

# Red River Gorge

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## Upcoming Events



### Campground Programs

Memorial Day to Labor Day

### Kid's Fishing Derby

June 7th, 8 am at Indian Creek



**Koomer Ridge  
(Red River Gorge)**  
Free for all  
campers and visitors



**Twin Knobs and Zilpo  
(Cave Run Lake)**  
Free for campers  
day use fee for visitors

Contact the Gladie Center or click [Koomer Ridge](#), [Twin Knobs](#), and [Zilpo](#) for program schedules.

## Recreation

### Gorge Garbage

Each year as Memorial Day weekend rolls around, visitors from Cincinnati, Lexington, and Louisville flock to the Red River Gorge to enjoy the abundant camping and hiking opportunities it provides. Memorial Day weekend is one of the busiest for the Red River Gorge and the Forest Service staff who maintain it.

The 2014 Memorial Day weekend was no exception. The Forest Service welcomes all visitors who enjoy the great outdoors responsibly. Unfortunately, many visitors are uneducated about proper backcountry etiquette. As a result, rather than spending valuable time improving trails and recreation sites, Forest Service staff must spend their time cleaning up garbage, burying toilet paper “flowers” (unburied human waste), and rehabilitating illegal campsites.



*Fire rings and campsites such as this are common in the Red River Gorge*

While planning their next Red River Gorge visit, visitors are asked to take some time to learn the seven principles of “Leave No Trace”. These principles are designed to educate visitors about recreational impacts on natural resources as well as ways to prevent and minimize such impacts.

To reduce negative impacts to wildlife and human health from garbage and human waste, follow principle number three. It teaches visitors how to “Dispose of Waste Properly.” “Inspect your campsite for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.” Or simply, “Pack it in, pack it out.”

Additionally, “Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep, at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished.” In total, there are seven LNT principles. For a complete list of “Leave No Trace” principles, visit <https://lnt.org>!

As an incentive to “Leave No Trace”, the Gladie Center is giving away free Red River Gorge stickers! To get a sticker, ask Forest Service staff about “Leave No Trace” or show them before and after photos of your “Leave No Trace” campsite!

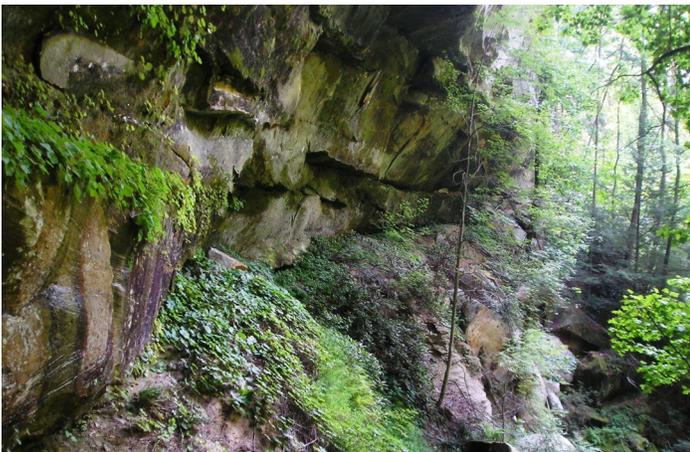


## News and Updates

### The Wilderness Act turns 50!

The Wilderness Act of 1964 set aside 9.1 million acres to preserve some of America's most unique places. Over the past 50 years, more than 100 million acres have been added to create 757 wilderness areas. These lands provide outdoor adventure, clean air and water, scenic beauty, cultural and historic preservation, wildlife protection, and research and education. To learn more about wilderness and the 50th anniversary, visit [www.wilderness.net](http://www.wilderness.net)!

In Kentucky, the U.S. Forest Service manages the Clifty and Beaver Creek wilderness areas as part of the Daniel Boone National Forest. The aptly named Clifty Wilderness is heavily wooded and contains miles of rugged sandstone cliffs.



13,379 Acre Clifty Wilderness

Join the Sierra Club for wilderness celebrations June 13th - 15th. Celebrations will include music, movies, guest speakers, and guided hikes. Contact the Kentucky Sierra Club at 859-296-4335 or visit <http://kentucky.sierraclub.org/events> for more information.

Join the Forest Service at the Gladie Center on Saturday September 6th from 1 pm to 4 pm for free wilderness celebration activities. A free Ranger guided hike will begin Sunday September 7th at 9 am. Call the Gladie Center at 606-663-8100 for more information!

## Meet the Forest Service

### Gladie's Ladies

Dana Nelson is a Michigan native and studied Outdoor Recreation at Central Michigan University. Dana is an intern for the Student Conservation Association. Previously she has worked on a carferry in Michigan and completed an internship in 2013 at the Magic Kingdom in Walt Disney World. Dana enjoys hiking and rock climbing.

Welcome back Amy Simpson! For a second season at the Gladie Center. Amy comes from northeast Indiana. She has a MS in Parks and Resource Management from Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania. In the off season, Amy teaches CPR and First Aid classes for the American Red Cross. Amy enjoys sewing, gardening, and hiking in the Gorge with her dog.



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