# **MONUMENTAL MOMENTS**



# Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It.

October 19th was a MEGA weekend with the Ozark Trail Association! If you didn't come out....you missed a life event and just plain ol' good time. The trail from Round Spring to Echo Bluff State Park is now finished! With this final link, an explorer can park at Round Spring, hike about eight miles to Current River State Park, and float down the Current River back to their car! This is beautiful country with an amazing, crystal clear river. Tribute was paid to the the best group of Volunteers anywhere and the Red Jacket veterans were out in numbers to celebrate this huge accomplishment. Many of our partners from various agencies, including DNR-MO State Parks, L-A-D Foundation and National Park Service were also on hand to cut the ribbon and were thanked for the support provided to get this new recreational resource completed for all Missourians. Finally... Dave Tobey of the National Park Service, was recognized for his incredible work and legacy for the region.



## On the Road with Route 3 Films' Latest Podcast

Here's some lazy day listening... join Route 3 Films' Ryan Hanlon and OTA President Kathie Brennan as they have some pretty enlightening discussions about the OT and the OTA!





### **Red Jacket Club**

Congrats to the latest "Red Jackets": Alan "Sparke" Knight, Matt "Guido" Graham, Rod Brown and Scott Hayden!



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Winner: Best Hiking Trail Runner-Up: Outdoor Nonprofit Runner-Up: Best Adventure Race -Devil's Toll Race

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Thank you one and all for honoring the Ozark Trail with your vote in Terrain Magazine's Readers' Choice Awards. OTA volunteers are honored by all the accolades and we can't thank you enough for your support helping us protect an irreplaceable Missouri treasure!

## **USFS** Collaboration

Collaboration was the word of the day as OTA representatives traveled to the Ava District on



October 29th for a day long meeting with partners and stakeholders of Missouri's largest public lands manager. We were able to share information about volunteers and how important their work is with the USFS and many others who believe in the value of the Mark Twain National Forest.

Value of volunteer hours on USFS land from 2013 through 2019

#### Join the OTA Board

We are currently seeking to recruit diverse and talented individuals to become part of the OTA board to serve one to three year terms beginning in January 2020. If you have a specific skill set, (i.e. finance, legal, web design, communications) along with motivation and dedication that can help enhance the OTA's mission, make plans to attend our quarterly board meeting on Saturday, November 16th to learn more. Hope to see you November 16th in Potosi! Submit a statement of interest using the online form.



Our friend and board member, Dave Tobey, will be retiring and moving on to a new adventure. Dave will be missed and thought of any time we hike or float the trails and rivers of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. Here's wishing Dave the best adventures yet... thank you from your eternal friends, the OTA Volunteers.



Mark your calendars! Plan to join us as we tell our story to Missouri state legislators in Jefferson City on January 29th, 2020. There will be brief training in the morning before meeting with members of the MO House and Senate. Please meet us at the Capitol and share your passion for the Ozark Trail!



# **Ozark Trail 100m Endurance Run**

Congratulations to all of the runners that participated in the OT 100m Endurance Run! Each one of you are WINNERS in our eyes! Thank you to all of the volunteers who manned aid stations from early to the end of the race and all of those who spent many days out prepping the trail in the weeks prior!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 4-8 - Wilderness Institute in AR November 16 - OTA Board Meeting November 23 - Maintenance on the OT November 30 - The 3 F's Maintenance Event December 7 - Maintenance on the OT December 14 - Maintenance on the OT

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