

Anniston Outdoor Association
Schedule of Activities
October 2012

October 6 - Pizza, Night Hike, & Astronomy Program

This outing will include a pizza get-together at the Pine Glen Campground, a 2.5-mile night hike on the Pinhoti Trail, and an astronomy program next to Sweetwater Lake. Pizza and Soft drinks will be served at 5:00 p.m. with the hike to follow at sundown. The hike will begin at Pine Glen Campground and will continue to an open field by the dam on Sweetwater Lake where we will stop to view the sky and listen to AOA member Ben DeMayo share his knowledge about the stars and constellations that we see. After leaving the field, plans are to proceed a short distance up an old gated FS road until we reach our ending point on FS Road 500M. Participants will then be shuttled back to the campground. For planning purposes, participants will be required to register for this outing by Thursday, October 4. This outing is free to AOA members. However, non-members will be charged a \$5.00 fee to help cover the cost of the food. Participants who prefer not to eat pizza are welcome to bring their own food and those wishing to camp overnight at the campground are free to do so. To register your attendance, please contact Keith Hudson by phone at 256-231-7675, 256-452-3223, 256-239-8746, or by email at aoa@anniston.al.gov.

October 20 - Waterfalls & Wildflowers at the Lake Chinnabee Recreation Area

This outing will include a short hike to Devil's Gorge from Lake Chinnabee on the Chinnabee Silent Trail adjacent to Cheaha Creek. Plans are to view some fall wildflowers and a couple of nice waterfalls in the spectacular gorge, return back down the trail to have a lakeside lunch, and then a hike around the lake if time permits. Participants should meet by 9:00 am at the parking area of the Lake Chinnabee Recreation Area. Bring a sack lunch and something to drink or water purifier tablets if you'd rather try the creek water. For additional information, contact Ben Demayo by phone at 770-833-5183 or by email at bdemayo223@yahoo.com or Joan Alexander by phone at 256-238-8185 or by email at joanmalex@yahoo.com.

October 27 - Pinhoti Day Hike

This will be a 5.3-mile hike on the AOA's adopted section of the Pinhoti Trail located between US Highway 431 and Cleburne County Road 24 (also known as Able Road). Our section of the Pinhoti is rated "moderate" in difficulty and travels along and across several creeks, through scenic valleys, across small ridges, and by Little Hillabee Falls. It has been reported that our section is in good condition, however we will stop to deal with any blow downs or any other maintenance needs encountered during our hike. The departure time and location for this outing will be 8:00 a.m. from the Piggly Wiggly parking lot in Anniston. You should pack a lunch, something to drink, and bring a bow saw or loppers in case we run into maintenance needs. For more information, or if you plan to participate, contact Larry Warren by phone at 256-835-0870 or by email at larry.f.warren@gmail.com.