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OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER takes you on a journey deep into the woods of Northwest Arkansas. Nestled between the upper and lower bluffs that span east to west at Rockspire, a new section of the nature trail has been opened to show the beauty of 30-foot cantilevered rock cliffs overhanging narrow paths of pine needles and good ole' black dirt. The trail closes the loop from Betty's Birdhouse Cabin, on the west, to Camp Sassafras, on the east. The entire loop is 2 miles.



BREAKING GROUND ON
THE UPPER NATURE TRAIL
Photo by G. Myers 11.28.09

The trail has revealed many previously hidden vistas looking toward the south and exposes viewers to the backwoods peace that we city dwellers long for. Since the new trail follows the bluff line, one is constantly confronted with the massive undulations of rock formations that have made the Ozarks a tourist attraction and outdoors destination.

Along the upper trail is the entrance to a cave that has until now been difficult to access. The new upper trail allows easy access to the mouth of the cave without having to crawl on one's belly! Removal of dirt in the corridor to the main room in the cave will require digging out by hand. (Willing volunteers needed!!!)

Access along the upper trail and entry to the cave are now accessible by foot, trail bike, or ATV. It makes a great hike before a hearty breakfast served in the cabin. But you don't have to be a cave-dweller to realize there is some fascinating history 'back in them woods' – so we invite you to explore!

ROCKSPIRE.COM IS NEW AND IMPROVED!

Joshua Barnes of Dallas was hired by the managers at Rockspire to bring new life to our website www.Rockspire.com. Several new features have been added. New content will appear monthly so we invite you to visit it often for news, events, photographs and philosophy that we hope engages you.

BETTY'S BIRDHOUSE cabin was dedicated on October 24, much to the surprise of the honoree. Betty is inspirational and instrumental in moving the Rockspire project forward. Attendees pictured from left: Joan and Mike Norton, Judy and Fred Leyba, Marjorie Jones, Betty Johnson, Kent Johnson, Mike Johnson, and in front: Jynx and Deborah Myers.

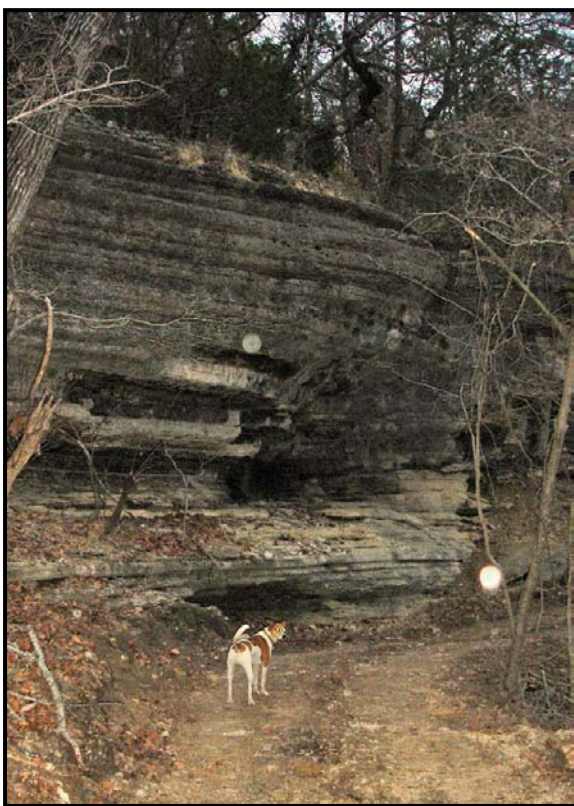


BETTY'S BIRDHOUSE DEDICATION
Photo by G. Myers 10.24.09

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STRANGE OBJECTS were captured in the photo taken below. Rockspire's mascot, Jynx, appears at his namesake bluff early on a Sunday morning last November when what to his surprise should appear but mysterious orbs of light! The photo shown below is one of three pictures taken, all in the same area, in which these spheres appear in the photographs, but were not visible to the naked eye.



JYNX'S BLUFF
Photo by G. Myers 11.29.09

The spheres are in different locations in the three photographs and in different numbers. In addition, some of the spheres appear to be in motion as evidenced by the blurring on the bottom edge of the sphere toward the bottom right in this photograph.

There was no direct sunlight at the time these photographs were taken since it was a cloudy morning just after sunrise. The light source for the photographs was the flash from the camera.

Since no other reasonable explanation has been provided, could it be the spheres are spirits or ghosts? You decide!

At right, George and his dog Jynx tell ghost stories just days before the picture at left was taken!



JYNX & GEORGE MYERS
At Jynx's Bluff
Photo by A. Bevil 11.26.09

Rockspire 2010 First Quarter Calendar of Events

JANUARY

16-17 Annual Campsite
Clean-up

FEBRUARY

14 Rockspire members
meeting & Valentines party

MARCH

27 Rockspire Spring Picnic and
Eureka Springs Soiree

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