

National Park Service Information



Ozark National Scenic Riverways was created by an Act of Congress on August 24, 1964, as a unit of the National Park Service to protect 134 miles of the Current and Jacks Fork Rivers in the Ozark Highlands of southeastern Missouri. The clean, clear waters of these two beautiful rivers are fed by intermittent streams, which wind their way through narrow valleys in the gently rolling countryside, and by numerous springs. The springs are associated with a network of more than 300 caves that extend along the river corridors. The landscape remains predominately rural, with broadleaf forests and occasional open fields providing habitat of wildlife and a scenic backdrop for the rivers. Many of the local residents are descendants of the self-sufficient Ozark settlers, whose history is represented by numerous historic buildings and archeological sites throughout the park. This environment provides an excellent opportunity for johnboating, canoeing, swimming, fishing, and tubing. Hiking, hunting, and horseback are also enjoyed at the park.

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