## **Northwest Arkansas Points of Interest**





## Pig Trail (AR 23 between Huntsville and I-40)

The iconic Pig Trail -- probably Arkansas' best-known road. With plenty of curves, switchbacks, and beautiful overlooks, it definitely earns its reputation. If on the road around meal time, a side trip down AR 215 to the Oark Cafe is a worthy excursion.



## Oark Cafe (http://www.oarkgeneralstore.com)

The Oark Cafe is a favorite biker side trip off the Pig Trail. The Store has served the area since 1890, giving it the distinct recognition of being the oldest continually-operated store in the Natural State. The Store has transitioned from mainly groceries and supplies to a full-service restaurant, serving fresh quality ingredients with a smile.



# Eureka Springs (https://www.eurekasprings.org)

Secluded and peaceful with winding mountainside streets, Eureka Springs, Arkansas has flair like no other town. Streets are lined with Victorian homes hugging cliff sides, and the entire downtown area is on the National Register of Historic Places. Eureka Springs, Arkansas has block after block of one-of-a-kind shops, boutiques, fine art galleries, biker shops, craft emporiums, spas, museums, and restaurants. Eureka Springs is definitely a favorite biker destination.



#### **Turpentine Creek** (https://www.turpentinecreek.org)

Located south of Eureka Springs on AR 23, Turpentine Creek is a nonprofit organization that provides lifetime refuge for abandoned, abused, and neglected "big cats". The refuge houses nearly 100 animals including tigers, lions, leopards, cougars, bobcats, bears, ligers, servals, a coatimundi, and a macaw. Tours and even overnight lodging opportunities are available.



#### War Eagle Mill (https://www.wareaglemill.com)

War Eagle Mill is the only working mill in Arkansas, and it is still powered by an eighteen-foot cypress waterwheel. It is the only undershot water wheel currently in operation in the United States. War Eagle Mill features flours, soup and baking mixes, meals, and contains a restaurant as well as a unique one-lane, wooden-deck bridge over War Eagle Creek.



#### **War Eagle Cavern** (https://www.wareaglecavern.com) Home of the only lakeside cavern entrance in Arkansas, War Eagle Cavern is a must see while visiting this historical area. Located halfway between Eureka Springs and Rogers, Arkansas on scenic Hwy 12.



#### **Beaver Bridge**

A unique, one-lane, wood-deck, suspension bridge over the White River in Beaver. The bridge is often referred to as the Arkansas Golden Gate Bridge. There is a park in the town of Beaver along the river where you can get great shots of the picturesque bridge.



## Lost Valley State Park

(https://www.buffaloriver.com/pages/lost-valley-trail/) With good reason, this is the most popular hiking trail in the Buffalo River National Park, as well as the state of Arkansas. The waterfalls in Lost Valley run best after a rain, but even in drier summer months the trail is pretty and merits the 2 hours it takes to complete the hike. The first 1/2 mile of the trail offers easy walking, but becomes less level as you approach the caves and waterfalls. If looking for an off-bike adventure, this is absolutely a worthy stop.



#### Jasper (https://cityofjasper.org)

The City of Jasper is located on the Little Buffalo River in Northwest Arkansas. The picturesque town is laid out around a court house square and has many historic buildings. The Ozark Cafe, famous for the cheese volcano burger, is Arkansas' second oldest continuously operating restaurant and is a biker favorite. Better yet, you can't get to Jasper without traveling some seriously curvy roads!



#### Arkansas Dragon (Hwy 123 SE of Mount Judea)

There are quite a number of curves and switchbacks in these 15 miles. The views are great if you can take your eyes off the road long enough to look. Technically challenging, this route is best suited for experienced riders. Southbound climbs the mountain.



**Arkansas Grand Canyon** (https://www.arkansas.com/jasper/tours-experiences/arkansass-grand-canyon)

Vance Randolph once said about the Ozarks, "It's not that the mountains are so high but that the valleys are so deep." And that eloquently describes the huge valley southeast of Jasper running alongside AR 7, dubbed the "Arkansas Grand Canyon."

## **Roaring River State Park**



(http://www.roaringriverstatepark.org/roaringriver/index.jsp) With a deep, narrow valley surrounded by a striking and rugged landscape, Roaring River State Park is one of Missouri's most popular state parks. Roaring River State Park is one of three state parks stocked with rainbow trout in the spring-fed river via the on-site hatchery. Eager anglers flock to the park year-round to try and catch their lunker trout. The park is located NE of Seligman on MO 112.



#### **Cosmic Cavern**

(https://www.cosmiccavern.com) The cave is a warm 64 degrees in the winter and a cool 64 degrees in the summer. It is the perfect temperature no matter what season of the year you choose to visit! The cave features a 9 foot soda straw, the longest known in the Ozarks, and 2 bottomless cave lakes.



## **Peel Ferry**

(https://www.arkansas.com/peel/peel-ferry) The last public ferryboat operating in the state, Peel Ferry transports vehicles and passengers across a section of Bull Shoals Lake. Operates daily during daylight hours.