

Ozark - St. Francis National Forests

Bayou Ranger District - Arkansas

Pedestal Rocks Scenic Area

Hiking Trails
Picnicking



Southern National Forests

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Attractions:

The Bayou Ranger District is located within the heart of the Ozarks. Visitors can view picturesque rock bluffs, swim in crystal clear streams, and hike wooded hillsides.

This scenic area consists of two hiking trails—Pedestal Rocks and Kings Bluff. Pedestal Rocks is 2.2-miles and Kings Bluff is 1.7-miles long. Although there are some steep sections, the trails are easy to hike with abundant resting places.

The trail is located at the top of the Illinois Bayou River Drainage. It offers great views and a history lesson in Arkansas geology. While hiking the trail, you will see layer upon layer of sediment that was deposited when the area was under water millions of years ago. After the water receded, the land raised to form a dome called the Ozark Plateau. Since then, natural erosion has been occurring to form the Ozarks. On the trail, you will see unique formations called pedestals that were formed by weathering, and are the featured destination of this area. Kings Bluff features a large flat bluff top with a waterfall that flows over the ledge. Please use caution while visiting the bluffs, especially if you have children with you.

Facilities:

- 1 picnic table.
- Vault toilets.
- Parking available for large vehicles.
- Day use only. Camping is not allowed.

Fees: None.

Location:

Take Arkansas 7 to Pelsor, turn east on Arkansas 16 and go 6 miles. The scenic area is located on the south side of the highway.

Surrounding Areas:

To the south are Russellville and the Arkansas River. To the north are Jasper and the Buffalo National River.

For more information, contact:

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