



Auxier Area Trails

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Gladie Visitor Center

3451 Sky Bridge Road
Stanton, KY 40380
606-663-8100

Open 7 days a week March to November.



Directions to Trailhead

Traveling east on the Mountain Parkway, take exit 33 at Slade. Turn left to KY 15. Turn right on 15 and travel east 3.2 miles to Tunnel Ridge Road on the left. Follow Tunnel Ridge Road about 3 miles to its end at the Auxier Ridge parking area. Hike either the Double Arch Trail or the Courthouse Rock Trail to the junction with Auxier Branch Trail.



Parking

Auxier Ridge Parking area



Open Dates

Trails are open all year.



Trail Fees

None.



Permit

You must buy a permit if **camping** in the Red River Gorge between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.



Restrooms

Accessible vault toilets at parking area.



Accessibility

Trails do not meet accessibility standards for persons with disabilities.



These hiking-only trails are closed to motorized vehicles.



Consumption of alcohol and open containers of alcohol are prohibited.



Camping and firebuilding in rock shelters are prohibited.



Climbing or rappelling within 300 feet of Sky Bridge, Grays Arch, Nada Tunnel or Chimney Top Rock overlook is prohibited.



300 FT.



Camp 300 feet AWAY from any road or trail.

These four trails are located in the Red River Gorge on the Cumberland Ranger District. They provide several loop opportunities. Note the new stair construction (app. 75 steps) near Courthouse Rock.

Auxier Branch Trail #203

Auxier Branch Trail #203 connects Double Arch Trail #201 and Courthouse Rock Trail #202. The trail leaves Double Arch and extends through a wooded canyon to the base of Courthouse Rock. From spring to fall, wildflowers and ferns line the trail among tall poplars and beech trees. Towering cliffs provide an added attraction along the trail.

Begins:	Double Arch Trail or Courthouse Rock Trail	Ends:	Double Arch Trail or Courthouse Rock Trail
Difficulty:	Moderate	Surface:	Dirt
Length:	1 mile	Quad:	Slade
County:	Powell	Latitude:	37.820015
Closest Town:	Slade	Longitude:	-83.680919

Auxier Ridge Trail #204

Auxier Ridge Trail #204 follows a high, narrow ridge 2.1 miles to its end where views of Double Arch, Haystack Rock, Courthouse Rock, Raven Rock and other views of the Red River Gorge are numerous. Sheer cliffs extend on both sides of the ridge.

Begins:	Trailhead parking lot	Difficulty:	Moderate
Ends:	Courthouse Rock Trail	Surface:	Dirt
Length:	2 miles	Quad:	Slade
County:	Powell	Latitude:	37.81987565
Closest Town:	Slade	Longitude:	-83.68086648

Courthouse Rock Trail #202

Courthouse Rock Trail #202 connects as a loop off of Auxier Ridge Trail #204. The trail leaves the Auxier Ridge Trail and descends below the cliff along an old logging road to a large rock formation resembling a courthouse. The trail passes through the forest, below high cliffs and across slow trickling springs that feed into Auxier Branch.

Begins:	Auxier Ridge Trail #204	Difficulty:	Moderate
Ends:	Auxier Branch Trail #203	Surface:	Dirt
Length:	2.25 mile	Quad:	Slade
County:	Powell	Latitude:	37.81987565
Closest Town:	Slade	Longitude:	-83.68086648

Double Arch Trail #201

Double Arch Trail #201 descends below a high sandstone cliff and through a forest of giant hemlocks and bigleaf magnolias. At the end of the ridge, a breathtaking overlook sits underneath Double Arch. From here, hikers can see Courthouse Rock, Haystack Rock and other rock features. A small set of steps (app. 20) take you up to the arch.

Begins:	Trailhead parking lot	Difficulty:	Moderate
Ends:	Overlook	Surface:	Dirt
Length:	2.25 mile	Quad:	Slade
County:	Powell	Latitude:	37.81987565
Closest Town:	Slade	Longitude:	-83.68086648



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Storing Your Food and Trash

Unless cooking or eating, store your food inside a closed vehicle with a solid top, a closed, hard-body trailer, or a bear-resistant container. Store your food garbage in the same manner where trash cans are not installed. Do not burn or bury foods, refuse, or bear attractants.

When camping in the backcountry, suspend food and trash at least 10 feet clear of the ground at all points, suspended at least 4 feet horizontally from the supporting tree or pole, and suspended at least 4 feet from any other tree or pole adjacent to the supporting pole or tree.

Food and trash storage is mandatory (DB-02-15)



Put your trash in bear-resistant trash cans, in areas where they are provided.

Store food and trash inside a closed vehicle with a solid top.



Hang food and trash from a tree, out of bear's reach in backcountry areas where bear-resistant trash cans and vehicles are not nearby.

Rules and Regulations

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

The following are prohibited:

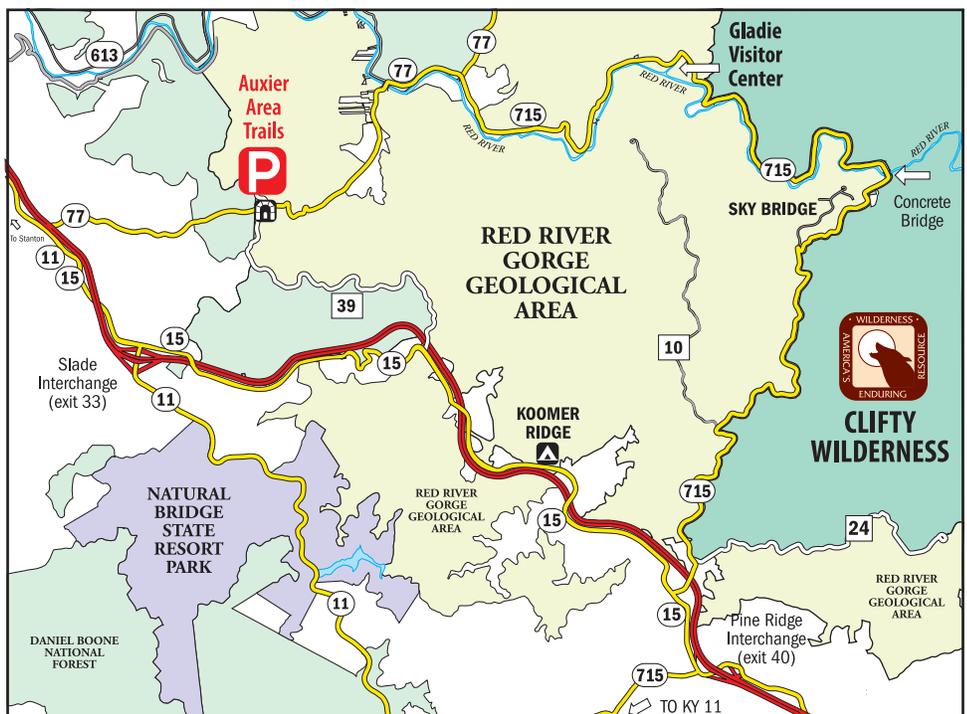
- Climbing or rappelling within 300 feet of Sky Bridge, Grays Arch, Nada Tunnel, or Chimney Top Rock overlooks.
- Building, maintaining, attending and using a fire, campfire or stove within 100 feet of the base of any cliff or the back of a rock shelter.
- Consumption and open containers of alcohol in public places, including national forest land and Kentucky lakes and waterways.
- Camping within 300 feet of any developed road, or Tunnel Ridge Road and its associated parking lots.
- Camping within 300 feet of any developed trail.
- Camping within 600 feet of Grays Arch in the Red River Gorge Geological Area,

Permit Information

A permit is required for overnight camping in the Red River Gorge Geological Area and Indian Creek. All vehicles on KY 15 or in the Red River Gorge and Indian Creek areas north of KY 15 must display a permit between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Permits are available at local stores and the Gladie Visitor Center.

Vehicles and Parking

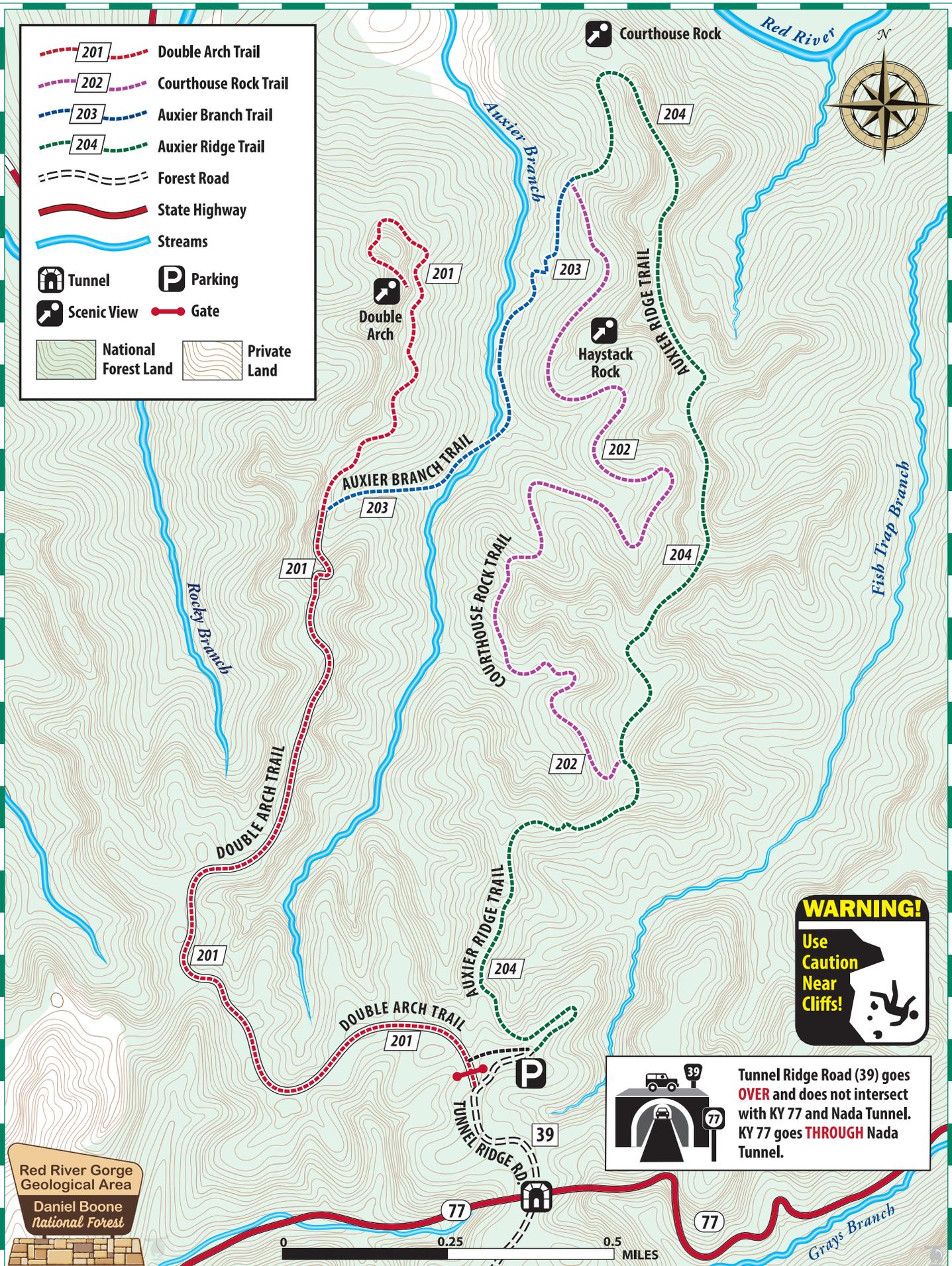
- Keep vehicles on established roads. All vehicle traffic is restricted to roads only.
- Parking on Tunnel Ridge Road is limited to designated parking sites.
- Off-highway vehicle use is prohibited in the Red River Gorge Geological Area.



KNOW before you **GO** You are responsible for your own safety.

All outdoor activities have inherent risks and you may encounter a variety of unexpected and/or dangerous conditions. It is your responsibility to be informed and take precautions. Learn more at www.fs.usda.gov/r8.

	201 Double Arch Trail
	202 Courthouse Rock Trail
	203 Auxier Branch Trail
	204 Auxier Ridge Trail
	Forest Road
	State Highway
	Streams
	Tunnel
	Parking
	Scenic View
	Gate
	National Forest Land
	Private Land



WARNING!

Use Caution Near Cliffs!

Tunnel Ridge Road (39) goes **OVER** and does not intersect with KY 77 and Nada Tunnel. KY 77 goes **THROUGH** Nada Tunnel.

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