BACKPACKING in Savage Gulf for a whole week this SPRING BREAK!

Backpacking
Savage Gulf, TN
Sat. March 4 - Sat. March 11, 2017
Cost = $235

Cost includes: Transportation, permits, camping fees, food for the week while backpacking, group equipment.

Sign up by: Wed. Nov. 16

Savage Gulf of South Cumberland State Park is home to the Great Stone Door, numerous waterfalls and spectacular overlooks!
Trip Overview:

South Cumberland State Park is home to the Great Stone Door, numerous waterfalls and spectacular overlooks. It is located about 120 miles SE of Nashville on the Cumberland Plateau. We will go backpacking from Saturday to Saturday, and we will cover 51 miles, checking out all three arms of the gulf. For most days, we will be hiking 6-8 miles a day. Temperatures can be in the 50’s to 70’s during the day, and 30’s to 50’s overnight. This trip is designed for both experienced and beginner backpackers. We will go on a local training hike before the trip. Estimate trip duration: 11 am Sat.3/4 to 5 pm Sat. 3/11.
Important Dates:

Sign up by:  Wed. Nov. 16

Pre-Trip Meeting:  5:30 pm Wed. Nov. 30 at the Outdoor Rec. Center (ORC), 2600 Children’s Way.

Training Hike and Meeting:  Sat. Feb. 18 from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm. Meet at the ORC. Lunch is provided.

Personal Gear available to rent at ORC:

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<td>Int. Frame Backpack</td>
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<td>Trekking Poles (pair)</td>
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Total (if you got all) = $102
Savage Gulf Backpacking Trip: Spring Break 2017

Sat. March 4: Meet at the ORC at 11 am
- Eat lunch enroute
- Arrive at Savage Ranger Station, elevation 1880’
- Begin Backpacking
- Hike 3.9 miles
  Camp at Savage Falls Campsite, elevation 1840’

Sun. 3/5   - Hike 7.3 miles
  Camp at Hobbs Cabin Campsite, elevation 1900’

Mon. 3/6   - Hike 8.5 miles  (down 882’ and up 802’)
  Camp at Stone Door Campsite, elevation 1820’

Tues. 3/7  - Hike 6.9 miles  (4.1 mile BP and 2.8 mi day hike)
  Camp at Alum Gap Campsite, elevation 1820’

Wed. 3/8   - Hike 7.2 miles  (down 780’)
  Camp at Sawmill Campsite, elevation 1040’

Thur. 3/9  - Hike 3.7 miles  (up 780’ and camp near Rocky Point)
  Camp at Collins West Campsite, elevation 1820’

Fri. 3/10  - Hike 7.2 miles
  Camp at Stage Camp, elevation 1820’

Sat. 3/11  - Hike out 6.3 miles
  Arrive at Savage Ranger Station, elevation 1880’
  Return to VU around 5 pm.

Total = 51 miles or 82.1 km
Here’s a trail map. We will cover the whole park, starting and ending at the Savage Ranger Station (far right).

You can go back to the Backpacking webpage and click on the Trail Map link above this pdf link. Then it will open a map that you can enlarge.
Photos from past trips to Savage Gulf (AKA the Great Stone Door, AKA South Cumberland State Park)
Join us as we spend a week hiking and discovering all the beauty this park has to offer!