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Within Red River Gorge Geological Area, camping is prohibited:

- Within 300 feet of any developed road
- Within 300 feet of any Forest Service trail
- Within 600 feet of Grays Arch
- In any picnic area or parking area



Do not camp in rock shelters.

These sensitive areas provide critical habitat for plants and animals.

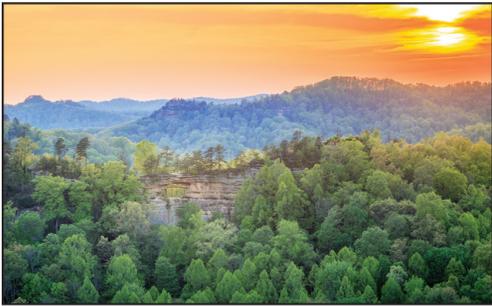
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#	Name	Miles
201	Double Arch Trail	2.50
202	Courthouse Rock Trail	2.00
203	Auxier Branch Trail	.75
204	Auxier Ridge Trail	2.00
205	Grays Arch Trail	.25
206	Cliff Trail	.50
207	Rock Bridge Trail	1.50
208	Hidden Arch Trail	1.00
209	D. Boon Hut Trail	1.00
210	Bison Way Trail	.75
211	Sheltowee Connector	.25
214	Sky Bridge Trail	.75
216	Whittleton Branch Trail	2.00
217	Whittleton Arch Trail	.25
218	Angel Windows Trail	.25
219	Swift Camp Creek Trail	7.00
220	Koomer Ridge Trail	2.50
221	Rough Trail	7.50
223	Pinch-em Tight Trail	1.75
225	Silvermine Arch Trail	1.50
226	Buck Trail	1.50
227	Rush Ridge Trail	1.00
228	Wildcat Trail	1.50
229	Tower Rock Trail	.75
230	Military Wall Trail	.25
231	Left Flank Trail	.25
233	Princess Arch Trail	.25
234	Whistling Arch Trail	.25
235	Chimney Top Trail	.25
237	Pebble Beach Trail	.25
238	Powder Mill Trail	2.25
239	Lost Branch Trail	1.75
240	Osborne Bend Loop Trail	7.00
100	Sheltowee Trace NRT	273.00
100	Corner Ridge to Red River	10.00
100	Red River to Pinch Em Tight TH	5.00
100	Pinch Em Tight TH to Whittleton Campground	3.00

Sheltowee Trace National Recreation Trail extends the entire length of the Daniel Boone National Forest (18 miles in the Red River Gorge, Clifty Wilderness and Natural Bridge State Resort Park)



Sky Bridge. Photo by Alexey Stiop, stock.adobe.com

Come and experience the gorgeous Red River Gorge Geological Area. Thousands of visitors enjoy the outdoors year round in this unique natural area. Among the breathtaking scenery and spectacular rock features are vast opportunities for recreation and adventure. Discover what awaits you.

The Red River Gorge is located on the Cumberland Ranger District of the Daniel Boone National Forest. The Daniel Boone National Forest is part of the Forest Service, the federal agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture that manages national forests and grasslands for multiple uses.

The Red River

Kentucky's first and only National Wild and Scenic River, the Red River, offers scenic beauty and outdoor adventure. Late fall and spring are the best times for canoeing or kayaking.

Hiking Trails

Nearly 70 miles of hiking trails wind through the gorge. Many of the trails are strenuous due to rugged terrain. All official trails are blazed with white diamond-shaped markers. Motorized vehicles are prohibited.

Natural Stone Arches

Sculpted by 70 million years of wind and water, the natural stone arches in the gorge vary greatly by shape and size. Heavily forested slopes, ridges and cliffs provide a stunning backdrop for more than 100 arches.

Nada Tunnel

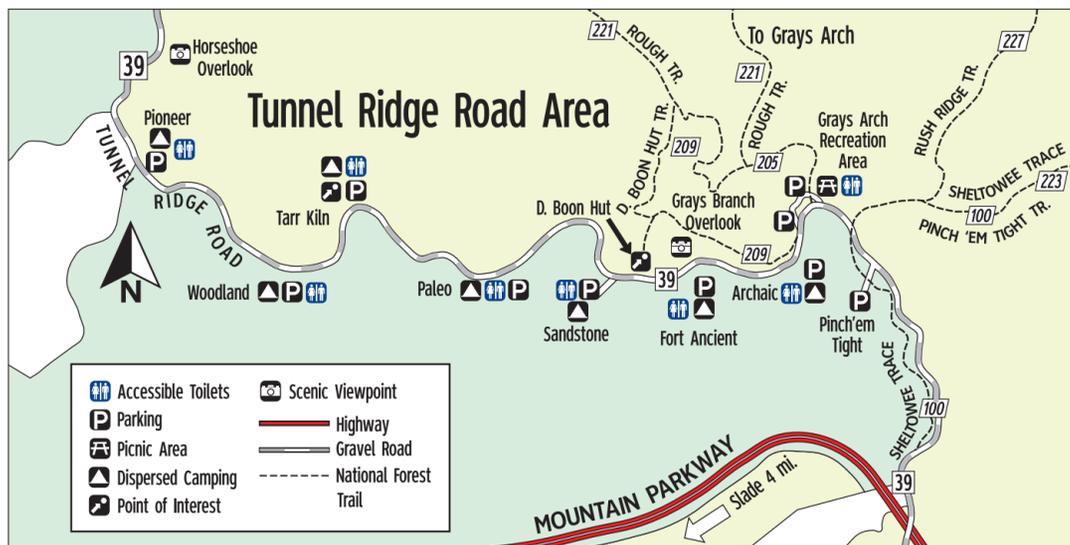
An interesting way to enter the Gorge is through Nada Tunnel, located along KY 77. This 900-foot tunnel, open to one-lane traffic only, was built for use by a logging company during the early 1900s. Tunnel clearance for vehicles is 12 feet wide by 12 feet high.



White-haired goldenrod. Phot by John MacGregor, Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Plants and Animals

The gorge supports an unusual array of plant and animal life. Many rare and sensitive species are found in the gorge. White-haired goldenrod, federally listed as a threatened plant, is found in rock shelters and along cliffs only in the Red River Gorge, occurring nowhere else in the world. Virginia big-eared bats, an endangered species, use rock shelters and cliffs for feeding, resting and rearing their young. The Forest Service asks for your help in protecting these species and their habitat.



Clifty Wilderness

Clifty Wilderness is a rugged, undeveloped area designated for preservation in its natural state. Clifty Wilderness offers hikers physical challenge as well as opportunities for quiet and solitude. Be prepared to encounter adverse weather conditions, isolation and physical hazards. Motorized and mechanical travel and equipment are prohibited.



Koomer Ridge Campground

This fee area features 54 trailer and tent spaces, vault toilets, fire grills, lantern posts, drinking water, picnic tables and an amphitheater. Sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Koomer Ridge is open year round. A bath house with flush toilets and showers is available mid-April through October.



Natural Bridge State Resort Park

Adjacent to Red River Gorge Geological Area, Natural Bridge is managed by the Kentucky Department of Parks. It offers lodge rooms, cabins, dining facilities and two developed campgrounds. For more information, call 606-663-2214, or 1-800-255-PARK (7275).



Archaeology

The fragile archaeological sites in this area are irreplaceable evidence of earlier lives – a common inheritance from past generations with whom we share this land. Once destroyed, these sites are gone forever. Due to its significant archaeological resources, the gorge has been designated a National Register Archaeological District.

To preserve these sites:

- Do not camp or build fires in rock shelters.
- Do not collect or dig for artifacts.
- Do not disturb the soil, dig or move rocks in rock shelters.
- Obey all signs and restrictions.



Rock Climbing

Rock climbing is permitted, but new climbing routes should be approved by the Forest Service. Climbing and rappelling are not permitted within 300 feet of Sky Bridge, Gray's Arch, Nada Tunnel, Chimney Top Rock Overlook and other areas as posted.



Cliffline Safety

The cliffs of the gorge are beautiful, but they are also dangerous. Every year, visitors are injured or killed by falling from a cliff.

- Avoid camping near the edge of cliffs. You may be closer to the edge than you realize.
- Foot travel after dark is not safe.
- Watch your footing when walking near cliffs. Trees and shrubs may not hold you if you slip.
- Keep children under close supervision at all times. Do not let them run or play near cliffs.



Caves

Caves may be closed due to white-nose syndrome, a disease that infects bats. Please respect all closure notices and stay out of caves to help stop the spread of this disease.



Bears

Black bear populations have been steadily increasing in the Red River Gorge. Store your food and trash properly, as described in "Food Storage Rules in Bear Country" in this brochure.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Rules and Regulations

Observe these rules to help protect the forest resources, facilities and visitor experience.

- Off-highway vehicle use is prohibited in the Red River Gorge Geological Area.
- Mechanized and motorized equipment and travel are prohibited in Clifty Wilderness.
- Climbing or rappelling within 300 feet of Sky Bridge, Grays Arch, Nada Tunnel or Chimney Top Rock Overlook is prohibited.
- Building, maintaining, attending and using a fire, campfire or stove within 100 feet of the base of any cliff or the back of a rock shelter are prohibited.

- **Kentucky law prohibits consumption and open containers of alcohol in public places, including national forest land and Kentucky lakes and waterways.**

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Vehicles and Parking

- Keep vehicles on established roads. All vehicle traffic is restricted to roads only.
- Parking on Tunnel Ridge Road, KY 77 and KY 715 is limited to designated parking sites. Do not park on the road.



911

In an emergency, call 911. Cell phone service may not be available in some areas due to cell tower location and terrain.



Food Storage Rules in Bear Country

All food, garbage and odorous items must be placed in a bear-resistant container or suspended off the ground. You can be fined if you do not obey the food storage orders. Your help is needed to contain food odors, so bears are not attracted to public areas.



Bear Country Safety

Never feed a bear. In Kentucky, feeding bears intentionally or unintentionally is illegal.

Never store food or odorous items inside your tent. Store food and garbage at least 100 yards away from your campsite.

When camping, cook and eat in locations away from your sleeping area.

REDUCE ODORS THAT ATTRACT BEARS



Gladie Visitor Center. Forest Service photo.



Gladie Visitor Center

The Gladie Visitor Center provides information on trails, camping and other opportunities. Maps and passes are available for purchase. Contact the center for hours of operation.

Gladie Visitor Center
3451 Sky Bridge Road, KY 715
Stanton, KY 40380
606-663-8100



Directions to Gladie

From I-64, take exit 98 to the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway. From the parkway, take exit 33 (Slade) and turn left onto KY 11. To access Gladie through the Nada Tunnel, turn left onto KY 15, travel 1.5 miles west and turn right onto KY 77. Follow 77 to KY 715 and turn right. Stay on 715 and follow the signs.



Your Comments

The Forest Service welcomes your questions, comments and suggestions about your recreation experience on this forest.

Email comments to:
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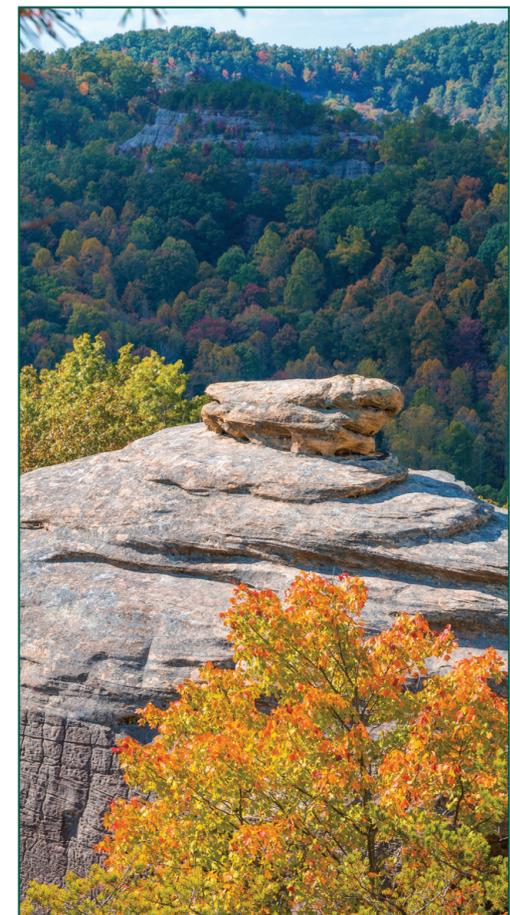
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