

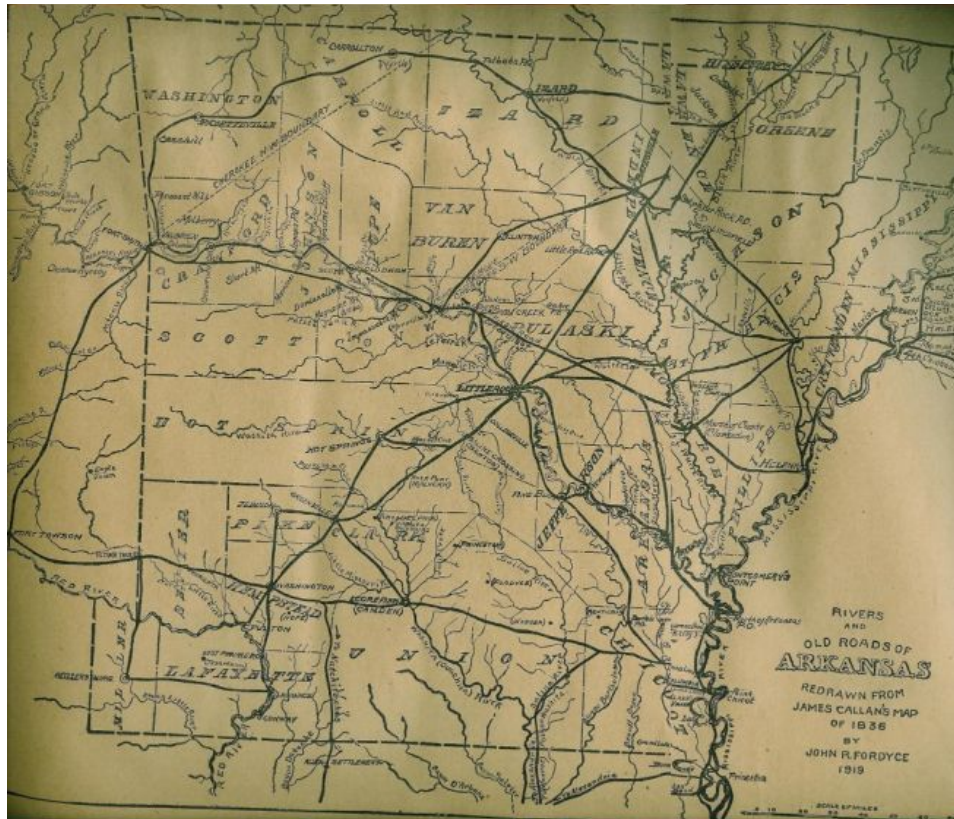
“ROADTRIP!”

Imagine you are stuck at home for weeks at a time. You are eager for an adventure and the opportunity to relax. You live in Little Rock and would like to visit Bath-house row in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

How would you get there today? What vehicle would you use? What route would you take? How long would you travel? According to Google, the fastest route today is by car or automobile.




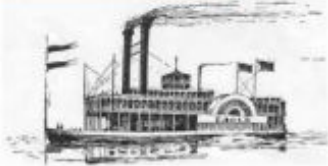
- Driving on I-30 W, to US-70 W
- Travelling roughly 54 miles
- Taking approximately 52 minutes

So how would you have made the same journey in 1836? Provided below is a map of Arkansas roadways. In 1836, there was a direct route from Little Rock to Hot Springs. Using the map’s key, it appears the route was approximately 45 miles long. Below would have been your travel options in the 1830s.



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Travel Methods:	Answers:
	<p>An average walking pace for an adult is around 3 mph. Slower depending on how much a person is carrying.</p> <p>https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/hiking-for-beginners.html</p>
	<p>It takes a horse and carriage an average of 8 to 12 hours to travel 50 miles. For simplicity, let's say it takes 10 hours to travel 50 miles, Meaning you travel at around 5 mph.</p> <p>https://www.reference.com/pets-animals/long-would-travel-50-miles-horse-carriage-51c8d531c13454ca</p>
 <p>As early as 1835, plans were being made for the construction of railroads. However, Arkansas's first railroad company <i>The Mississippi, Ouachita and Red River Railroad</i>, wasn't incorporated until August 12, 1852.</p> <p>https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net</p>	 <p>The <i>Eagle</i> was the first steamboat to reach Little Rock in 1822. Steamboat travel quickly spread throughout the state. However, there is still no sufficient waterway connecting Little Rock to Hot Springs.</p> <p>https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net</p>

Only two methods of travel are feasible - walking or by horse and carriage.

Using the information provided, answer the following questions: How long would your journey take? What would you carry with you and could that slow you down? Recalculate your travel time based on your slower speed. Could you travel that distance in 1 day? If not, where do you think you might sleep?

Walking:

Horse & Carriage:

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