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## Ozark National Scenic Riverways News Release

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### Ozark National Scenic Riverways Hosting Ozark Heritage Day Event at Big Spring

Van Buren, MO – The picking of banjos, the clanking of a hammer striking an anvil, the stomping of feet, and the neighing of a horse are just some of the sights and sounds visitors can experience during Ozark Heritage Day Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 am. The Ozark Depression Homestead at Big Spring will come alive with high stepping square dancers, Bluegrass music, and Ozark folkway demonstrations during this FREE event. All are welcome.

Journey into the past and experience old time traditional skills and craft demonstrations. Wool spinning, pottery, woodworking, chair caning, quilting, fiddle making, blacksmithing, and lye soap making are just some of the traditional Ozark lifeways demonstrated. A Clydesdale horse skidding logs will illustrate Ozark logging 75 years ago. The *Western Grand Squares* dance and teach square dancing to those who join in. Traditional bluegrass music by *Buzzard Run* will abound featuring fiddle, banjo and the old time “Walking Cane” dulcimer. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for the dancing and musical entertainment. Youngsters can enjoy playing old fashioned games. Food will be available for purchase from a local vendor.

Big Spring is located four miles south of Van Buren, Missouri, on State Route 103. For more information, phone (573) 323-4236 between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, or visit the park’s website at [www.nps.gov/ozar](http://www.nps.gov/ozar).

Ozark National Scenic Riverways preserves the free-flowing Current and Jacks Fork Rivers, the surrounding natural resources, and the unique cultural heritage of the Ozark people.

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Chair Caning



Buzzard Run