

**Missouri Ozark Trail Council
Semi-Annual Meeting
Echo Bluff State Park
Saturday, August 17, 2019**

Individuals Attending

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Abi Jackson	Ozark Trail Association	Kathie Brennan	Ozark Trail Association
Becky Hays	US Army Corp of Engineers	Maury Mertz	Backcountry Horseman of Missouri
Dave Tobey	National Parks Service	Matt Aholt	Meramec Valley Trail Association
Jeff Goetter	Ozark Trail Association	Ron Koskovich	Ozark Trail Association
Matt Atnip	Ozark Trail Association	Becky Denning	Sierra Club
Roger Allison	Ozark Trail Association	Glenn May	Sierra Club
Stanley Carte	US Forest Service	Ben Nagy	MO State Parks
Neil Humke	LAD Foundation	Logan Nuernberger	MO State Parks
Mark Goforth	Ozark Trail Association	John Rhodes	US Forest Service
Terry Hawn	Ozark Trail Association	Mike Sutherland	MO State Parks
Stephen Thompson	Ozark Trail Association	Lyn Anthony	Sierra Club
David Savage	MO State Parks		

Meeting opened at 10:06 by Kathie Brennan, President, Ozark Trail Association

Agency Reports

- Backcountry Horsemen
 - Maury Mertz– Wrangler TH on the Victory Section was renovated and improved
- Meramec Valley Trail Association
 - Matt Aholt – no specific trail work, policy and other discussion with landowners, most of trail will be on private land. Fundraiser 9-22 rock & roll bingo
- Department of Natural Resources – Missouri State Parks
 - Ben Nagy is the new MO Trail Coordinator for the parks
- Current River State Park
 - David Savage -
- National Park Service
 - Dave Tobey – ONSR, fall hiking series kicks off on 9-14 kickoff, New Current River Hike\Float Challenge discussed trail safety and feels it need to be addressed to identify who is responsible for victims
- US Corp of Engineers
 - Becky Hays – Have a contractor working on Wappapello, work started at north end, getting markers and rough cutting the corridors.
- OTA President Report
 - Multiple fundraisers were held like the Devil’s Toll race and we have the revamped bike race
 - Plan is for the October Mega to complete the Round Spring to Echo connection
 - On National Trails Day the we had 60 people come out and most did the hike & float
 - We had AmeriCorps crews out doing work that included brushing and sawyer work, and they even helped paint the OTA Office
 - Adopt-A-Trail program is going well

- Full calendar of events this fall is being planned
- Sierra Club
 - Becky Denning - planning trail work week in October basing out of Current river State Park
- USFS
 - Stan Carte – 50 days of work recently completed by AmeriCorps including work on 2017 flood damage. Also, the Brazil Creek Trail Head was just upgraded
 - John Rhodes (JR) – self reported New Guy – reroute being planned on the North Fork end
- LAD
 - Neil Humke – John Borough School helped on the new trail at Round Spring area. Note gates and road signs on LAD private roads are going up and should help the hiking experience

Current River Spur Trail

Trail that was first proposed be in in XXXX is nearing full completion, trail is marked, and it has even expanded some by going up to Echo Bluff State Park and Current River State Park.

Provides a major hike & float opportunity that is getting to be known outside the local and state area.

This section had a proposal some years ago to be named the 14 Section of the Ozark Trail, however no action was taken then. At this time addition of this section to the Ozark trail is being reintroduced.

The proposed name for the section it the **Round Spring Section**

- DNR Executive staff is in favor of name
- A new Section Map is being developed
- Trail would be double blazed in places with the OT marker along with the applicable blaze of the other trails
- There has been an email sent out asking for approval of name

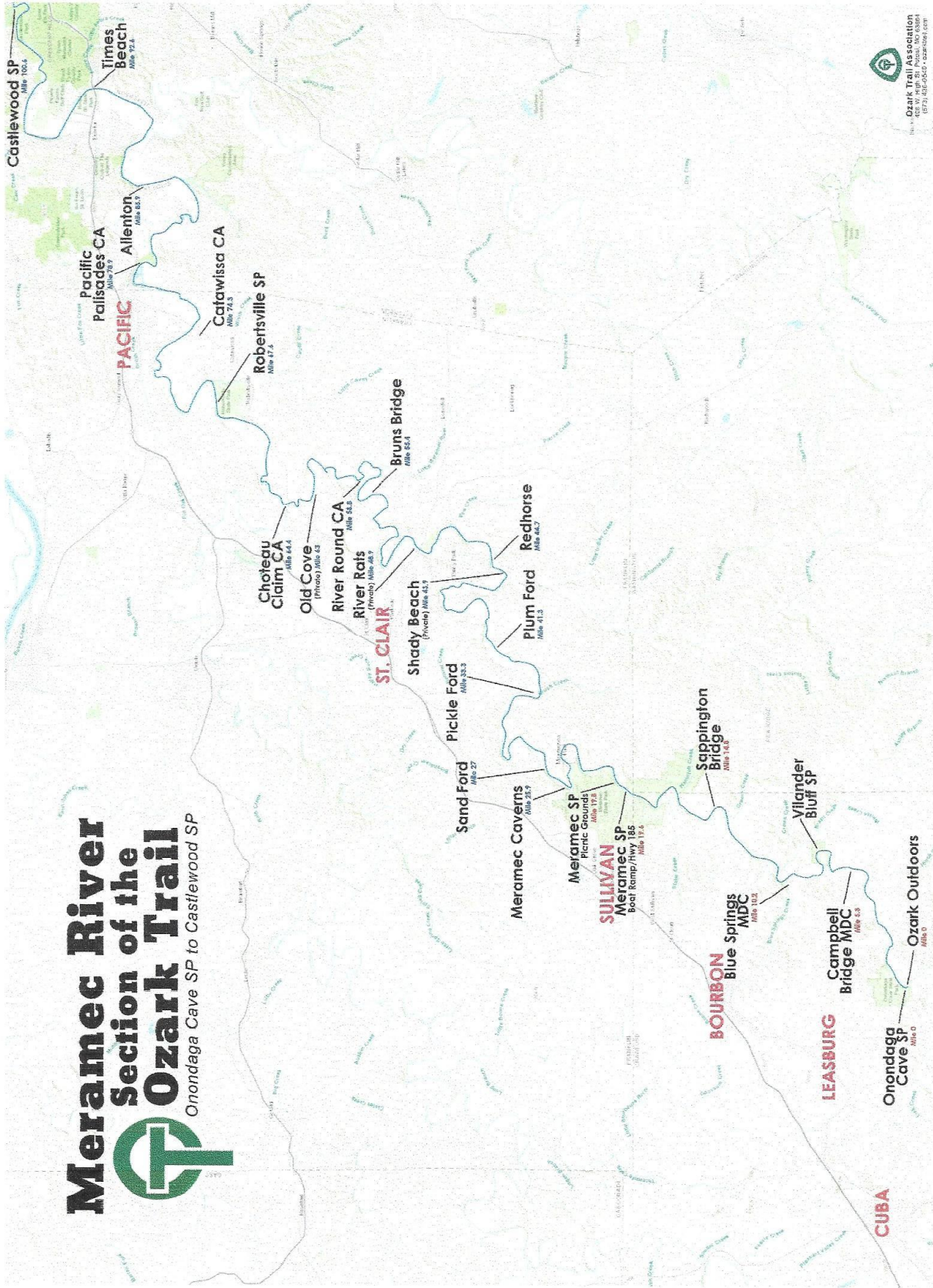
There was a lot of good discussion on the naming with some people suggesting it be named the Upper Current

LAD would like to have a meeting with the landowners involved with the land it is on discuss the name more fully. Proposal has been set aside for future action.

Meramec River Section Proposal

Mark Goforth, Vice President of the Ozark trail Association presented a proposed 15th section for the Ozark trail. This section would be a water trail gong from Onondaga State Park north on the Meramec river and would be called the Meramec River Section.

- Marked presented the map showing the water trail with designated access point along the river.
- It has been noted that water trails have a higher chance of receiving RTP fund which would be used for installed the necessary thinks like the kiosks and the thought is the OTA would oversee the maintenance of those.
- More discussion will be needed with the agencies.



Memorandum of Understanding

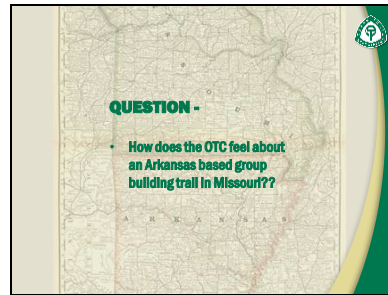
- No changes, still an ongoing topic

Norfolk Lake Trail

Matt Atnip, Ozark Trail Association, Planning and Development Committee member gave a presentation on work being planned in the Norfolk Lake area by the David's Trail group. This group is working on plans to build trail both on both sides of the Arkansas/Missouri state line.



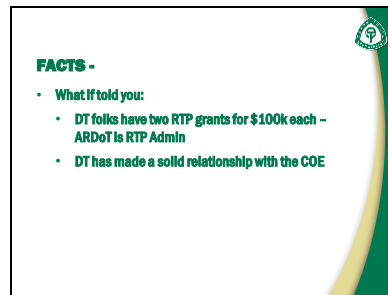
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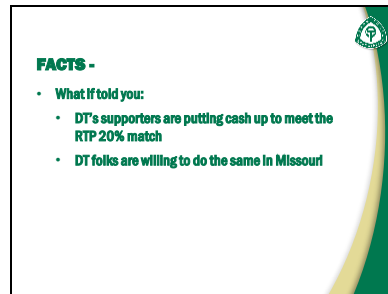
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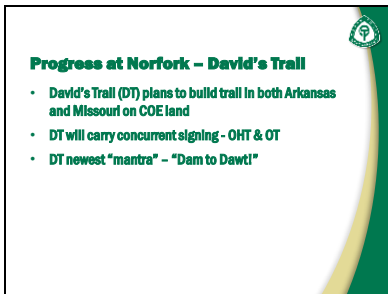
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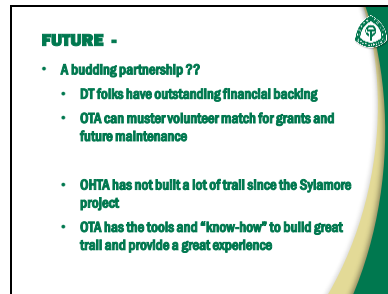
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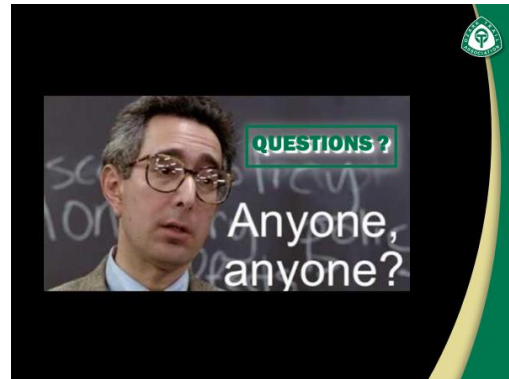
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Open Discussion

Dave Tobey Suggested each landowner provided a summary of what they do for trail safety for the next meeting

After discussion the next OTC meeting will be at Echo Bluff State Park on February 22, 2020 @ 11 AM

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

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