

Hiking Marathon

Start the New Year with a Ponca State Park Hiking Marathon Challenge! Hiking in the winter is a great way to exercise, relieve stress, and enjoy the great outdoors. Ponca State Park offers 22 miles of hiking trails that offer a diverse mix of scenery and skill levels. We will be kicking off the Hiking Marathon with a guided hike January 1st at 2pm on the Corps of Discovery Trail, meet at the riverfront. The Hiking Marathon challenge can be done as a group, individually, or with your furry canine. It begins on January 1st and concludes on March 5th. To help you stay on track, hike with a naturalist every Saturday morning at 8:00 am (sunrise is at 7:55 am) meeting at the Resource and Education Center. Early mornings give us a great opportunity to see wildlife and morning frost on the trees. Participants may also hike on their own time and chart their progress at the Resource and Education Center. Call Ponca State Park at 402-755-2284 to register! All participants completing the challenge by the March 5th deadline will be entered in a drawing for a rechargeable foot and hand warmer.



Hiking Schedule

January 1st -- Corps of Discovery Trail 1.4 Miles - Moderate/Difficult

January 9th -- Bloodroot Trail 1.6 miles - Easy

January 16th -- Prairie Loop Trail 1 Mile - Easy

January 23rd -- Buffalo Run Trail 3.4 Miles - Moderate

January 30th -- Whitetail Trail .8 Mile - Moderate

February 6th -- Backwater Trail 4 Miles - Easy

February 13th -- Bigley's Ravine Trail 2.1 Miles - Moderate

February 20th -- Old Oak Trail 1.9 Miles - Easy