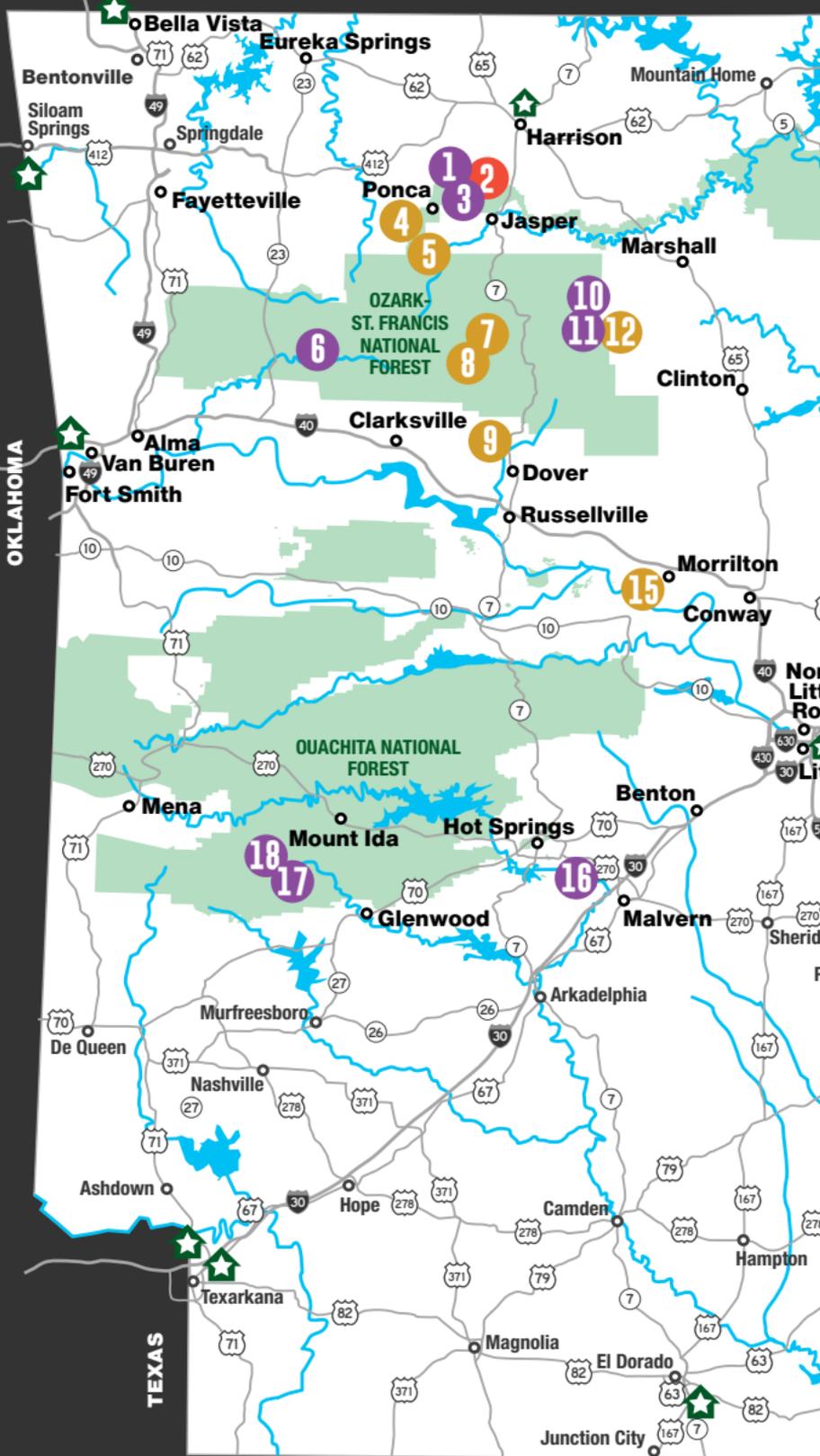


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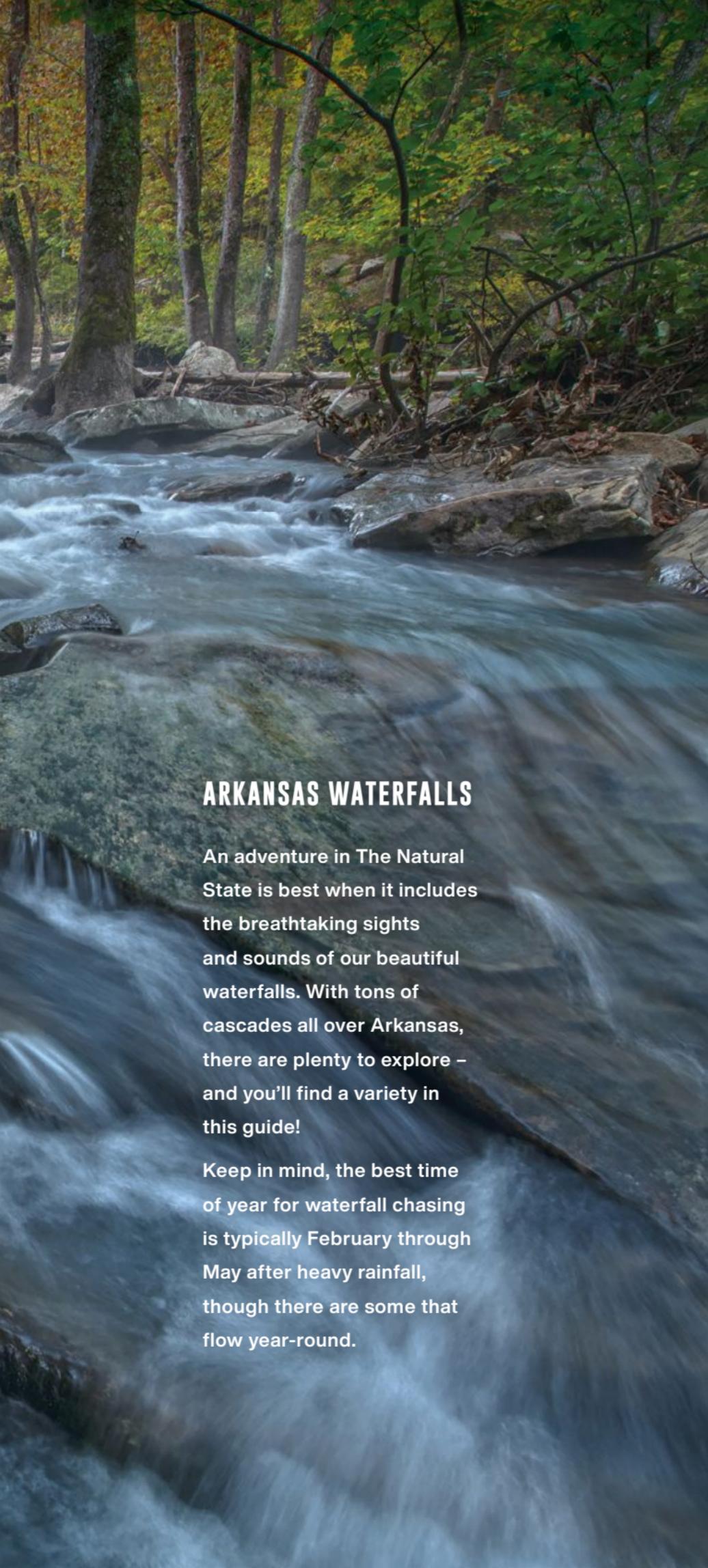
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Exploring waterfalls is fun, but it can involve risks. Please be aware of the dangers and take appropriate precautions. Note that cell phone service may not be readily available in many remote areas of the state. Always let someone know where you plan to hike.



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An adventure in The Natural State is best when it includes the breathtaking sights and sounds of our beautiful waterfalls. With tons of cascades all over Arkansas, there are plenty to explore – and you'll find a variety in this guide!

Keep in mind, the best time of year for waterfall chasing is typically February through May after heavy rainfall, though there are some that flow year-round.

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*  Observation accessible for all abilities.

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FRONT COVER AND LEFT: FALLING WATER FALLS

BACK COVER: SWEDEN CREEK FALLS

TWIN FALLS

48 FEET TALL

EASY

0.5-MILE HIKE



**36.05475°
-93.25808°**

It's a two-for-one special at the Buffalo National River near Kyle's Landing. Check out Twin Falls, a cascade of two waterfalls. Sometimes, especially after a heavy rain, a third waterfall appears, earning this special spot the alternate name of Triple Falls. Whether it's two or three, each waterfall lands in a beautiful pool of turquoise water that is the perfect spot to take a dip on a hot summer day. With the trail only being 0.5 miles round trip, you won't be pulling double duty. Just take it easy on the drive down the steep, gravel road to get there.





HEMMED-IN HOLLOW FALLS

209 FEET TALL

DIFFICULT

5-MILE HIKE



**36.07229°
-93.30738°**

Hemmed-in Hollow Falls is a sight you won't forget, with a magnificent 209-foot-drop – in fact, it is the tallest waterfall between the Appalachian and Rocky Mountains. To get there, take the trailhead at Compton (nine miles from Ponca), and follow the trail downhill for 2.5 miles through the woods – stay aware of your surroundings, as various other trails will intersect the path. The trail is pretty rugged, and the climb out is steep and strenuous, so allow plenty of time and be careful. Dogs are not allowed. There is an easier alternate route that is accessible if you are floating the Buffalo from Ponca to Kyle's Landing. A trailhead starts one mile downstream from Jim Bluff, and it only takes about 20 minutes to reach the falls.

EDEN FALLS

53 FEET TALL

EASY

2.3-MILE HIKE



**36.01752°
-93.38730°**

On AR 43 between Boxley and Ponca, turn on Lost Valley Road, a unit of the Buffalo National River. Park at the end of the road and follow the signed trail to the bluff shelter. Eden Falls is located at the far end of the massive overhang. This popular site is accessible throughout the year.



SWEDEN CREEK FALLS

81 FEET TALL

MODERATE

1.5-MILE HIKE



**35.97145°
-93.45915°**

Hike along the top and bottom of this roaring waterfall on the 1.5-mile round-trip trail near Kingston and AR 21. One of the taller waterfalls in the state, this beauty within a protected natural area looks the best after a good rain, but is still impressive even when the water is trickling.





GLORY HOLE FALLS

31 FEET TALL

MODERATE

2-MILE HIKE



**35.82210°
-93.39352°**

For an afternoon you won't soon forget, cruise the Ozark Highlands Scenic Byway to a unique waterfall that has drilled a massive hole right through an overhanging bluff. Maybe one of the most impressive waterfalls in Arkansas, this 2-mile round-trip trail is a must for all outdoor adventurers and photography enthusiasts.



HIGH BANK TWIN FALLS

71 FEET TALL

EASY

0.5-MILE HIKE



**35.68082°
-93.68726°**

This unbelievably impressive double waterfall is probably one of the best-kept secrets in Arkansas. Located nine miles west of the Pig Trail on AR 215, the bushwhack trail follows a creek and leads you to the magnificent falls. Make sure to wear proper shoes since you are following a rocky creek bed and not a dirt trail.



PAM'S GROTTO

37 FEET TALL

MODERATE

1-MILE HIKE



**35.68330°
-93.25539°**

If you are seeking a waterfall where it might feel as though you're the only person there, Pam's Grotto is the place for you. This trail near Sand Gap will take you past big bluffs and massive rock slabs to the secluded grotto. You'll feel like you have been transported to another part of the world while at this secret hideaway.



PACK RAT FALLS

24 FEET TALL

MODERATE

0.5-MILE HIKE



**35.67578°
-93.25419°**

This out-and-back trail near Clarksville leads to a lush, moss-covered grotto. The trail is accessible from Haw Creek Falls Campground, located on AR 123 between Lamar and Sand Gap, not far from Pam's Grotto (see preceding page). Watch for signs along the highway as you approach the campground. From the back of the campground, follow the little creek bed upstream and to the right, just off the Ozark Highlands Trail. Make sure to wear proper hiking shoes for a trek to Pack Rat Falls – the path up to the falls through the creek bed can be slippery, especially after a rain.



LONG POOL FALLS

44 FEET TALL

MODERATE

2-MILE HIKE



**35.54930°
-93.15210°**

You may have been to the popular swimming hole at Long Pool Recreation Area, but you might not know about the huge waterfall a short hike away. This hike leads to a large, roaring waterfall (best to go after a good rain) with smaller waterfalls along the way. Getting to this fall can require crossing streams and navigating boulders. There is also a fee for parking.





FALLING WATER FALLS

10 FEET TALL

**EASY – CAN BE
VIEWED FROM ROAD**



**35.72195°
-92.94940°**

At the junction of AR 7 and AR 16 at Sand Gap, turn east on AR 16 to Ben Hur. Go south about 1.5 miles to Forest Service Road 1205. Turn left (east) on this road and remain on it for 2.3 miles. You'll be following Falling Water Creek and will come upon the falls on your right – easily visible from the road. If you continue another 6 to 8 miles on this road, you'll come to Richland Creek Campground, a trailhead for hikes to Richland Falls (see pages 24-25).



SIX FINGER FALLS

6 FEET TALL

EASY

100-YARD HIKE



**35.76170°
-92.93753°**

After passing Falling Water Falls (see pages 20-21), continue on Forest Service Road 1205 for 3.5 miles. After crossing a bridge, you will see a sign for Six Finger Falls. You can park in this area and make the short walk to see the wide falls that have – as the name implies – six cascades.

RICHLAND FALLS

8 FEET TALL

MODERATE

4.3-MILE HIKE



35.80085°
-92.96015°

The Richland Creek Wilderness Area near Witts Springs is full of scenic beauty, and Richland Falls is one of its crown jewels. What it lacks in height, it makes up for in width, since the falls span the entire creek. The effect is stunning, especially after a heavy rain. You will have to do a water crossing on this trail, so come prepared with water gear and hike with a friend, if at all possible. Remember, never cross moving water if you can't see the bottom. For more information about area waterfalls, visit the Richland Waterfalls Welcome Center.





MIRROR LAKE FALLS

60 FEET TALL

EASY

0.25-MILE WALK



**35.96365°
-92.17101°**

This out-and-back trail near Mountain View in the Blanchard Springs Recreation Area is one of the most charming and scenic waterfalls in the state. Situated on beautiful Mirror Lake, it is a popular spot for birding, fishing and hiking. While you're there, explore the picturesque remnant of an old mill building constructed in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The trail is accessible year-round and is beautiful to visit in any season. The top of the falls is visible from the road. Dogs are welcome, but must be leashed.

BRIDAL VEIL FALLS

33 FEET TALL

MODERATE

0.6-MILE HIKE



**35.46915°
-92.03862°**

To see a gorgeous waterfall without even having to leave town, check out Bridal Veil Falls in Heber Springs. A lookout deck right off the parking lot provides an easily accessible view and photo opportunities. For a closer look, you can hike down to the base of the falls on the 0.6-mile loop trail, but watch your step — the path is rocky and steep in places and can be very slippery after a good rain. There are picnic tables near the parking lot as well, so bring a meal or snack to enjoy after your hike.



CEDAR FALLS

95 FEET TALL

MODERATE

2.25-MILE HIKE



15



**35.12148°
-92.93410°**

One of the most photographed waterfalls in The Natural State, Cedar Falls can be found in the middle of Petit Jean State Park on AR 154 southwest of Morrilton. Hiking the trail begins behind Mather Lodge. This 95-foot gusher spills into Cedar Creek at the end of the Cedar Falls Trail, which winds through Cedar Creek Canyon to the “splash down.” The trip is classified as moderate-to-strenuous. The Cedar Falls Overlook offers a barrier-free walkway that’s wheelchair accessible for those who wish to view the canyon and falls from above.





FALLS CREEK FALLS

10 FEET TALL

EASY

1.7-MILE HIKE



**34.42558°
-92.91089°**

Head to Lake Catherine State Park and follow signs to the Falls Branch Trail, which is near the campground. As you pass through the forest, you'll find yourself crossing Little Canyon Creek several times. You'll eventually discover the seasonal scenic waterfall on Falls Creek. The pool below makes a great swimming hole on summer days.





CROOKED CREEK FALLS

16 FEET TALL

**EASY – CAN BE
VIEWED FROM ROAD**



**34.42700°
-93.88558°**

Crooked Creek Falls is a series of cascades that form a nice swimming hole, offering a cool respite on a hot day. Go west 13 miles from Norman on AR 8, keeping an eye out for signs directing you to the Little Missouri Falls (see next page). Turn left at the sign for the Caney Creek Wildlife Management Area and drive south 3.5 miles on the gravel road. The falls can be seen from the road, but a short hike is required to reach the base.



LITTLE MISSOURI FALLS

EASY

0.25-MILE HIKE



**34.42162°
-93.91875°**

Stylistically a little different, this Ouachita Forest beauty features a sloping series of cascades, culminating in one of several swim holes. From Hot Springs, go west on U.S. 70 to Glenwood, then continue on to Salem. At Salem, turn right (west) on AR 84 to Langley. At Langley, head north on AR 369 where you'll spot signs directing you to the falls. The one-block trek to the falls is well-marked and partially paved. There's even a picnic area where you can enjoy lunch and let your feet dry.



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