



Beaver **Water** District

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Ozark Natural Science Center and Beaver Water District Unveil New Educational Trail Signs at Family Day

HUNTSVILLE, AR — August 20, 2025 — Ozark Natural Science Center (ONSC) will unveil a new series of educational signs on Tom's Trail for Everybody, the center's fully accessible trail, during its annual Family Day & Alumni Reunion on Saturday, September 6.

The unveiling takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The signs, created in partnership with Beaver Water District (BWD), highlight local ecology and natural resources, helping visitors of all ages connect with the Ozark landscape.

"Tom's Trail was built to make the outdoors available to everyone," said Rose Brown, ONSC's executive director. "These new signs will make the trail even more engaging and educational for our visitors."

ONSC's accessible trail connects forest, meadow, and pond habitats so everyone can access outdoor education. The new series of educational signs provide an informative self-guided hike along the trail, and can be visited in any order.

"Part of our mission is to promote the protection of water resources through education," said Trish Ouei, BWD's Director of Public Affairs. "Partnering with ONSC on these trail signs helps children and families understand how the health of our forests, streams, and wildlife are connected to clean drinking water. That kind of hands-on learning inspires lasting stewardship."

Information about Family Day at ONSC

Date & Time: Saturday, September 6, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Free and open to the public. RSVP requested: www.onsc.us/events

Sign Unveiling: 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. on Tom's Trail for Everybody

Other activities include: lunch, guided hikes, campus tours, hands-on science stations, and games for all ages

Location: Ozark Natural Science Center, 1905 Madison 1305, Huntsville, AR 72740

About Ozark Natural Science Center

Ozark Natural Science Center is committed to strengthening the understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of land, water, and wildlife in the Ozarks. ONSC provides immersive, hands-on experiences that connect people of all ages to the beauty and complexity of the natural world. Learn more at www.onsc.us

About Beaver Water District

Beaver Water District supplies clean, safe drinking water, sourced from Beaver Lake to the cities of Fayetteville, Springdale, Rogers, and Bentonville who distribute the water to more than 400,000 people and industries in their cities and surrounding areas. Through education and outreach, BWD promotes public confidence and cultivates an environment of integrity, excellence, trust, and respect.

About Tom's Trail for Everybody

Tom's Trail for Everybody was named after Tom Edmiston, a former ONSC board member. Learn more at www.onsc.us/ttfe

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