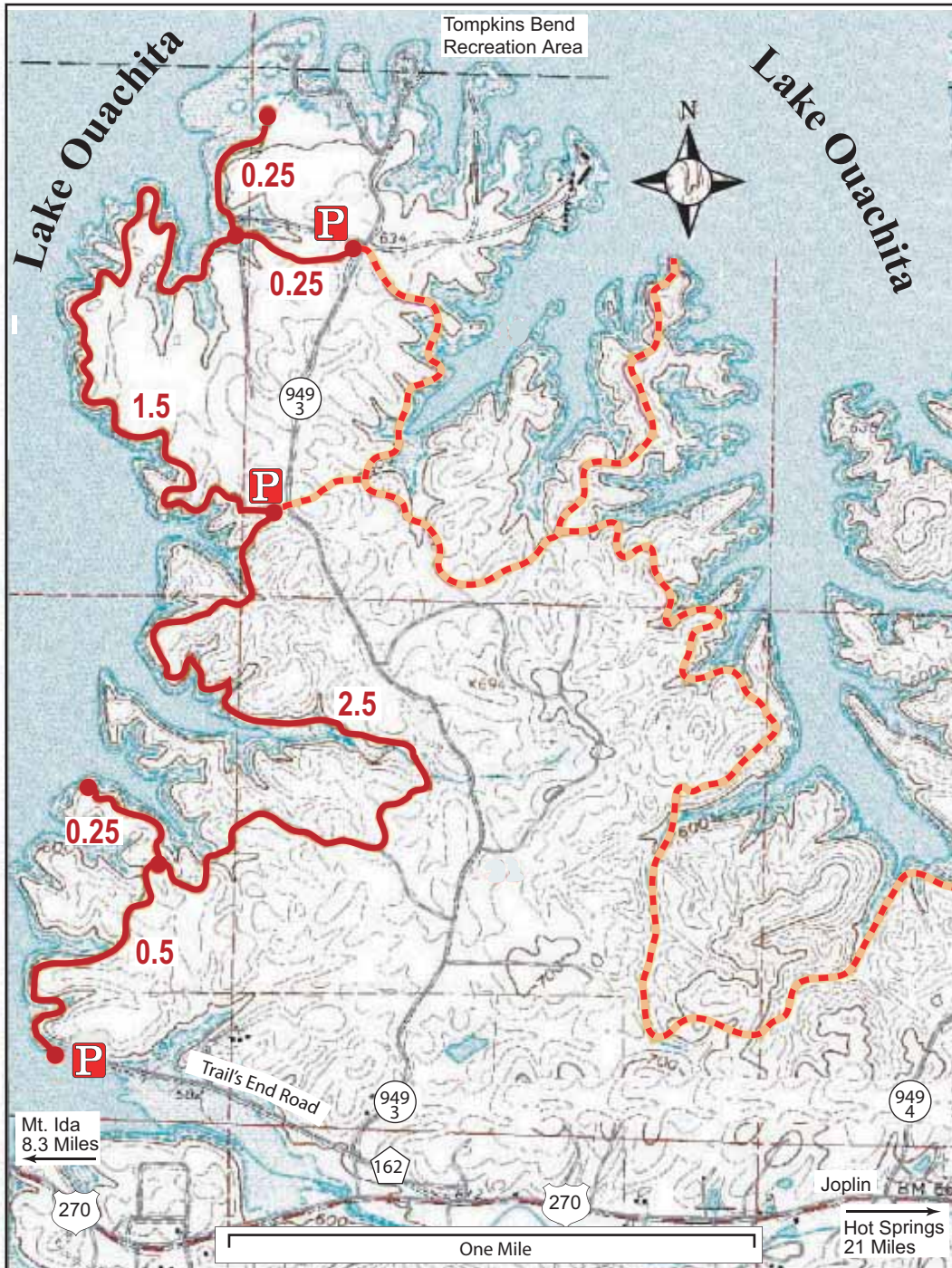
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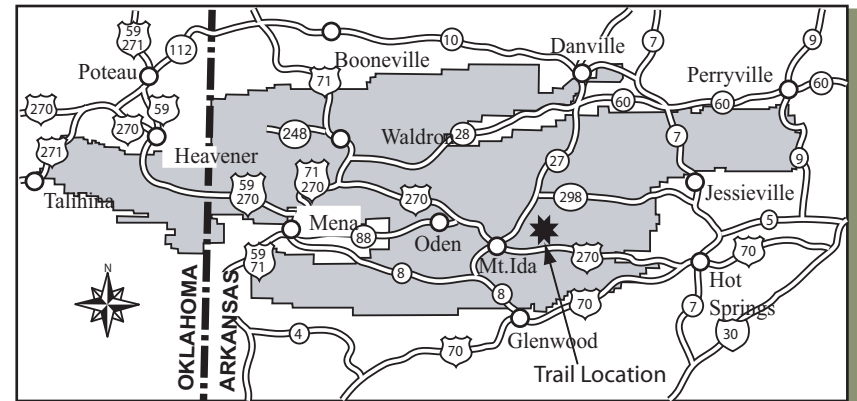




USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle: McGraw Mountain

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	Existing Trail with Segment Mileage		Federal Highway
	Proposed Trail Approx. Location		County Road
	Parking		State Road

The Lake Ouachita Vista Trail is a joint project of the Lake Ouachita Focus Committee, Montgomery County, Mount Ida Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery County Health Advisory Board, Lake Ouachita Resort Owners Association, Arkansas Game and Fish, Arkansas Parks and Tourism, Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Ouachita National Forest.