

**Anniston Outdoor Association
Schedule of Activities
February 2013**

February 2 - Coldwater Mountain Day Hike

This will be a 6 mile hike on the mountain bike trail at Coldwater Mountain. The hike will be relatively easy with mostly flat terrain. Participants should pack a lunch and something to drink. The departure location and time for this outing will be 8:30 am from the Winn Dixie parking lot on US Hwy 78 in Coldwater. For more information contact the Trip Leader, Carl Wilson, by phone at 256-453-37775 or by email at chw48@bellsouth.net.

February 9 - Pinhoti Trail Day Hike

This will be the second in a series of second Saturday hikes being offered by the AOA and JSU Field School with the goal of section hiking the entire Pinhoti Trail in Alabama. This hike will be a 5-mile trek over Davis Mountain beginning at the Salem Church Road Trailhead located off of County Road 8 and ending at the Highpoint Trailhead located on US 278 about 7 miles northeast of Piedmont. This section is rated "moderate" in difficulty, crosses Hurricane Creek, goes by an iron ore pit, offers splendid views of Indian Mountain from a 1500 ft. overlook, and passes by the Davis Mountain Trail Shelter. Participants should pack a lunch with something to drink and should dress appropriately for the forecasted weather conditions on the day of hike. The departure time and location for this outing will be 8:00 a.m. from the Winn Dixie parking lot in Jacksonville. Please contact Keith Hudson by phone at 256-231-7675/256-239-8746 or by email at aoa@anniston.al.gov if you would like additional information or plan to participate in this hike. This outing is free to AOA members while non-members are asked by the Field School to pay a nominal \$5.00 per person fee.

February 16 - Pinhoti Trail Day Hike

This will be a 11.2 mile hike on the newest and most southern section of the Pinhoti Trail beginning at the Bull's Gap Trailhead located on AL Hwy 148 and ending at the Trammel Trailhead on FS 603A near County Road 511 southeast of Sylacauga. This will be an all day outing due to the long distance of this hike. The hike will begin with an uphill ascent following by a downhill descent. Participants should pack snacks, lunch, and plenty to drink. The departure time and location for this outing will be 8:00 am from the Piggly Wiggly parking lot in Anniston or 9:00 am at the Bull's Gap Trailhead. For more information contact the Trip Leader, Larry Warren, by phone at 256-835-0870 or by email at larry.f.warren@gmail.com.

February 23 - Desoto State Park Hike

This will be a 4 mile hike that will begin and end at the Desoto State Park Store and Nature Center. The hike will involve taking the White Trail to an old CCC quarry, and then taking the Orange Trail to Lost Falls, Laurel Falls, and Azalea Cascades. The hike will conclude with a trek down the boardwalk to Indian Falls and back to the store. This hike is rated "easy" with very little elevation changes. However, there are some sections of the trail with rocky terrain, so participants should wear appropriate footwear. Besides, the waterfalls, participants can expect to see several nice rock formations and wooded areas with heavy moss coverings and rare plants. The departure time and location for this outing will be 8:00 am from the Piggly Wiggly parking lot in Anniston, or 9:30 am at the Store and Nature Center at the park. For more information contact the Trip Leader, Carl Wilson, by phone at 256-453-37775 or by email at chw48@bellsouth.net.

February 26 - Deadline for Submitting Spring Quarter Outings

If you would be willing or would like to lead an outing for our association during the months of April, May, or June, please submit a short summary of your outing and your date preferences to Keith Hudson or Evelyn Stephens by February 26. Evelyn may be reached at 256-236-3431. Keith may be reached by phone at 256-231-7675 or 256-239-8746, or by email at aoa@anniston.al.gov. Submitting your plans by this deadline will ensure that our Spring Quarter Schedule of Activities is sent out in a timely manner.