FELSENTHAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WATER TRAILS
DEEP SLOUGH AND SHALLOW LAKE TRAILS/ GRAND MARAIS TRAIL

Additional Information
Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge is a 65,000 acre refuge established in 1975 and is named for the community located in the southwest corner of the refuge. The expansive refuge is covered in bottomland hardwood forest, rivers, sloughs, swamps and lakes that gradually rise to upland forest.

Safety
These trails cover flat water, although the current quickens as the Ouachita River rises. When the river level at Felsenthal Lock and Dam rises above 68 feet, expect flooding, strong current and debris. Check weather forecasts, wind advisories and river conditions before floating. Take a GPS unit or compass, and map, and tell someone of your plans.

Don't Get a Ticket
According to Arkansas law, children 12 and under must wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket, and anyone on a boat must have one ready to use. Vessels 16 feet and longer must have a throwable life preserver (type IV) aboard. Glass containers are illegal in boats such as canoes and kayaks that can be easily swamped. Paddlers must securely fasten cooler lids, use attached litter containers and use floating holders for beverages.

Hunting
Wear hunter orange during hunting seasons. Stick to main channels and avoid paddling during waterfowl season shooting hours. Check the Arkansas Hunting Guidebook and the Felsenthal NWR Public Use Regulations brochure for season dates and waterfowl sanctuary information.

Fishing
Bluegill, redear and largemouth bass frequent cypress tree trunks, and lily and lotus pads. Flathead and channel catfish hang out in deep holes by day and prowl the shallows at night.

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