



# Swift Camp Creek & Wildcat 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

**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 715 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.

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 its junction with 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



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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:

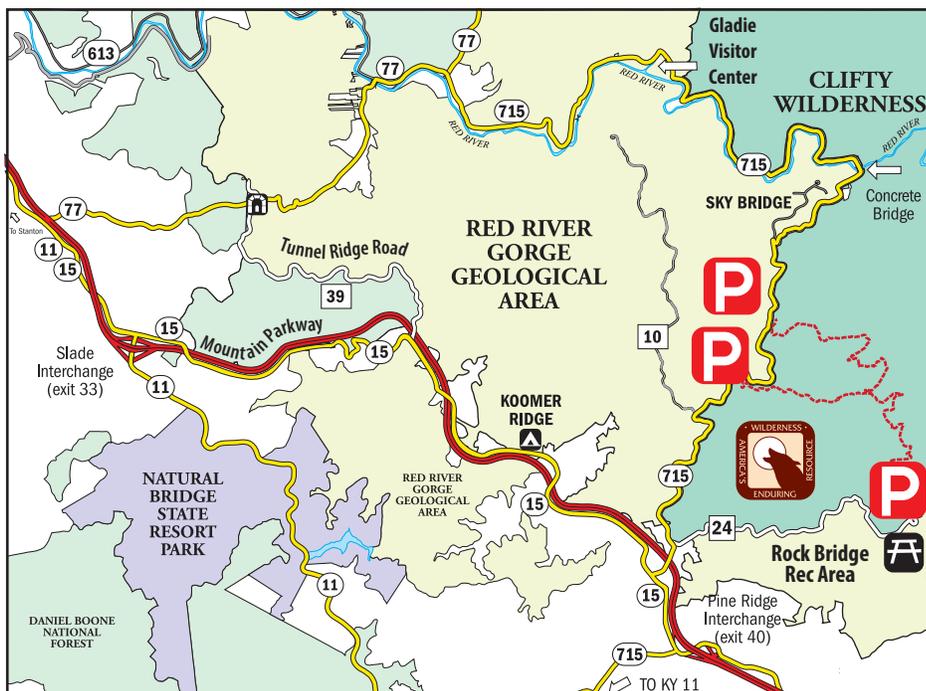
- Climbing or rappelling within 300 feet of Sky Bridge, Grays Arch, Nada Tunnel, or Chimney Top Rock overlooks.
- Building, maintaining, attending and using a fire, campfire or stove within 100 feet of the base of any cliff or the back of a rock shelter.
- Consumption and open containers of alcohol in 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.



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](http://www.fs.usda.gov/r8).

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|--|---------------|--|----------------------|--|------------------|
|  | State Highway |  | National Forest Land |  | Parking          |
|  | Forest Road   |  | Clifty Wilderness    |  | Picnic Area      |
|  | Forest Trail  |  | Private Land         |  | Vault Toilets    |
|  | Stream        |  |                      |  | Scenic Viewpoint |



**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/>

