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The Kentucky state park system includes 49 parks and one interstate park with facilities for meetings and conferences, recreation, camping, sports, education and much more.

Each of the lodging and recreation facilities inside each park is unique to itself. We are attempting to bring you information to help you make choices and to help you determine if chosen sites have what you need.

Look in the left frame for links to facility sections as they are completed.

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Big Bone Lick State Park, Union			■		P	F		■		■	■	□		■	■
Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park, Mt. Olivet	■	■	■	■	P	F				■	■	□	P	■	■
Boone Station State Historic Site, Athens														H	
Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, Buckhorn	■	■		■	■	■		■		■	■	■			■
Constitution Square State Historic Site, Danville														■	■
Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, Corbin	■	■	■	■	P	F		■	□	■	P	■	■	■	■
Fort Boonesborough State Park, Boonesboro			■		P	▽				■	■	□		■	■
General Burnside Island State Park, Burnside			■		P	F	■				P	□			
General Butler State Resort Park, Carrollton	■	■	■	■	■	F	■	■		■	■	■		■	■
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Kincaid Lake State Park, Falmouth			■		P	■		■		■	*	□			■
Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park, London			■		P					■	■	□		■	■
Natural Bridge State Resort Park, Slade	■	■	■	■	P	F		■		■	■	■	■		■
Old Fort Harrod State Park, Harrodsburg														■	■
Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site, Perryville										■	P			■	■
Pine Mountain State Resort Park, Pineville	■	■	■	■	P		■			■	■	■	■		■
Dr. Thomas Walker State Historic Site Barbourville											■			■	■
Waveland State Historic Site, Lexington										■	P			■	
White Hall State Historic Site, Richmond														■	■
William Whitley House State Historic Site, Stanford											P			■	■

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▽ Boat dock and fishing. □ Seasonal.

* Recreation complex.

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Natural Bridge State Resort Park



Natural Bridge State Resort Park is home to the great natural sandstone arch that stands like a sentinel over this mountain hideaway. Located in the midst of the [Daniel Boone National Forest](#), near the [Red River Gorge Geological Area](#), the arch spans 78 feet in length and 65 feet in height. Visitors will find this park a kaleidoscope of spectacular natural beauty with each passing season.

Accommodations

[Hemlock Lodge](#)

Delight in the beauty of a lodge nestled in the mountainside. The 35 rooms of Hemlock Lodge have private balconies. For the perfect memento of your visit, browse the lodge gift shop featuring a large selection of Kentucky handcrafts and souvenirs.

Open year-round. Rooms are available by late afternoon, check-out by noon, Eastern time.



[Cottages](#)



Or try one of the park's cottages. Step out of your cottage into the beautiful ambiance of the surrounding forest. You will be encompassed by beauty in one of two two-bedroom, or eight one-bedroom cottages. Tableware, cooking utensils, and linens are provided, with fresh linens available daily.

Open year-round Cottages are available by late afternoon, check-out by 11:00 a.m.

Camping

Enjoy the great outdoors in a park campsite. Two campgrounds, Whittleton Campground and Middle Fork Campground, provide 82 sites with utilities. Twelve primitive campsites are also available. Dump stations and two central service buildings with rest rooms and showers are furnished for your convenience.

Mid-March through October 31. No advance reservations. Check-out by 2:00

p.m. [Rates](#). Pets are allowed if restrained.

Dining Room

In the 175-seat Hemlock Lodge dining room, choose from an array of entrees and experience Kentucky hospitality for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Meeting Rooms

Natural Bridge State Resort Park is the perfect setting for a meeting. A meeting room in the lodge seats 50, and the private dining room can accommodate 60. The Activities Center seats 195 guests.

Hoedown Island

Mosey on down to Hoe Down Island where knee-slappin', toe-tappin', and swingin' your partner is a barrel of fun! Located on the lake below the lodge, this island is an open-air dance patio for weekly square dances.

Seasonal with weather. Call park for annual brochure. Park also holds Square Dance Weekends throughout the year. Go to "Dance Events" after linking to the Events section of the website.

Pool Complex



Tucked between the lake and the cliff beneath Hemlock Lodge is a new pool complex. The complex includes a spacious stone bathhouse, and a zero-depth (one can enter pool without steps) pool that holds 80,000 gallons of water. The main pool has a "river"

theme with directional water jets and floor bubblers. Next to the main pool is a new fenced wading pool with floor bubbles and fountain. The watercraft rental dock is a short walk away along a newly landscaped path.

Open seasonally and free to lodge and cottage guests every day. Open to the public Memorial Day through Labor Day when lifeguards are on duty. Admission fee. After mid-August, lifeguards are at the pool Saturday and Sunday only from 11a-6p.

Sky Lift

For a relaxing climb to natural bridge, enjoy a ride on the sky lift. The ascent begins one-half mile from the park entrance and ends within 600 feet of Natural Bridge.

Open daily mid-April thru last weekend in October, \$.

Snack Bars

Two snack bars with all of your favorite treats are in the park. One is located near the swimming pool, the other near the sky lift.

Trails & Nature Center

The nine hiking trails range from one-half mile to eight-and-one-half miles. Trail maps are available at the Nature Center, located on the ground floor of the Activities Center. The Nature Center houses exhibits about the park. *Pets are not permitted on the hiking trails in Natural Bridge State Resort Park.*

Other Recreational Facilities

Pedal Boats and Hydrobikes - Kids young and old will love the new self-powered watercraft. Explore up and down Hoedown Island Lake.

Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, \$.



Miniature Golf - Test your putting skills on the 18-hole miniature golf course.

Open April 1-October 31, Fee charged per round.

Planned Recreation

Interpretive programs focusing on native plants, animals, and local history are conducted year-round under the direction of a full-time naturalist. Daily summer activities are directed by a seasonal recreation staff.

Picnicking & Playground

Two picnic shelters with rest rooms, tables, grills, and a playground are located throughout the park. Shelters available for rental up to one year in advance.

\$ for shelter rental.

Special Events

The park hosts many special events throughout the year, such as Herpetology Weekend in April, Wildflower Weekend and Shindig in the Mountains in May.

[Click here for a listing of 2002 events.](#) Or contact the park for information regarding these and other events, or go to the [Kentucky State Parks Booklet Order Page](#) to order a publication which includes special events.

Location & Contact Information

NATURAL BRIDGE STATE RESORT PARK

2135 Natural Bridge Road, Slade KY 40376-9999

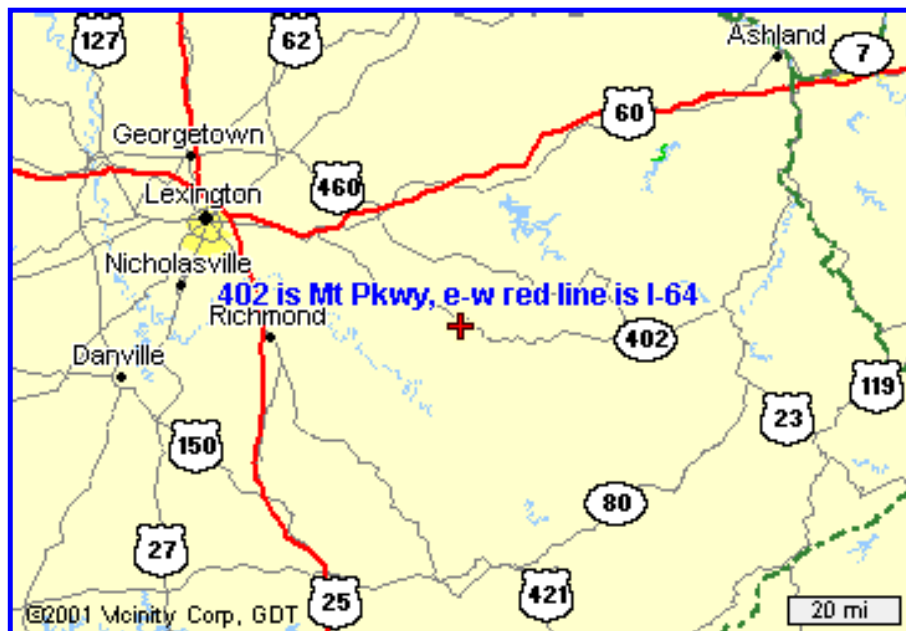
(606) 663-2214

Natural Bridge Resort is in the Eastern US Time Zone.



Send us e-mail!

Toll-free reservations: **1-800-325-1710**



This is a zoomable map. When you click on the map, this frame will go to the MapQuest website, where you can get driving directions and other navigation information.

Other Parks Nearby

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, in Buckhorn, Ky., is 49 miles southeast on KY 1833. Take KY 15 south to KY 28 west, then KY 1833 to the park.

Area Attractions

Check out the [Mountain Majesty Region of Kentucky's Daniel Boone Country](#) to find out more about attractions near Natural Bridge.

Park Rates - where links appear in listing, images are available

Natural Bridge 800-325-1710	Jan 1 - Mar 21, 2002	Mar 22 - May 23, 2002	May 24 - Sep 1, 2002	Sep 2 - Oct 3, 2002	Oct 4 - Nov 2, 2002	Nov 3 - Dec 31, 2002
Hemlock Lodge Room	1 guest \$42 2 guests \$52	1 guest \$66* 2 guests \$76*	1 guest \$66* 2 guests \$76*	1 guest \$66* 2 guests \$76*	1 guest \$78* 2 guests \$88*	1 guest \$42 2 guests \$52

Natural Bridge 800/325-1710	Jan 1 - Mar 21, 2002	Mar 22 - May 23, 2002	May 24 - Sep 1, 2002	Sep 2 - Oct 3, 2002	Oct 4 - Nov 2, 2002	Nov 3 - Dec 31, 2002	# of Persons in Rate
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1 bedroom cottage	\$75	\$90*	\$90*	\$90*	\$100*	\$75	Two
2 bedroom cottage	\$88	\$105*	\$105*	\$105*	\$120*	\$88	Four



[Link here](#) for lodging availabilities for the next four weeks.

*\$5 additional charge per lodge room or cottage on Friday and Saturday nights from April 5 - November 2, with the exception of the following holiday dates, during which the additional charge changes from \$5 to \$10 per lodge room or cottage. Holiday dates are May 24, 25, 26; July 4, 5, 6; and August 30, 31, September 1, 2002.

Link to [Kentucky State Park Rates](#) for procedures and more information.

Natural Bridge **Campgrounds** are open April 1 - October 31

Rates include two persons per night. Each additional person over 16 years of age is \$2.

Whittleton	\$10	Water Only
	\$16	Electric Only
	\$20	Water & Electric
Middlefork	\$10	Water Only or Electric Only
	\$20	Water & Electric

10% off

Senior Citizens Rate

includes two Persons per night (62 and older)

10% off

Disabled Kentuckians Rate

Rate includes two Persons per night (18 and older)

\$10

Primitive Sites

Rate includes two persons per night. Each additional person over 16 is \$2.

Free

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Natural Bridge State Resort Park facilities close following lunch December 22, 2002 and reopen for lunch December 29, 2002.

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**General Burnside Island State Park**

General Burnside State Park is a 430-acre island surrounded by 50,250-acre Lake Cumberland. Named for the sideburn-whiskered Civil War general Ambrose Burnside, this park offers vacationers a home base from which to explore cool, secluded lake coves. As the only island park in the Kentucky State Park's system, General Burnside is truly a unique treasure!

Campground

Cool lake breezes and beautiful views make camping at General Burnside a great getaway. The campground features 94 sites with utility hookups, two central service buildings with showers and rest rooms, and a dump station.

Open April 1 through October 31. No advance reservations. Check-out by 2:00 p.m., Eastern time, \$. Pets are allowed if restrained.

Golf

Tee up on the challenging 18-hole golf course, complemented by beautiful scenery and lake views. A fully equipped pro shop with rental clubs, pull carts, and riding carts caters to your every need.

Course open year-round, weather permitting, \$.

Boating

A marina next to the park has everything you need for a great day on the lake: rental slips, rental fishing boats, ski boats, pontoon boats, and houseboats are offered. A six-lane launching ramp at the park provides you with the perfect access to a fun-filled day on the lake. *\$ for rentals.*

Fishing

Lake Cumberland provides some of the best fishing in the United States. Fish for crappie (10-inch size limit), largemouth and smallmouth bass (15-inch size limit) and striped bass (24-inch size limit and two fish daily limit).

Swimming

The community pool at General Burnside is a great place to cool off on a hot summer day. While you spend the day at the pool, enjoy some of your favorite treats from the concession stand. *Open Memorial Day-Labor Day, \$.*

Picnicking & Playgrounds

General Burnside extends you an invitation to enjoy great facilities for your next picnic outing. Picnic tables, grills, and a playground are available. Two picnic shelters (one with rest rooms) are available for rental up to one year in advance.

Christmas Island - A Festival of Lights on Kentucky's Only Island Park



Imagine the wonderment of the state's only Island Park illuminated with penguins, Eskimos, a jack-in-the-box, flying reindeer, a Victorian village, a paddlewheel boat and much, much more! General Burnside Island is transformed into Christmas

Island every year at holiday time. More than 200 seasonal lighting displays, many of which are animated, fill the park. It is truly an unforgettable sight.

In 2001, dates are November 15 through December 30. Hours are 6 - 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 6 - 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission fee is \$6 per car, \$10 per van, and \$20 per bus. Because of the inclement weather this season, please call ahead around 4 p.m. on the day of your visit to make sure the display is open. Sponsored by Somerset Convention & Visitors Bureau: 1-800-642-6287. [Visit their web page.](#)

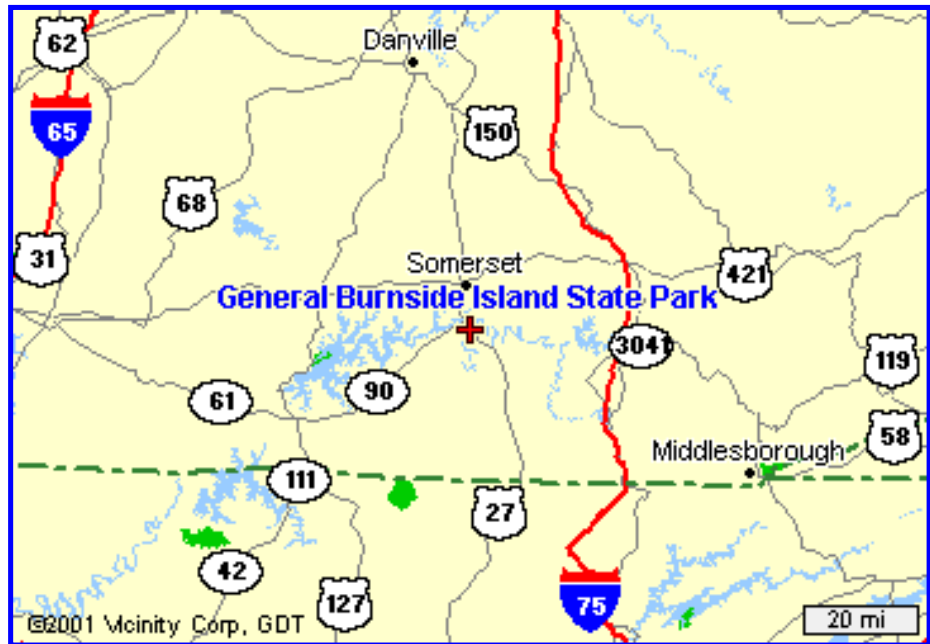
Location & Contact Information

GENERAL BURNSIDE STATE PARK
P. O. Box 488, Burnside KY 42519-0488 (for mailing only)
8801 South Highway 27, Burnside, KY 42519

(606) 561-4104



General Burnside Island State Park is located in Burnside, 8 miles south of Somerset on US 27. Here is an area map.



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Other Parks Nearby

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park is 26 miles southeast of General Burnside on KY 90.

Lake Cumberland State Resort Park is 62 miles west on US 127.

Area Attractions

Check out [Lake Cumberland Tourism Somerset](#) to find out more about attractions near General Burnside Island.

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Located in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, the Daniel Boone National Forest encompasses over 697,902 acres of land. This land is generally rugged and characterized by steep forested ridges, narrow valleys, and over 3,400 miles of cliffline. The forest contains two large lakes (Cave Run Lake and Laurel River Lake), many rivers and streams, two wilderness areas, and the 269-mile Sheltowee Trace National Recreation Trail that extends across the length of the forest. Abundant wildlife, lush vegetation, magnificent scenery, and numerous recreation opportunities offer visitors much to enjoy.

The Daniel Boone National Forest is one of the most heavily used forests in the South, with over 5 million visitors annually. People come here to backpack, camp, picnic, rock climb, boat, hunt, fish, ride and relax.

[Read About Eaglets at Laurel River Lake](#)



Beware of Hazardous Trees Due To Southern Pine Beetle Damage.

Beware of limbs and damaged trees that may fall at any time.

Look up while on trails, especially when it's windy.

Use caution when selecting a place to camp, picnic, or rest.

Control your campfire, and make sure it is "dead out" when you leave.

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The USDA Forest Service is committed to making its web sites accessible to all USDA customers and employees. All of the agency web sites are undergoing review and redesign as necessary to ensure that they meet or exceed the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Many of our web sites currently meet the Section 508 accessibility standards. Furthermore, we continue to work on making all web sites accessible. Thank you very much for your patience through this redesign process.

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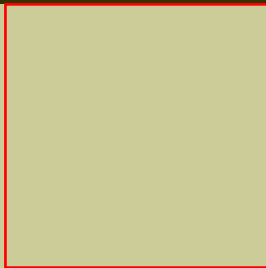
**Red River Gorge Geological Area
Daniel Boone National Forest, Stanton District**

[Work in progress in the Red River Gorge](#)

Welcome to the Red River Gorge Geological Area, a unique and scenic natural area designated and managed by the USDA Forest Service. A National Natural Landmark, the Gorge is a part of the Daniel Boone National Forest in eastern Kentucky. It is managed for year-round public use and enjoyment and to protect its watershed, wildlife, spectacular geological features, primitive character, and public safety. It is located on the Stanton Ranger District.

Stanton Ranger District

705 W. College Avenue
Stanton, KY 40380
(606) 663-2852



Tunnel Ridge Road is closed for construction through Sept. 1

News Release

Military Wall notice:

Portions of Military Wall in the Red River Gorge are **temporarily closed** to dispersed recreation. We are restricting activities that may damage this sensitive area until we can determine how to best protect it. The Forest Service is collaborating with the Red River Gorge Climbers' Coalition, the State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Southeast Native American Tribes to come up with a solution.

Cliffline Closure in the Red River Gorge

The above closure **prohibits:**

- Camping within 100 feet of the base of any cliff, or the back of any rockshelter.
- Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire within 100 feet of the base of any cliff, or the back of any rockshelter.

Recreation Pass Information

- There is a charge for parking in the Gorge and the Indian Creek area between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

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NATURAL STONE ARCHES. The number, size, and variety of natural stone arches in the Gorge contribute to its uniqueness. Sculpted by 70 million years of wind and water, the Gorge offers spectacular views of heavily forested slopes, ridges, and cliffs that provide a stunning backdrop for more than 100 natural arches.

CLIFTY WILDERNESS. Within the Gorge is Clifty Wilderness, a rugged and undeveloped area designated as wilderness by Congress in 1985. This 12,646-acre area features arches, rock shelters, and towering cliffs encircling steep, forested slopes and narrow stream valleys. The rugged topography offers opportunities for quiet and solitude.

HIKING TRAILS. Many arches in the Gorge can be found or viewed from the 60 miles of hiking trails. One of the best known and most accessible arches is Sky Bridge, 75 feet long and 23 feet high. This arch features a magnificent view of Clifty Wilderness. The top of the bridge can be reached via a short paved walkway from the parking lot.

Trails within the Red River Gorge Geological Area have been designated National Recreation Trails. Some of these trails lead to specific features, such as arches. Others are connected, making longer hikes possible. Click here to go to [trail chart](#).

TRAIL WORK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

A volunteer group gets together at least once each month to add value to the trails of the Red River Gorge. To find out more, go to [RRG Trail Volunteers Page](#) or view a [photo gallery](#) of their recent work day.

NOTE: If you plan on hiking any of the longer trails, and if you are not familiar with the area, we suggest using trail maps showing topography. Maps can be obtained by contacting the [Stanton District Office](#).

These trails are open to hiking only. Horses, mountain bikes, and all motorized vehicles are prohibited on trails in the Red River Gorge.

PLANTS AND ANIMALS. The Gorge supports an unusual array of plant and animal life. Geographic location, topography, and glacial history contribute to the diversity of the area. A number of endangered, threatened, sensitive, and rare species of plants and animals make the Gorge their home. The Forest Service and other agencies are working to protect these species and their habitat.

THE RED RIVER. Kentucky's first National Wild and Scenic River, the [Red River](#), offers the canoeist a memorable trip.

Attractions

Gladie Historic Site. The Gladie Cabin, a reconstructed log house, is the only structure in the Gorge that dates back to the late 1800s. A small herd of bison

reside in nearby fields. An information center near the cabin is open seven days a week from April to October. In the fall and spring, the center is open only on weekends.

Koomer Ridge Campground. Koomer Ridge Campground is a U.S. Fee Area with trailer/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. Tent sites remain open year round, although no water is available during the off season. Koomer Ridge is in full operation from mid-April through the end of October.

Nada Tunnel. An interesting way to enter the Red River Gorge is through the 900-foot Nada Tunnel, located along KY 77. This tunnel, open to one-lane traffic only, was built for use by a logging railroad during the early 1900's. The tunnel is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Archaeology. Archaeological studies are providing insight into the lives of prehistoric people who lived in the Gorge. These Native Americans left no written records, but archaeological sites scattered throughout the Gorge provide many clues about how they lived.

In later times, history records that the area was occupied by the Shawnee and other tribes, and adventurers such as Christopher Gist, Dr. Thomas Walker, and Daniel Boone preceded settlement by colonial Europeans moving west. Campsites, old buildings, and historic farmsteads still tell their stories.

Archaeological sites are fragile resources. Once destroyed they are gone forever. To preserve these sites:

- Do not camp in rock shelters.
- Do not collect or dig for artifacts.
- Do not disturb the soil, dig, or move rocks.

All artifacts and cultural resources are protected by State and Federal law. Please report looting or vandalism to the Stanton Ranger District Office.

Cliffline Safety

The clifflines of the Red River Gorge are beautiful, but they are also dangerous. Every year, visitors are injured or killed by a fall from a cliff. For a safe trip, use these safety tips:

- Avoid camping near the edge of cliffs. You may be closer to the edge than you realize.
- Alcohol and cliffs don't mix! If you drink, avoid getting close to cliffs.
- Foot travel after dark is not safe. If you must travel after dark, stay in familiar areas and use a flashlight.
- Plan to arrive at your destination before dark.

- Watch your footing when walking near cliffs. Trees and bushes can't be trusted to hold you if you slip.
- Watch your children carefully, and keep them close to you at all times. Don't let them run.

Courtesy

Observe these simple courtesies to ensure a safe and pleasurable trip for you and other forest users.

- Drive with caution on all roads within the area. Curves and hills can limit your line of sight.
- Observe the rules posted in campgrounds, picnic areas, and other recreation sites.
- Camping is NOT permitted:

Within 300 feet of any road.

Within sight of any developed trail.

In any developed recreation area.

- Practice "**Leave No Trace**" camping techniques. Contact the Forest Service for more information.
- Do not camp in rock-shelters or within 100 feet of the base of clifflines. These sensitive areas provide critical habitats for plants and animals.
- Help keep the area clean. Carry out all your litter.
- Campfires are permitted only in designated areas. Fires are permitted outside designated areas in stoves or other devices designed to contain the flame. Use only wood that is "dead and down" for campfires.
- Keep vehicles on established roads. All vehicle traffic is restricted to roads in the Geological Area.
- Leave trees, shrubs, and flowers as you found them for others to enjoy.
- Be considerate, and respect the rights of others. Help preserve the solitude by keeping noise down.

For More Information

You may request information about trail conditions, trail maps, and recreation opportunity guides from:

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(606) 745-3100

How To Get There

From Lexington, take Interstate 64 east to Exit 98 (Bert T. Combs Mtn. Parkway, #402); take the parkway to Exit 33 (Slade Exit); then turn left at the junction of KY 11/KY 15.

Go 1.5 miles west on KY 15 to KY 77, and follow the signs.

Other Area Attractions

Natural Bridge State Park, adjacent to Red River Gorge Geological Area, is administered by Kentucky State Parks. It offers lodge rooms, cabins, dining facilities, and two developed campgrounds. For more information, call the park at (606) 663-2214, or the Kentucky Department of Travel Development at 1-800-225-TRIP.

Private Outfitters & Tours

Many people lack the equipment or skill needed to run the Red River safely. Some of our visitors may also enjoy an interpretive tour of the Gorge, or the opportunity to rock climb, hike or backpack. These companies are commercially licensed to operate in the Gorge area by the U.S. Forest Service.

Sky Bridge Tours - 606-668-7572.

- Guided tours of the Red River Gorge, groups tours, self-guided driving tours, vacation planning.

Red River Outdoors - 606-663-9701

Red River Outdoors is a family owned and operated guiding and outfitting business in the Red River Gorge.

For individuals, families and groups, we offer : climbing lessons, guided climbing trips, camping information, canoe rentals and instruction, shuttle service, caving and hiking excursions, historical tours of the area, cabin rentals, and an outdoor rental shop with climbing gear, camping supplies, maps and guidebooks of the area, and a pizza shop.

Located just a little past the Junior Williamson Rest Area on Hwy. 11 (south) at the Slade exit (33) of the Mountain Parkway.

415 Natural Bridge Road, Slade, KY 40376

Natural Heights - 888-737-9036

- Guided rock climbing/rappelling, caving, canoeing, backpacking, and team-building activities.
- Climbing shoe rental, backpacking and camping gear, trail food and supplies.
- Natural Heights is located on the rim of the Red River Gorge in Pine Ridge, Kentucky. To find us, take the Slade Exit #33 off the Mountain Parkway, and travel three miles east on Highway 15. The store is just one half mile west of Tunnel Ridge Road.

Links

These links, some of which are personal pages, have been included for your information. Please read our [disclaimer](#) about the links provided.

[Backpacking and Camping in Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana](#)

[The Red River Gorge Online](#)

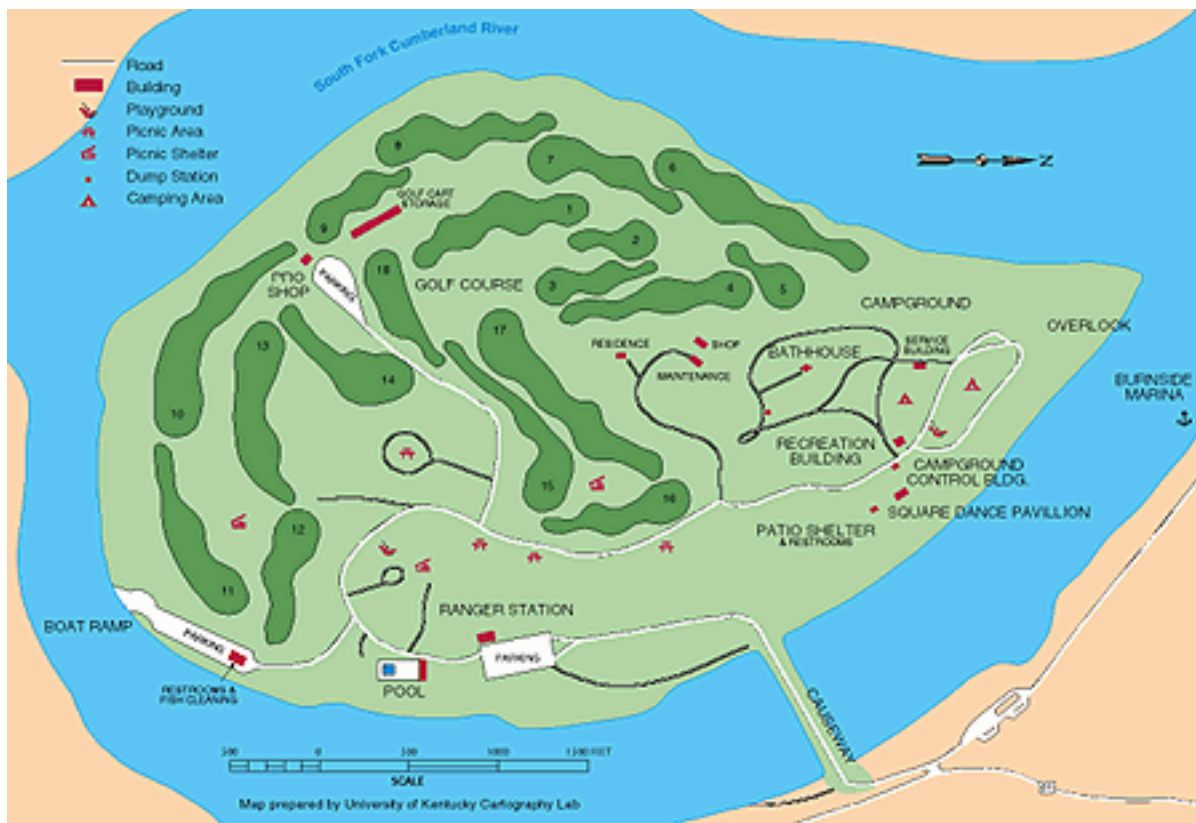
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Enjoy the great outdoors at 31 Kentucky State Park campgrounds and one interstate campground. Breaks Interstate Campground is operated by the Breaks Interstate Commission (703-865-4413). Information about it may differ from information provided in the following category paragraphs.

Most campsites have water and electric hook-ups, picnic tables and a grill. Central service building provide rest rooms, hot showers and coin laundries. Park campgrounds have trailer sanitation stations, but no sewer hook-ups. Look at individual campground facilities by clicking on the maps



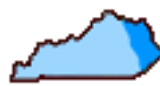
[Park Campgrounds in West KY](#)



[Park Campgrounds in I-65 Region](#)



[Park Campgrounds in I-75 Region](#)



[Park Campgrounds in East KY](#)



[Campground Rules and Regulations 2002](#)

Rates & Reservations

[Link here for Campground Rates.](#) Reservations are not accepted. All campsites are available on a "first-come, first-serve basis."



Air Camping

In addition to regular camping, the airports at Rough River Dam and Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Parks offer facilities for air camping. Aircraft camping is available year-round. Air camps have a central service building with showers and rest rooms. Discounts available for senior pilots.



Horse Camping

A selected number of campsites at Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park and Taylorsville Lake State Park are set aside for horse camping. The sites are adjacent to hitching facilities and riding trails. Horseback riders who bring their own horses may camp at these sites and enjoy 27 miles of riding trails in Dale Hollow Lake Resort and 15 miles in Taylorsville Lake Park.



Pets

Campers may bring their pets if they are kept on a leash.



Discounts

Senior citizens 62 years of age and older receive a 10% discount off April through October rates.

Disabled Kentucky residents over 18 years of age with proper card receive a 10% discount off April through October rates.

Kentucky former POW's are permitted to camp free in Kentucky State Park campgrounds with a validated POW card.

Children 16 years of age and under are free when accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Recreation

Most parks offer a planned recreation program for the summer months under the guidance of a trained recreation director. Call the park of your choice for details.



Special Events

Each park hosts its own special events throughout the year. Link to the Special Events page in our website, or call toll free 1-800-255-PARK (7275) and request a free Kentucky State Parks Special Events brochure.



Camper Appreciation Weekend

Visit your favorite Kentucky State Park campground for the season-opening gala event, usually the last weekend in April. Campers receive a two nights stay for the price of one! Special planned activities such as square dancing, movies, horse shoes, nature walks, cook-outs, and talent shows await your arrival. Call the park of your choice for recreation and entertainment programs.

