

Backpack Nebraska National Forest



CAMPUS RECREATION

Outdoor Adventures

Depart: Oct 6, 2017 **Return:** Oct 8, 2017

Pricing: \$95 members | \$125 non-members

Pre-trip meeting: October 3, 2017 | 6:30 p.m.

Trip Overview

Join us for a weekend getaway in Nebraska National Forest! Wait, Nebraska has a forest? Nebraska National Forest was created in 1902 as a timber reserve, and became the largest human-made forest in the US, and for awhile, was the largest in the world. Located in the beautiful Nebraska Sandhills, this weekend backpacking trip will take you past old windmills, streams, and of course, plenty of trees.

Location Overview

Nebraska National Forest at Halsey is within the Bessey Ranger District, which covers more than 90,000 acres of Nebraska's Sandhills. It is the largest hand planted forest in the world. The district is named after Charles E. Bessey, who spearheaded the project as an experiment to see if forests could be recreated in treeless areas of the Great Plains. Ponderosa pines, jack pines, whitetail deer, mule deer, wild turkeys, porcupines, and migratory birds find refuge in the forest. We will enjoy hiking, choosing a backcountry campsite, delicious food, and great conversation

All Skill Levels Welcome

If you're new to backpacking, no problem. Be ready to learn. If you're an experienced backpacker, that's great too. Be ready to challenge yourself in new ways. Know that this trip is physically demanding, however we strive to make the outdoors accessible for all. Contact us if you have any questions about your specific needs.

All Adventure Involves Risk

By signing up for this trip, you must understand that there is a certain amount of risk associated with any adventure activity. With our instruction and your attentiveness combined, we can reduce the risks involved. We ask that you pay attention to the instructors regardless of your experience level in the outdoors. Your attentiveness to lessons and communication to instructors of your own personal needs will set the crew up for success.

What will I get out of this adventure?

Outdoor Adventures trip staff are instructors, not guides. We won't put the mint on your pillow, but we will help you discover the outdoors. Our trip staff want to help you learn new skills, challenge yourself, and walk away from this experience with the curiosity and know-how to go out on your own. We are a resource for you and will help connect you with further opportunities to grow during and after this adventure.





Weather and Conditions

Average highs are in the high 50s °F (10 °C) to the high 60s °F (15 °C) and average lows are in the mid 40s °F (4 °C) to high 50s °F (10 °C). Weather can change quickly and forecasts can be inaccurate, so you must be prepared for all types of weather. Note that this trip will take place rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, we will find shelter or alter our plans as needed.

What We Provide & What You Need to Bring

All transportation, meals at the activity site, cycling gear, camping equipment, camping fees, leadership and instruction are provided by Outdoor Adventures. The trip cost does not include meals on the road. Be sure to bring cash and/or card for meals on the road and souvenirs. [Click here to view a complete personal packing list.](#)

Food and Group Cooking

For most trips, we prepare meals as a group and eat meals together. We bring the ingredients and strive to provide a variety of high quality food. Be sure to inform us of any dietary concerns, food allergies, food intolerances, or special requests during the pre-trip meeting and indicate them on your health statement form.

Smoking & Alcohol Policy

Please do not bring alcohol or illegal substances on the trip. Cigarettes are acceptable at established areas but are not allowed in vehicles. We encourage you to not smoke on this trip as a wellness challenge. If you must smoke, please respect our participants, be aware of fire danger, and pack out all related trash.

Cellphone Challenge

We challenge you to try to “disconnect” from your phone and devices during this trip. Disconnecting enables us to escape from our everyday lives and gives us a chance to connect with others and the outdoors. We challenge you to use them sparingly or not at all in order to fully immerse yourself in this adventure.

Outdoor Adventures Mission Statement

Engage individuals and groups in adventure experiences for escape, enjoyment, and education.

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