Swift Camp Creek & Wildcat Trails
Cumberland District • Daniel Boone National Forest • Kentucky

These challenging trails are located in the Red River Gorge on the Cumberland Ranger District. The trails pass through the Clifty Wilderness. When entering a wilderness you are entering a remote site where cell or radio communications may not exist. Emergency services may be very limited.

Quad: Pomeroyton County: Wolfe
Closest Town: Slade or Pine Ridge

Swift Camp Creek Trail #219

Swift Camp Creek Trail winds through the Clifty Wilderness underneath large hemlocks with dense rhododendron thickets. The trail crosses several tributary streams and weaves around numerous boulders. While this trail follows Swift Camp Creek for most of its length, it provides easy access to the creek in only a few areas. The trail skirts steep drop-offs that provide views of the creek below. Hike Rock Bridge Trail to its junction with the Swift Camp Trail.

Begins: Rock Bridge Trail #207 Length: 7 miles
Ends: KY 715 Surface: Dirt
Latitude: 37.77089711 Difficulty: Difficult
Longitude: -83.56678467

Wildcat Trail #228

Wildcat Trail follows an abandoned logging road down a ridge for approximately one mile and then begins to descend to Swift Camp Creek Trail #219.

To access Wildcat from KY 715: Exit the Mountain Parkway at Slade, exit 33. Follow KY 11 north 0.1 miles to KY 15. Turn right on KY 15 and travel east 7 miles to KY 715 on the left. Turn left onto KY 715 and continue 2.7 miles to Wildcat Trail parking area on the left.

From Pine Ridge: Exit the Mountain Parkway at Pine Ridge (exit 40) and head west on KY 15 to KY 715. Turn right on KY 715 and continue 2.7 miles to the Wildcat Trail parking area on the left. The Wildcat Trail begins on the opposite side of the road from the parking area.

Begins: Wildcat Parking Lot on KY 715 Difficulty: Moderate
Ends: Swift Camp Creek Trail #228 Surface: Dirt
Latitude: 37.79020955 Length: 1.75 miles
Longitude: -83.59287041

Directions to Trailhead

From Slade, take KY 15 for 7 miles to KY 715. Turn left on 715 and go 0.3 miles to Rock Bridge Road on the right. Follow this road to Rock Bridge Recreation Area. Hike Rock Bridge Trail to its junction with Swift Camp Trail.

From Pine Ridge (exit 40 off Mountain Parkway), head west on KY 15 to KY 715. Turn right on KY 15 and go 0.3 miles to Rock Bridge Road on the right and follow to Rock Bridge Area.

Parking

Rock Bridge Recreation Area or Wildcat Trail parking on KY 715.

Open Dates

Trails are open all year.

Trail Fees

None.

Permit

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

Accessibility

Trails do not meet accessibility standards for persons with disabilities.

Closed to motorized vehicles, wagons, carts, bicycles or other vehicles. Mechanized equipment is prohibited. Group size limited to 10.

Consumption of alcohol and open containers of alcohol are prohibited.

Camping and firebuilding in rock shelters is prohibited.

Camp 300 feet AWAY from any road or trail.
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.
Clifty Wilderness Restrictions

Group size is limited to 10 people. Motorized vehicles and mechanized equipment such as all-terrain vehicles, chainsaws, bicycles, wagons and carts are prohibited. Learn more at: http://www.wilderness.net/