Welcome to the 54-mile Talimena Scenic Drive which spans one of the highest mountain ranges between the Appalachians and the Rockies. One breathtaking panorama follows another as this national forest scenic byway winds along the crests of forested mountains between Mena, AR and Talihina, OK. No matter what your preferred recreational activity is, the Scenic Drive and the Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation Area are sure to please every visitor.

Attractions:
Enjoy a number of historic sites such as Rich Mountain Fire Tower, the highest peak (2,681 feet) on the Ouachita National Forest, Horsethief Springs, Old Military Road, and the Choctaw Nation/State Line Historical Monument.

Visit the Kerr Nature Center and walk one of the self-guided nature trails. Check out one of the two visitor information stations on each end of the drive, which offer a variety of nature study materials for sale as well as free handouts.

The Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation Area and six other congressionally designated areas in Oklahoma offer the public a full range of recreational and educational opportunities.

Visit Queen Wilhelmina State Park, operated by the Arkansas Department Parks and Tourism Department. Guest accommodations include a restaurant, meeting room and hotel. For more information on the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, call 1-800-628-8725 or visit www.arkansas.com.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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52175 U.S. Highway 59
Hodgen, OK 74939
918-653-2991

Mena Ranger District
1603 Hwy. 71 N.
Mena, AR 71953
(479) 394-2382

Visitor Information: West End Visitor Information Station, Talihina, OK, and East End Visitor Information Station, Mena, AR.


Camping: Winding Stair Campground, Queen Wilhelmina State Park, Billy Creek Recreation Area, Cedar Lake Recreation Area

Trails: Ouachita National Recreation Trail, Billy Creek Trail, Cedar Lake Equestrian Trails, Horsethief Springs Trail, Boardstand Trail, Orchard Interpretive Trail, Earthquake Ridge Trail, Old Military Road Trail, Dwarf Oak Trail, Kerr Trails.

Restrooms: East and West End Visitor Information Centers, Old Military Road, Horsethief Springs, Winding Stair Campground, Kerr Nature Center, Queen Wilhelmina State Park, Cedar Lake Recreation Area, Billy Creek Campground.

Requirements: Pack it in, pack it out.