Originating in the rugged Boston Mountains range of the Ozarks are some of Arkansas’s most scenic and beloved streams. Wild and free-flowing, these streams offer a true glimpse of the natural beauty of Arkansas’ Ozarks - and are a stream-fisherman’s paradise! So put on your wading boots, tie on your lure and hit the Ozark Highlands Streams Fishing Trail!

1. The Buffalo National River – best known as a canoeing stream, the Buffalo River does offer excellent fishing opportunities. Considered a model smallmouth bass stream, the Buffalo has fast, clear oxygen-rich water and the gravel bottom and boulder beds that smallmouth bass love.

2. Little Buffalo River – less well-known to visitors and fisherman alike than the Buffalo, the Little Buffalo is a beautiful Ozark stream that offers excellent fishing opportunities literally just a stone’s throw away from historic downtown Jasper!

3. Richland Creek – located in one of Arkansas’s most rugged and remote areas, Richland Creek is a beautiful stream offering an ideal smallmouth bass habitat. Seldom floatable, wade-fishing is the best bet for fishing Richland Creek.

4. Kings River – for many fisherman, the Kings River IS Ozark smallmouth fishing – particularly for lunker-size smallmouth. The portion of the river downstream from Kingston offers excellent float fishing opportunities, while upstream sections are better suited for wade-fishing.

In addition to our great fishing, there are a number of other attractions and activities that you can enjoy in Newton County and Buffalo River Country. Be sure to make time to enjoy it all!

- Watching and Learning about Arkansas’s Elk Herd
- Driving the Area’s Scenic Highways
- Canoeing the Buffalo National River
- Rock Climbing and Caving
- Hiking and Backpacking
- Horseback Riding
- Exploring Ozark History
- “Getting Wet” at Local Waterfalls and Swimming Holes
- Shopping for One-of-a-Kind Gifts at Area Gift Shops and Art Galleries

To learn more about the many things to see and do, be sure to visit the Chamber of Commerce Gift Shop and Visitors Center at 204 North Spring Street on Jasper’s Historic Courthouse Square. There you will find brochures, maps and additional information to help you plan your perfect Ozark getaway.
Big Piney Creek – another classic Ozark stream, the Big Piney – due to its popularity as a whitewater stream – is often overlooked for its fishing opportunities. But for those in the know, the Big Piney is an excellent smallmouth stream and also offers great fishing for largemouth bass, sunfish and rock bass.

Illinois Bayou – not a “bayou” as most of us know them, the Illinois Bayou is a mountain stream that offers class II/III whitewater – and good smallmouth, largemouth and spotted bass fishing. And if you’re looking for a large fish, the stream’s flathead catfish can weigh up to 50 lbs!

Mulberry River – one of the Ozark’s wildest whitewater streams in the early spring, the Mulberry is a favorite float during that time – but is often too swift for fishing. In late spring and summer, however, the character of the stream changes and the Mulberry becomes an excellent spot for Ozark fishing.

**Good to Know Information:**
- Arkansas’s fishing season is open year-round
- An Arkansas fishing license is required.
- Licenses are sold as either resident or non-resident.
- Numerous locations in and around Newton County sell fishing licenses.
- Pick up a copy of an Arkansas Fishing Regulations guidebook with specific information on daily and length limits.

**Popular Gamefish of the Ozark Highlands Streams**

- Largemouth Bass
- Spotted Bass
- Smallmouth Bass
- Flathead Catfish
- Warmouth