



BENTONVILLE SELF-GUIDED BIKE TOUR

LET THIS CHARMING SOUTHERN TOWN BEGUILÉ YOU

This isn't the Bentonville you may think you know. Over recent years the city has transformed itself from a sleepy small Arkansas town to a center of the mountain bike universe, offering world-class culinary options, microbreweries, colorful boutiques, a world-class museum, and miles upon miles of singletrack. However, beyond the singletrack, Bentonville offers extensive paved bike paths and some of the nation's most unique gravel riding surrounded by the imposing Ozark mountains. On your self-guided bike tour, you will ride on some of the sweetest gravel roads, an unexpected mixture of chunky and smooth that flows from remote hollows to hidden corners. When you're done, the splendid boutique 21C Museum Hotel will offer a unique stay surrounded by contemporary art worthy of museum galleries. At the on-site restaurant The Hive, Arkansas native chef Matt McClure will treat you to a refined country cuisine, or alternatively, an array of restaurants and bars downtown offer from casual to fine dining, emphasizing the thriving local food scene. Don't miss the enjoyment of riding at your own pace while being immersed in a vibrant cycling culture and welcomed by the most genuine Southern hospitality. [Book your trip with confidence »](#)[Learn if a self-guided trip is right for you »](#)

From
\$2199

Rider Type
Active

Hotel Style
Luxury

Duration
5 days | 4 nights

Start | End
Bentonville, Arkansas

Dates
Dates Coming Soon

TRIP WOWS

Stay at a unique museum hotel perfectly located downtown Bentonville with the art galleries seamlessly integrated into all areas of the property

Visit the world-renowned Crystal Bridges Art Museum offering unique art and raving reviews

Taste the local emerging culinary delights that are putting Bentonville on the map

Visit the first Walmart opened by Sam Walton, now a must-see museum on Sam Walton and the Walmart history

Ride through miles and miles of dirt mixed with paved roads snaking across the Arkansas landscape



2021

Day

1

TODAY'S RIDE:

Bentonville Loop

Approximately 25 miles with 1,288 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Welcome to Bentonville! After leaving your luggage at your beautiful museum hotel, perfectly located in downtown Bentonville, meet your Trek Travel contact at the Phat Tire Bike Shop located less than a half mile from the hotel. There they will familiarize you with your Trek bicycle and assure you have a comfortable fit for the week ahead. Then it's off on your first warm-up ride, a 25 mile loop with low traffic and a rolling terrain that gives you a small sampling of the gravel roads to come throughout the week. Enjoy cruising through quiet tree-canopied roads with sweeping vistas of the Ozarks. Back in town, celebrate your first day of your self-guided bike tour with a drink at a bar that is hidden in the basement of a converted church. Take the opportunity for a visit to the art galleries of the fantastic contemporary museum that will be your home for the next 4 days. It's not every day you get to stay at a hotel that hosts more than 12,000 square feet of exhibition space seamlessly integrated into all areas of the property! For dinner tonight we recommend you treat yourself at the onsite restaurant The Hive, which proudly showcases the unique culinary identity of Arkansas. Alternatively, enjoy dinner of your choosing at one of the many bistros, just a short walk away.

HOTEL:

21C Museum Hotel

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

Day

TODAY'S RIDE:

Arkansas-Missouri loop

Approximately 54 miles with 3,761 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Arkansas-Missouri loop

Approximately 62 miles with 4,306 feet of climbing

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DESCRIPTION:

Start your day with a bountiful breakfast at The Hive (21C hotel restaurant) and grab a coffee at the famous Onyx Coffee Lab as you watch mountain bikers heading for the trails. The 54-mile challenging ride today will give you a full picture of the Ozarks as you ride north through Arkansas and into Missouri. You will be riding roads in Missouri so remote it feels like you have been transported to a time with no cars. Enjoy a well deserved pizza from the brick oven and crafted beer at the hidden gem Whistling Springs Brewing Company, set in a picturesque farmhouse location. Take a look around at the beautiful horse ranch before heading back to Bentonville through rolling terrain. Tonight, an array of specialties are at your fingertips, from casual to fine dining. The downtown area and its new breed of locally-owned restaurants offer regional High South cuisine. Top chefs from across the country have made their way to downtown Bentonville, pleasing the palates of many and racking up culinary awards left and right. Just choose the restaurant that best suits your tastes making good use of our hand-selected recommendations.

HOTEL:

21C Museum Hotel

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

TODAY'S RIDE:

Pea Ridge loop

Approximately 29 miles with 1,503 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Pea Ridge loop

Approximately 47 miles with 2,355 feet of climbing

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DESCRIPTION:

Today's ride is very special as the route takes you to Pea Ridge, one of the best-preserved Civil War sites in the country. On the 7th and 8th of March 1862, nearly 26,000 soldiers fought to determine whether Missouri would remain under Union control, and whether or not Federal armies could continue their offensive south through the Mississippi River Valley. The battle of Pea Ridge was one of the few in which a Confederate army outnumbered the Union. By defeating the Confederates, Union forces established Federal control of most of Missouri and northern Arkansas. With only 1,500 feet of climbing it may be one of the flatter rides of week, but there are still some hills to keep you on your toes. As you ride through the quiet serene country roads surrounding this area you may get lost in the seclusion and sanctity of the lush green hills. For dinner tonight choose from the list of our recommended restaurants in town to celebrate another memorable day of cycling immersed in history.

HOTEL:

21C Museum Hotel

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INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

TODAY'S RIDE:

Bentonville to Beaver lake return

Approximately 42 miles with 2,892 feet of climbing

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DESCRIPTION:

Amazing riding awaits you today giving you a break from the gravel roads and offering arguably one of the most scenic ride in the Ozarks. This route will take you along newly paved roads, staircase climbing for eight miles ultimately bringing you to incredible views of Beaver Lake and the Ozark mountains. Beaver Lake is a human-made reservoir in the Ozarks formed by a dam across the White River. With towering limestone bluffs, natural caves, and a wide variety of trees and flowering shrubs, it is a popular tourist destination. Stop for lunch at the local marina before heading back to Bentonville. In the afternoon you're free to visit the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. The museum has a spacious and comfortable home set into a beautiful ravine carved by the Crystal Spring, hence the name. Explore the impressive art collection and get inspired by the original architecture and grounds that unites the power of art with the beauty of nature. Tonight, get ready to indulge in another tasty dinner at our select restaurant, toasting to an incredible week of bike rides in this unique part of the country.

HOTEL:

21C Museum Hotel

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INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

5

TODAY'S RIDE:

Razorback Trail

Approximately 21 miles with 662 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

It's time to say goodbye to this charming, cozy small Southern town. However, don't miss the opportunity of one final spin through pastoral views south of Bentonville, giving your legs a reprieve from the previous day. Ride down the roads that many locals use for their weekend gravel rides. Tree-canopied roads and a creek crossing spotted with green fields make for a beautiful ride with just enough challenge to feel exhilarated. Back at the hotel, you'll have a chance to freshen up before checking out and returning your bike to the Phat Tire Bike Shop for 11 am. Head to the airport or wherever your travels take you next to close out this fantastic vacation of a lifetime in Bentonville.

HOTEL:

21C Museum Hotel

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

For us, the details matter most

Every moment of a Trek Travel self-guided bike trip has more than you could have ever dreamed. More romance. More scenery. More choice. It's the little additions to every Trek Travel cycling vacation that make it truly special. And that's how we help you create more memories.

What's Included

- Four nights of accommodation at one handpicked hotel
- Daily breakfast
- Daily lunch and dinner recommendations
- Ride a Trek Domane SL 7 disc or Trek Electric-Assist Verve+
- Up to three daily route options on riding days
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Each bike is equipped with a flat pack, frame pump, phone mount, and front and rear lights
- Bontrager helmet (optional if you do not bring your own)
- Bontrager saddle (we suggest you bring your own for the most comfortable fit)
- Shimano clipless pedals or flat pedals (optional if you do not bring your own)
- All luggage transfers during your trip
- A bike lock, all necessary chargers, and a floor pump
- Bike fit on the first day to help you find your optimal position for comfort, with recreational or avid set-up along with saddle preference
- Ride With GPS app on your phone to navigate and get all the information you need on your self-guided adventure
- Optional daily phone or video call with the guide to prep you for the next day's adventure
- Support on the ground in case of emergency

Gear

- Trek Domane SL 7 disc carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting or Trek Electric-Assist Verve+, available in a limited quantity
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, or flat pedals (optional if you do not bring your own)
- Bontrager helmet (optional if you do not bring your own)
- Bontrager men's and women's specific saddles
- Bontrager front and rear Flare R lights
- Each bike is equipped with a flat pack, frame pump and phone mount
- A bike lock, all necessary chargers, and a floor pump
- Coupon valued up to \$500 off a new Trek Bicycle. Your coupon will be delivered via email prior to your trip.
- *For the most comfortable ride, you may choose to bring your own pedals, saddle, and helmet on the trip. Your guides will install your gear on the first day during your bike fit.*

THANK YOUR GUIDE, BY TIPPING

Gratuities for your Trek Travel guide are not included in your trip price. We recommend tipping 7.5-10% of your trip price, preferably in the local currency. Please tip your guide at your discretion, based on their level of professionalism, guest care, and service.

What's Not Included

- Airfare and transportation to and from the trip meeting/departing locations
- Lodging before and after the trip
- Personal items purchased during the trip
- Optional activities not scheduled by Trek Travel
- While we provide daily breakfast, the other meals are not included. On self-guided trips, Trek Travel provides restaurant recommendations and invites you to explore the local cuisine at your leisure.

HOTELS



21C MUSEUM HOTEL

BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS

Located on the northeast corner of the Bentonville town square and a short walk to Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, 21c Museum Hotel Bentonville is a boutique hotel, contemporary art museum, and cultural center all in one. It is also home to The Hive restaurant, led by executive chef Matthew McClure which features "High South" cuisine. The hotel has a warm, welcoming feel and gives guests the opportunity to discover art around every corner. The onsite art galleries are thought-provoking, while contemporary decorations and artwork are in each guest room and suite. They also feature high ceilings and large windows with comfortable beds, custom-designed furniture, flat-screen TVs, and Malin + Goetz bath amenities. You are sure to have a wonderful stay!



MEETING & DEPARTING

How To Get There

We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the start of your self-guided Bentonville bike tour, which will enable you to adjust to the time zone and minimize the risk of missing the trip start due to flight-related delays. We recommend that you fly into the Fayetteville airport (XNA).

From the airport, you can call or hail

Meeting Time And Location

Meet your Trek Travel contact at the Phat Tire Bike Shop (125 W Central Ave, Bentonville, AR 72712) at 11:00 AM on the first day of the trip. The store is located under a half mile from your trip hotel, the 21C Museum Hotel. At the store you'll be assigned to your bike, along with a fitting to ensure your comfort for the week. You will also receive important information about the daily ride options, safety highlights, and the specifics of cycling in the area. Then you are free to set off on your first warm-up ride of the week.

If you will be late for the meeting or are going to miss it altogether, please inform your contact. You will receive an email a week before the trip start with their name and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call your hotel, the 21C (479-

a taxi to take you to the trip hotel. It is approximately 14 miles from the airport to the meeting location in downtown Bentonville. A taxi ride should take approximately 30 minutes and cost \$40 to \$60. We recommend Pinnacle Car Service for your in-town transportation needs: <https://www.pinnlimo.com/>

Before & After: Fayetteville, Arkansas

Fayetteville has been listed among the top-five places to live in the U.S. three years in a row, and one visit will show you why. As the home of the University of Arkansas and its beloved Razorbacks, Fayetteville has always been the historic hot spot for fun in Northwest Arkansas. But nowadays Fayetteville is just as known for its fantastic restaurants, arts and entertainment offerings, surrounding outdoor beauty, annual events and attractions that keep visitors coming back season after season. Discover the famed Dickson Street, where you can find a variety of restaurants, bars, and live-music venues, including George's Majestic Lounge, the oldest and longest-running club and live-music venue in Arkansas. In the heart of the downtown and Dickson Street entertainment district is the newly renovated Walton Arts Center, as well as TheatreSquared. Both offer guests world-renowned productions and first-class performances. From plays to concerts to festivals, both WAC and T2 set the stage in Fayetteville for the best live performances in Northwest Arkansas. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre- and post-trip hotel.

286-6500), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details.

Departing Time And Location

Please, return your bike and related accessories to the Phat Tire Bike Shop at 11:00 AM on the last day of your Bentonville self-guided bike tour. From here you may choose to extend your stay in the area or secure a taxi back to the Fayetteville Airport (XNA). We recommend contacting Pinnacle Car Service for your transportation needs: <https://www.pinnlimo.com/>

STAYBRIDGE SUITES FAYETTEVILLE

Ideally located in Fayetteville and close to the airport, this 3-star hotel is a contemporary all-suite property with rooms that feature a modern interior, free Wi-Fi, and a flat-screen TV. All suites have a spacious work desk, a DVD player, and a kitchen with a stove. Every morning, guests can enjoy a continental breakfast. The on-site 24-hour market offers various light meals and snacks.

www.ihg.com/staybridge/hotels/us/en/fayetteville/fyvar/hoteldetail | ~ \$290

INN AT THE MILL, ASCEND HOTEL COLLECTION

This hotel is a combination of elegance and history in the small town of Johnson, AR and just five miles from Fayetteville, AR. Originally a 19th century water powered grain mill, it was transformed into a hotel and restaurant nestled in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains near Interstate 540 between Springdale and Fayetteville. Guests can enjoy a variety of outdoor activities as well as many shops, restaurants, clubs and galleries in the Dickson Street Entertainment District.

choicehotels.com/arkansas/springdale/ascend-hotels/ar045?source=gyxt | ~\$290

GRADUATE FAYETTEVILLE

This contemporary boutique hotel in Fayetteville city center features indoor and outdoor swimming pools and rooms with free WiFi, a flat-screen TV and an iPod docking station. A limited, pop-up bar menu is available at Poindexter Coffee Bistro & Lounge, the on-site restaurant and bar. The University of Arkansas is just one mile from the hotel, and the Walton Arts Center is within 5 minutes' drive.

www.graduatehotels.com/fayetteville/ | ~\$250

* Hotels listed above are local properties we love. We do not have special rates available.



FAQS

What Are The Daily Rides Like?

What are the options for a non-rider travel companion?

There are a variety of non-riding options on this trip for riders who want to take

- Rider Type | 3/4 - Active/Avid
- Average Daily Mileage | 34
- Terrain | Rolling
- Average Daily Elevation | 2,021 feet
- Total Miles | 171
- Total Elevation | 10,106 feet

Averages and totals are calculated from our "Today's Ride" options.

Located in the Ozark Mountains, Bentonville has rolling, hilly terrain. It offers extensive paved bike paths and is surrounded by rough dirt road. Arkansas gravel is chunky and loose. There's hardly any traffic or commerce on the gravel roads and they are often flanked by bubbling creeks or vine-entangled woodlands. Our Bentonville self-guided bike tour is best suited for our Type 3 Riders. Type 4 Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer.

the afternoon off or travel companions who want to spend little or no time in the saddle. Some of these options may need to be scheduled before your trip—please contact one of our Trip Consultants for more information. Except as specified in the itinerary, expenses and transportation to these activities are not included in the trip price. Some non-riding options on our self-guided Aspen bike tour are:

- Explore the many shops, galleries, and restaurants in downtown Bentonville
- Rent a bike from Phat Tyre and hit the trails of this mountain biking mecca
- Visit the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art
- Visit the Walmart Museum
- Visit the Museum of Native American History.

Trip Changes

See itinerary for specific daily ride distances and elevation options. On all of our vacations, Trek Travel seeks to find quiet, paved, secondary roads or bike paths to experience a region; busy roads are avoided as much as possible. Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer every guest a vacation of a lifetime on every trip. At times routes, hotels, activities, etc. listed here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides to improve the trip experience.