

January 2026 - Logging Activity on Ouachita Trail between MM 194 and MM195

The purpose of this note is to alert trail users that the area adjacent to MM 194 to MM 195 was recently logged. The trail is mostly clear and passable, but there are large blue markings near the trail that could be confusing to hikers. The large markings are intended to delineate Streamside Management Zones (SMZ) associated with the harvesting operation.

- Please be extra vigilant navigating this area and follow the 2" x 6" light blue blazes.
- If you have a trail app or digital maps, check your location more frequently.
- The trail mostly follows a north – south direction through a narrow corridor in the timber-harvested area.



SMZ Markings (approximately 18" tall)



Trail blazes (approximately 2" x 6")

For background, several miles of the Ouachita Trail east of Highway 9 traverse a privately-owned area managed for timber production. This landowner collaboration enables the 223-mile Ouachita Trail to connect US Forest Service, Central Arkansas Water and State Park lands.