

Buffalo National River

Centerpoint

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Attractions:

The Centerpoint Trail begins in the heart of the Ponca Wilderness, gradually winding down an old wagon road descending nearly 1300 ft to the Buffalo River. During the descent down, the trail offers outstanding panoramic views of the Buffalo River and the rugged Ozark Mountains that surround it.

The Centerpoint Trail is considered to be a strenuous hike. The trail is steep in areas especially on the hike out; visitors will need to plan to take the entire day to hike this trail due to the rough wilderness terrain. The trail intersects with many of the other trail systems in the Ponca Wilderness creating multiple spur trails for the more adventurous hiker. The spur trails connect the Centerpoint trail with the Chimney Rock Trail, Sneeds Creek Trail, Big Bluff Trail, Compton Loop Trail, and Hemmed-in Hollow Trail. The Big Bluff Trail section is narrow and dangerous; visitors should proceed with extreme caution when hiking this section of trail. The Centerpoint Trail also offers a less strenuous hike to the popular Hemmed-in Hollow Falls. Visitors will still need to allow an entire day to complete the hike to Hemmed-in Hollow Falls via the Centerpoint Trail.

Helpful Information: Pets are not permitted on the Centerpoint Trail. Backcountry camping is allowed on the Centerpoint and all the connecting spur trails, other than in the box canyon below the Hemmed-in Hollow Falls. Cell Phone service is very spotty within the Buffalo River; visitors should not depend on cell service in case of emergency.

Trail Distance:

Centerpoint to Buffalo River

(3.5 miles)

Centerpoint to Hemmed-in Hollow

(5.4 miles)

Location:

Take Hwy. 43 out of Harrison and travel approximately 22.5 miles to the Centerpoint Trailhead parking area located on the left side of Hwy.43.

Information Contact:

Tyler Bend Visitor Center

(870) 439-2502

Emergency Contact:

MROCC Emergency Dispatch

1-888-692-1162

Trailhead Coordinates:

Lat/Long:

- Lat: 36.0640160
- Long: -93.3602305

Degrees Minutes Seconds:

- Lat: 36 3' 50.4576
- Long: 93 21' 36.831

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