**Directions to Places & Trails**

**Hot Springs National Park**

## **Stonebridge and Rick’s Pond**

### Driving

From the Visitor Center head north on Central Ave toward the Arlington Hotel. Stay on Central Ave following the curve to the right onto Park Ave. Stay on Park Ave for 2.1 miles. You will see a Micky’s BBQ on the right-hand side. As soon as you pass Micky’s, turn left onto Stonebridge Rd. You will see Rick’s Pond on the left and a parking area.

## **Gulpha Gorge Campground**

### Driving

From the Visitor Center there are two ways to get to the campground.

If the vehicle is facing North on Central Ave head toward the Arlington Hotel. Stay on Central Ave following the curve to the right onto Park Ave. Stay on Park Ave for 2.1 miles. You will see a Micky’s BBQ on the right-hand side. Turn right onto AR-7 Spur (Gorge Road), right pass Micky’s. Continue to follow Gorge Road, the campground will be on the right.

If the vehicle is facing South, continue south on Central Ave toward Reserve St (It will be the next stoplight down from the Visitor Center). Turn left onto Reserve St. Continue up Reserve St and turn left onto Spring St. At the stoplight, turn left onto E Grand Ave. From here you can cross E Grand Ave by the Red Roof Inn on the left to the service road or take Exit 1 or 2 on the right.

By Red Roof Inn = Follow the service road to the stop sign, turn left on Gorge Rd and the campground is on the left.

Exit 1 or 2 = Follow the service road to the stop sign, turn left, go under the bridge to the stop sign. Go straight on Gorge Rd and the campground is on the left.

## **West Mountain Summit**

### Driving

From the Visitor Center there are two ways to get to the West Mountain Summit Sunset Trailhead.

If the vehicle is facing North on Central Ave head toward the Arlington Hotel. Pass the hotel, turn left on Whittington Ave (by the second water fountain). The road will be divided into a one-way street, stay to the right on Whittington. Turn left onto West Mountain Dr. Follow the road around the mountain and turn right onto West Mountain Summit Dr. Follow the road up the mountain, parking will be at the top to the right.

If facing south, head south on Central Ave toward Mountain St (right pass the second stop light), turn right onto Prospect Ave. Drive though the residential area then turn right onto West Mountain Dr. Follow the road up the mountain and turn left onto West Mountain Summit Dr. Follow the road to the top, parking will be at the top of the mountain to the right.

## **North Mountain Overlook**

### Driving

From the Visitor Center head north on Central Ave toward the Arlington Hotel. At the stoplight turn right on Fountain St. Pass the Grand Promenade Trailhead. Turn right onto Hot Springs Mountain Dr. Follow the road up the mountain. Pass the picnic area and the Pavilion. Continue to drive down Hot Springs Mountain Dr. Stay straight towards North Mountain Loop. You will pass a shelter on the right. Parking will be at the top on the right.

## **Pavilion and Picnic Area**

### Driving

From the Visitor Center head north on Central Ave toward the Arlington Hotel. At the stoplight turn right on Fountain St. Pass the Grand Promenade Trailhead. Turn right onto Hot Springs Mountain Dr. Follow the road up the mountain. When at the top, you will see parking for the picnic area and the Pavilion.

## **Mountain Tower**

### Driving

From the Visitor Center head north on Central Ave toward the Arlington Hotel. At the stoplight turn right on Fountain St. Pass the Grand Promenade Trailhead. Turn right onto Hot Springs Mountain Dr. Follow the road up the mountain, you will see the Pavilion on the right, turn left to go to the Mountain Tower.

## **Whittington Park**

### Driving

From the Visitor Center head north on Central Ave toward the Arlington Hotel. Pass the hotel, turn left on Whittington Ave (by the second water fountain). The road will be divided into a one-way street, stay to the right on Whittington. Go around Whittington Park to the stop sign. Turn left. Park alongside the road by the Whittington Cold Water Jug Station. Whittington Park is across the street.

## **Balanced Rock**

### Driving

From the Visitor Center head north on Central Ave toward the Arlington Hotel. Pass the hotel, turn left on Whittington Ave (by the second water fountain). As soon as you turn left onto Whittington, you are going to turn right onto Cedar St. Follow Cedar St pass the school into the residential area. Turn right onto Cedarglades Rd. Follow the road up to the top on the mountain, parking for the Sunset Trail is on the right. Across the street from the parking area is the Sunset Trailhead which will take you to Balanced Rock.

### Hiking

Hike up the Sunset Trail to the intersection, go to the left to stay on the Sunset Trail or go right to Balanced Rock. Note: The trail to Balanced Rock does not loop.

## **Fordyce Peak**

### Driving

From the Visitor Center head north on Central Ave toward the Arlington Hotel. Pass the hotel, turn left on Whittington Ave (by the second water fountain). As soon as you turn left onto Whittington, you are going to turn right onto Cedar St. Follow Cedar St pass the school into the residential area. Turn right onto Cedarglades Rd. Follow the road up to the top on the mountain, parking for the Sunset Trail is on the right.

### Hiking

In the parking area you will see the Sunset Trailhead. This trail will take you to Fordyce Peaks. Hike down the Sunset Trail to the intersection, go to the right to stay on the Sunset Trail or go left to see Fordyce Peak. Note: The trail to Fordyce Peak does not loop.

## **Hot Water Cascade**

### Walking

From the Visitor Center head north on Central Ave toward the Arlington Hotel. You will come to and open field, across the street from the Arlington Hotel, these is known as the Arlington Lawn. Just left of the pavilion you will see the Hot Water Cascade. You can go to the top of the cascade by walking up the Tufa Terrace trail to the Grand Promenade.

## **Pullman Bike Trails**

### Driving

From the Visitor Center head north on Central Ave toward the Arlington Hotel. Stay on Central Ave following the curve to the right onto Park Ave. Stay on Park Ave for 1.3 miles. When you will see a Shell Gas Station on you right, turn left onto Pullman Ave. Stay left at the fork to stay on Pullman Ave. The Bike park is at the end of Pullman Ave.

Sunset Trailheads

# **North Mountain**

## **Gulpha Gorge**

### Hiking

Park by the amphitheater in the campground, walk towards Gulpha Creek which is right of the amphitheater. Cross the creek using the stone walkway. Be careful the stone can be slippery. As soon as you cross the creek, the Sunset Trailhead will be on the right.

## **Stonebridge**

### Hiking

Diagonally across the street from the parking area by Rick’s pond, continue walking up the road a short distant and you will see the Stonebridge Sunset Trailhead.

# **Sugarloaf Mountain**

## **Cedar Glades Rd**

### Driving

From the Visitor Center head north on Central Ave toward the Arlington Hotel. Pass the hotel, turn left on Whittington Ave (by the second water fountain). As soon as you turn left onto Whittington, you are going to turn right onto Cedar St. Follow Cedar St pass the school into the residential area. Turn right onto Cedarglades Rd. Follow the road up to the top on the mountain, parking for the Sunset Trail is on the right. Across the street from the parking area is the Sunset Trailhead going toward Black Snake Road and Balanced Rock. The Sunset Trailhead in the parking area goes towards Fordyce Peaks and Stonebridge.

## **Black Snake Rd**

### Driving

From the Visitor Center head north on Central Ave toward the Arlington Hotel. Pass the hotel, turn left on Whittington Ave (by the second water fountain). The road will be divided into a one-way street, stay to the right on Whittington. Go around Whittington Park to the stop sign. Turn right onto Black Snake Rd. Follow the road to the top of the mountain, parking will be on the left. Across the street from the parking area is the Sunset Trailhead going toward Cedarglades Road and Balanced Rock. The Sunset Trailhead in the parking area goes towards West Mountain Summit.

# **West Mountain**

## **West Mountain Summit**

### Driving

From the Visitor Center there are two ways to get to the West Mountain Summit Sunset Trailhead.

If the vehicle is facing North on Central Ave head toward the Arlington Hotel. Pass the hotel, turn left on Whittington Ave (by the second water fountain). The road will be divided into a one-way street, stay to the right on Whittington. Turn left onto West Mountain Dr. Follow the road around the mountain and turn right onto West Mountain Summit Dr. Follow the road up the mountain, parking and the Sunset Trailhead will be at the top to the right.

If facing south, head south on Central Ave toward Mountain St (right pass the second stop light), turn right onto Prospect Ave. Drive though the residential area then turn right onto West Mountain Dr. Follow the road up the mountain and turn left onto West Mountain Summit Dr. Follow the road to the top, parking and the Sunset Trailhead will be at the top of the mountain to the right.

Hot Springs and North Mountain Trailheads

## **Grand Promenade**

### Walking

From the Visitor Center walk between the Fordyce and the Maurice, you will see the grand staircase behind them. Go up the stair or take the ramp to the right. Both will take you to the Grand Promenade. You can also access the Grand Promenade from Reserve St and Fountain St.

From the Visitor Center head south on Central Ave toward the City of Hot Springs Visitor Center. At the end of the block take a left on Reserve St. Continue walking up the sidewalk towards the Army & Navy Hospital. You will see the staircase on the left that will take you up to the Grand Promenade.

From the Visitor Center head north on Central Ave toward the Arlington Hotel. At the stop light turn right on Fountain St. Continue walking up the sidewalk you will see a red brick road to you right, that is the Grand Promenade Trailhead.

By the Hot Water Cascade right behind the pavilion there is a staircase that will take you to two different overlooks of the cascade and to the Grand Promenade.

## **Tufa Terrace**

### Walking

From the Visitor Center walk between the Fordyce and the Maurice, you will see the grand staircase behind them. Go up the stair to the Grand Promenade. Continue up the next set of stairs. To the left is the Tufa Terrace Trailhead. Note: The Tufa Trail crosses over the Peak Trail and the Grand Promenade.

By the Hot Water Cascade, right behind the pavilion, is the Tufa Terrace Trailhead. Note: The Tufa Trail crosses over the Grand Promenade and the Peak Trail.

## **Peak Trail**

### Hiking

From the Visitor Center walk between the Fordyce and the Maurice, you will see the grand staircase behind them. Go up the stair and take a left on the Grand Promenade. Just a few yards you will see the Peak Trailhead to the right. This will take you to the Honeysuckle Trail, Hot Springs Mountain Trail and the Mountain Tower.

From the Mountain Tower, park at the tower or the picnic area. The Peak Trailhead is behind the Mountain Tower. This will take you to the Hot Springs Mountain Trail, Honeysuckle Trail, and the Grand Promenade.

## **Honeysuckle Trail**

### Hiking

The Honeysuckle Trail connects the Peak Trail to the Hot Springs Mountain Trail. You can also walk up the Floral Tail or the Fountain Trail to connect to the Honeysuckle Trail.

## **Oertel Trail (Formerly known as Dead Chief Trail)**

### Hiking

From the Visitor Center walk between the Fordyce and the Maurice, you will see the grand staircase behind them. Go up the stair or take the ramp to the right. (Both will take you to the Grand Promenade, however you will need to walk back toward the staircase if you take the ramp, but you will get to see the new hot water seep that popped up in 2014.) At the top of the stairs on the Grand Promenade, go up the next set of stairs and continue to go up, to the right, you will see the rod iron gate of the Army & Navy Hospital. Left of the gate is the trailhead for the Oertel Trail.

From the campground you must hike up Gulpha Gorge Trail to connect with the Oertel Trail.

## **Reserve Trail**

### Hiking

From the Visitor Center head south on Central Ave toward the City of Hot Springs Visitor Center. At the end of the block take a left on Reserve St. Continue walking up the sidewalk pass the Army & Navy Hospital. You will pass the Hot Springs National Park Ranger Station, the Libby Bathhouse, and when you will see the apartment complex, the trail is to your left.

## **Short Cut Trail**

### Hiking

You can hike up the Oertel Trail to connect with Short Cut Trail from the campground or from the Visitor Center. The Short Cut Trail connects the Oertel Trail and the picnic area on top of Hot Springs Mountain, so you could park at the picnic area and take the Short Cut Trail to the Oertel.

## **Grand Avenue Trail**

### Driving

From the Visitor Center, continue south on Central Ave toward Reserve St (It will be the next stoplight down from the Visitor Center). Turn left onto Reserve St. Continue up Reserve St and turn left onto Spring St. At the stoplight, turn left onto E Grand Ave. Cross E Grand Ave by the Red Roof Inn. Right of the hotel there is a dirt road, turn left. \*Park in the field by the trailhead.

## **Hot Springs Mountain Trail**

### Driving

From the Visitor Center head north on Central Ave toward the Arlington Hotel. At the stoplight turn right on Fountain St. Pass the Grand Promenade Trailhead. Turn right onto Hot Springs Mountain Dr. Follow the road up the mountain. When at the top, you will see parking for the picnic area and the Pavilion. You can access the trail in the picnic area, by the pavilion, or from the Peak Trail.

## **Gulpha Gorge Trail**

### Hiking

There are two trailheads, one on top of Hot Springs Mountain and one at the bottom at the campground.

Starting at the campground, park by the amphitheater, walk towards Gulpha Creek which is right of the amphitheater. Cross the creek using the stone walkway. Be careful the stone can be slippery. As soon as you cross the creek, the Gulpha Gorge Trailhead will be on the left.

Starting at the top by the shelter on Hot Springs Mountain Dr, park across the street from the shelter. The trailhead is right of the shelter going down. The other trail right of the Gulpha Gorge Trail is the Hot Springs Mountain Trail. The Gulpha Gorge Trail will take you to the Goat Rock Trail and the Oertel Trail.

## **Goat Rock Trailhead and Goat Rock**

### Hiking

You could drive to the North Mountain Overlook or the Gulpha Gorge Campground to get to the Goat Rock Trailhead.

Right of the North Mountain Overlook parking area you will see the Goat Rock Trailhead.

From the campground, the Gulpha Gorge Trail will take you to the Goat Rock Trail.

## **Upper Dogwood Trail**

### Hiking – There are two trailheads

Drive up toward to the North Mountain Overlook and park and start on the Goat Rock Trail and at the Y is the Dogwood Trail Upper Loop

Or

Drive up toward to the North Mountain Overlook and park across from the shelter at the top of the Gulpha Gorge Trail. Trailhead should be visible

## **Lower Dogwood Trail**

### Hiking

Take the Arlington Trail until it comes to a “Y” and it will turn into the Dogwood Lower Loop trail.

## **Arlington Trail**

### Hiking –

Go inside the Arlington Hotel and ask for directions.

## **Floral Trail**

### Hiking

Arlington trail at the “Y” stay to the right and you will see the Floral Trail head or

Take the Honeysuckle trail and before the shelter the Floral Trail will be on your left.

## **Fountain Trail**

### Hiking

As you are walking or driving up fountain street from the Arlington Hotel the trail head will be on your right.

Access from the Honeysuckle will be either on the right or left depending on the direction you are hiking the trail

West Mountain Trailheads

# **Canyon Trail (There are three access points)**

### Hiking

1. When leaving the Fordyce Visitors Center turn right and continue along Bathhouse Row toward the Arlington Hotel.
2. At the stoplight cross Central Avenue toward the Wax Museum.
3. Turn right at the museum continue along Central Avenue past the Pancake Shop Restaurant, when you see Mountain Valley Spring Water sign turn left.
4. Follow Canyon Street up the hill and the road will turn into the trail head.

### Driving #1 (Driving Via Whittington Park)

1. From the Visitors Center travel North on Central Avenue (Highway 7), pass the Arlington Hotel on you right.
2. Stay on Central Avenue just past Fat Jack’s Restaurant is a left turn onto Whittington Ave.
3. Continue on Whittington Avenue following the road until you see the Weyerhaeuser Building.
4. Turn left at the Weyerhaeuser Building. Stop at the stop at the stop sign
5. Turn left at the stop sign onto Whittington Avenue passing the Hot Springs National Park Maintenance Shop on the right.
6. Continue on Whittington until you see a turn for West Mountain Drive.
7. Turn Right on West Mountain Drive until you see a fork at the fork turn up the hill.
8. Continue up the hill until you see a shelter with a parking lot pull into lot. Trail is across the street.

### Driving #2 (Driving Via Prospect Avenue)

1. From the Visitors Center Head South Central Avenue (Highway 7).
2. Look for Reserve Street (Diablos Restaurant is on your right) Turn right one block the stop sign is Exchange street.
3. Turn left on Exchange Street at the stop sign will be Prospect Avenue.
4. Turn Right on Prospect go past Levi Hospital on the right stay on Prospect avenue until you see the National Park Sign for West Mountain.
5. Turn right and follow road until fork.
6. Stay to the left go up the hill until you see a shelter with a parking lot pull into lot. Trail is across the street.

# **Oak Trail (There are two access points)**

### Hiking

1. Up Canyon trail about quarter mile canyon trail will come to a fork
2. Oak trail is on the left.

### Driving via prospect Avenue

1. From the Visitors Center Head South Central Avenue (Highway 7)
2. Look for Reserve Street (Diablos Restaurant is on your right) Turn right one block the stop sign is Exchange street.
3. Turn left on Exchange Street at the stop sign will be Prospect Avenue
4. Turn right on Prospect go past Levi Hospital on the right stay on Prospect avenue until you see the National Park Sign for West Mountain.
5. Turn right on to West Mountain Drive.
6. Follow road until you see a crosswalk. Oak trail crosses West Mountain Drive at this point.

# **Mountain Top Trail (there are two access points)**

### Driving #1 – Whittington Park

1. From the Visitors Center travel North on Central Avenue (Highway 7), pass the Arlington Hotel on you right.
2. Stay on Central Avenue just past Fat Jack’s Restaurant is a left turn onto Whittington Ave.
3. Continue on Whittington Avenue following the road until you see the Weyerhaeuser Building.
4. Turn left at the Weyerhaeuser Building. Stop at the stop at the stop sign
5. Turn left at the stop sign onto Whittington Avenue passing the Hot Springs National Park Maintenance Shop on the right.
6. There will be a turnout just before West Mountain Drive.
7. Park at the turnout and trailhead is to the right.

### Driving #2 – Prospect Avenue

1. From the Visitors Center Head South Central Avenue (Highway 7).
2. Look for Reserve Street (Diablos Restaurant is on your right) Turn right one block the stop sign is Exchange street.
3. Turn left on Exchange Street at the stop sign will be Prospect Avenue.
4. Turn Right on Prospect go past Levi Hospital on the right stay on Prospect avenue until you see the National Park Sign for West Mountain.

# **West Mountain (There are four access points)**

### Hiking #1

1. Follow Canyon Trail crossing at the crosswalk go up the trail until you see a sign for the West Mountain Trail.

### Hiking #2 Canyon Trail

1. Continue on Canyon Trail crossing at the crosswalk shelter will be on your left and just off the parking lot to the right will be a sign for the West Mountain Trail.

### Driving #1 via Whittington Park

1. From the Visitors Center travel North on Central Avenue (Highway 7), pass the Arlington Hotel on you right.
2. Stay on Central Avenue just past Fat Jack’s Restaurant is a left turn onto Whittington Ave.
3. Continue on Whittington Avenue following the road until you see the Weyerhaeuser Building.
4. Turn left at the Weyerhaeuser Building. Stop at the stop at the stop sign
5. Turn left at the stop sign onto Whittington Avenue passing the Hot Springs National Park Maintenance Shop on the right.
6. Continue on Whittington until you see a turn for West Mountain Drive.
7. Turn Right on West Mountain Drive until you see a fork at the fork turn up the hill.
8. Continue up the hill until you see a shelter with a parking lot pull into lot. Trail is across the street or to the right of the parking lot.

### Driving #2 via Prospect Avenue)

1. From the Visitors Center Head South Central Avenue (Highway 7).
2. Look for Reserve Street (Diablos Restaurant is on your right) Turn right one block the stop sign is Exchange street.
3. Turn left on Exchange Street at the stop sign will be Prospect Avenue.
4. Turn Right on Prospect go past Levi Hospital on the right stay on Prospect avenue until you see the National Park Sign for West Mountain.
5. Turn right and follow road until fork.
6. Stay to the left go up the hill until you see a shelter with a parking lot pull into lot. Trail is across the street.