Backpacking
Charon’s Garden Wilderness, Wichita Mountains, OK

Pre-Trip Meeting : Outdoor Adventure Center
November 12, 5:30pm @ the OAC

Schedule
**Tuesday November 20th**
All bags and gear loaded by 5PM @ OAC

**Wednesday November 21st**
12:30PM – Depart from Rice *(be punctual, holiday traffic dictates our travel!)*
PM – Dinner enroute
7:30PM – Arrive at Fort Richardson State Park
PM – Relax and Camp

**Thursday November 22nd**
8 AM – Depart for Wichita Mountains
11 AM – Arrive at Fawn Creek Site
12 PM – Lunch
PM – Day Hiking
PM - Thanksgiving Dinner!

**Friday & Saturday November 23rd-24th**
Backcountry Travel and Camping

**Sunday November 23rd**
6 AM – Sunrise Hike to Trailhead
9 AM – Depart for Rice University
Lunch Enroute
6 PM – Arrive at Rice University
Dinner – Be prepared for a dinner stop according to traffic.

*We will do our best to arrive back at Rice between 5 and 6pm but holiday traffic can change plans quickly.*

This Thanksgiving spend some time backpacking creating a new outdoor community. ROPE is heading to the Wichita Mountains to explore the Charon Garden Wilderness and disconnect for a short break. Led by our program director, this trip will take participants off trail into a permit only area to explore a fascinating section of Oklahoma. And of course, there will be a special backpacker version of the Thanksgiving meal! Trip registration covers transportation, meals on trail, outdoor gear, and associated recreation fees. Previous backpacking experience is recommended due to activity challenge. Registration closed Nov. 11 at 12pm.
Gear List for Backpacking Trips

Please dress & pack appropriately for this trip. Make sure to bring everything listed below to ensure a comfortable and successful backpacking trip!

**All gear that is listed as provided must still be rented out by each participant** at the pre-trip meeting or some other time arranged with the trip leaders. There is no fee for this rental.

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**Essential items ROPE provides:**
- Backpack w/ rain cover
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad
- Bowl & Personal Utensils
- Headlamp
- Whistle
- Tents
- Cooking Equipment
- Trail Meals

**Necessary Personal Items**
- 1 Pair of Hiking Boots or Hiking Shoes*
- 1-2 of hiking socks (synthetic or wool)
- 1-2 synthetic T-shirts
- 1-2 Long sleeve synthetic shirts
- 1 synthetic pant (zip-off preferable; NO jeans)
- 0-1 pair of synthetic shorts
- 1 Hooded Rain Jacket (No Ponchos)
- 1 pair of waterproof pants
- 1 heavy fleece or down jacket
- 1 insulating long-sleeve shirt
- 1 insulating legs layer
- 2-3 of underwear
- 1 warm hat
- Warm gloves
- Personal toiletries (Toothbrush, etc.)
- 2 Bottles for water (storage for 2 liters)
- Small and lightweight face towel (4x4in)
- Medications (for allergies, etc.)
  **You Must inform us if you take any medications.**
- Money for meals on the road.
- Change of clothes for the Road

**Optional yet recommended**
- Sunglasses (strongly recommended)
- Camera (H2O protection encouraged)
- Journal & Pen
- Cards/Game
- Favorite Snack Foods
- Lightweight Drinking Mug
- Campshoes (lightweight; e.g. sandals)
- Sun hat
- Camelback water bladder
- Bandana(s)
- Stuff sacks

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*Appropriate footwear is essential towards facilitating an enjoyable experience on the trail. Participants may be hiking up to 10 miles each day carrying between 25-35lbs. Participants should contact trip leaders with footwear questions.*
It is not necessary for you to purchase a lot of expensive equipment; many items listed above you may already own. Items that you choose to purchase may be available at low cost from mail order suppliers or your local outdoor specialty shop. Our major concern is that all participants have appropriate equipment for a safe and comfortable experience.

If you are unsure whether an item or clothing you own is appropriate for this trip, please contact us prior to the trip or bring the item/clothing to the pre-trip meeting.

Please leave jewelry and other non-essentials at home.

These requirements are for the safety and comfort of participants. ROPE reserves the right to refuse involvement in the program to anyone not properly equipped.

Alcohol, tobacco, and recreational drugs will not be tolerated on any trips led by ROPE. If you have such items, do not bring them!