

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has nine nature centers across the Natural state. They're part classroom, part museum, part playground and loaded with fun, beauty and wildlife facts. The centers are portals to adventure, complete with nearby streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, trails forests and other places where people meet nature by hiking, paddling, hunting fishing and watching wildlife.

Each center celebrates wildlife, recreational opportunities and the ecosystem found in that region. Take a trip to the wild side and let us help you find easy footing for your next outdoor pursuit.



Scan the QR code or visit www.agfc.com/naturecenters to learn about events and to view trail maps.

1 J.B. and Johnelle Hunt Family Ozark Highlands Nature Center

3400 N. 40th St., Springdale, 72762
833-356-0847



Indoors and outdoors are backdrops for experiencing nature on 62 acres with trails, native plants, a 3D archery targets, pavilions that double as classrooms and an indoor shooting range. Interactive exhibits indoors help explain the natural world to eager youngsters. Enjoy a scheduled program or walk the grounds for a relaxing break.

2 Janet Huckabee Arkansas River Valley Nature Center

8300 Wells Lake Road, Fort Smith, 72916
501-710-6285



Reel in the day's catch on Wells Lake and walk trails across 170 acres in search of birds, mammals and reptiles. Little ones will enjoy a playground and a giant bluebird box. The nature center staff is constantly searching for new programs to tantalize and educate kids and adults, such as paddling instruction and owl prowls.



2 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205
www.agfc.com/naturecenters



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3 Ponca Nature Center

4642 Arkansas Highway 43, Ponca, 72670
501-710-6347



Looking for information about elk or where they could be today? This is the place. Besides displays about elk and how they came to roam the Ozarks and Buffalo River country, the center offers advice and safety tips for viewing elk in Boxley Valley, which sometimes can be surprisingly busy.



4 Fred Berry Crooked Creek Nature Center

851 Conservation Lane, Yellville, 72687
870-218-4387



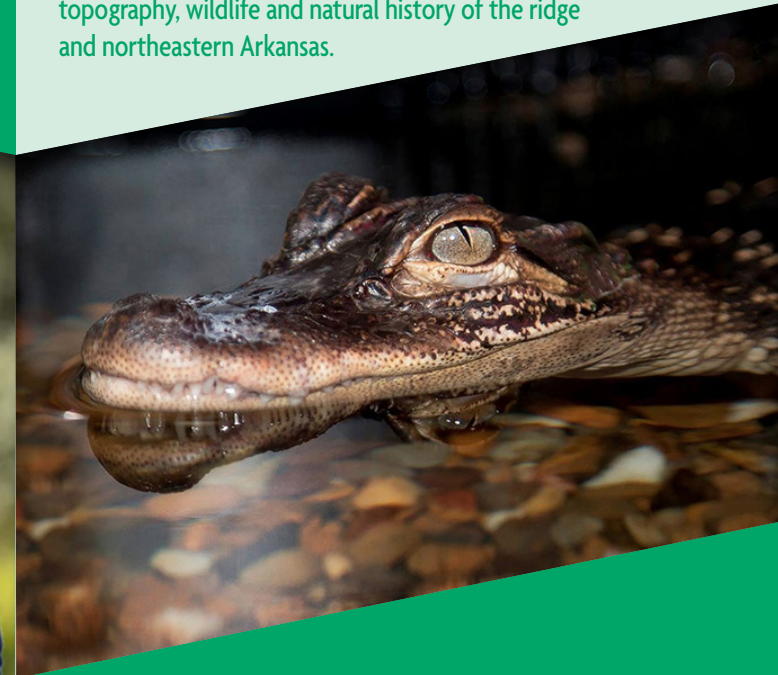
Crooked Creek wraps around the 421 acres that make up this scenic stretch of property. It's a great spot for smallmouth bass fishing, as well as paddling, hiking, birding and watching for wildlife. The center includes a 3D archery range and an extensive system of trails through woods and along the creek.

5 Forrest L. Wood Crowley's Ridge Nature Center

600 E. Lawson Road, Jonesboro, 72404
870-933-6787



Visitors start in the interactive theater and journey through exhibits, wildlife displays and trails that give them a bird's-eye view of a piece of Crowley's Ridge, an anomalous piece of geology surrounded by ancient delta. This nature center celebrates the topography, wildlife and natural history of the ridge and northeastern Arkansas.



6 Potlatch Cook's Lake Nature Center

625 Cooks Lake Road, Casscoe, 72026
501-404-2321



A historic lodge and education center is set on 72 acres, which is surrounded by 1,850 acres of upland and bottomland hardwood forest that includes a 2-mile-long lake off the White River and a 70-acre greentree reservoir. It's a prime spot for migrating hummingbirds, as well as a variety of wintering waterfowl.

7 Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center

602 President Clinton Ave., Little Rock, 72201
501-251-1083



Other Arkansas nature centers feature information about particular regions, but this one tells the story of hunting, fishing and conservation across the state through an extensive timeline of audio, video and printed displays. It's in an urban setting and features an aquarium system that includes many native fish, from crappie to gar.



8 Governor Mike Huckabee Delta Rivers Nature Center

1400 Black Dog Road, Pine Bluff, 71611
501-712-2947



Let your mind wander on 130 acres of bottomland forest surrounded by Black Dog Bayou and Lake Langhofer. Take an adventure into the Arkansas Delta by walking more than 2 miles of trails and by observing dozens of interactive and live animal exhibits, including a bird sanctuary and an alligator pit.

9 Rick Evans Grandview Prairie Nature Center

1685 CR35 N., Columbus, 71831
501-214-1997



There's no better place to enjoy a riotous bloom of wildflowers than on the largest contiguous blackland prairie in state ownership. The prairie is defined by its unmatched biodiversity, with hundreds of species of flora and fauna. The center is adjacent to a 4,500-acre wildlife management area.



Amenities Available

- Archery
- Fishing
- Biking
- Shooting Range
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Trails
- Elk
- Wildlife viewing

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