S-Tree Campground sits on a ridgetop above Horse Lick Creek, near McKee in Jackson County, Kentucky. A small picnic area features a historic picnic shelter that was constructed in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The campground receives heavy weekend use from off-highway vehicle users who ride the adjacent Sheltowee Trace and Renfro Loop Trails. These trails may be accessed from the campground. This campground cannot accommodate trailers 25 feet or more due to one lane roads and no turn-outs.

Quad: Sandgap
Closest Town: McKee
Latitude: 37.38497287
Longitude: -84.07326899

Each campsite has a picnic table, tent pad, fire ring and lantern pole. No electricity or dump station available. Vault toilets are centrally located. Campsites and shelter are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Loop A has two double campsites. Loop B has two fire circles. All of the campsites are wooded.

**Location**
From Berea: From I-75 take Berea Exit 76. Head east on KY 21. Stay on KY 21E approx. 5 miles until it ends at US 421. Turn right (south) on US 421. Take US 421 west for approximately 18 miles to McKee KY, then turn right (south) on KY 89 for 3 miles, make a slight right (west) on Forest Road 43. Go 1 mile, turn left (south) on Forest Road 20 and follow the signs.

From McKee: Take US 421 west from McKee for 0.5 mile. Turn left (south) on KY 89 for 3 miles, make a slight right (west) on Forest Road 43. Go 1 mile, turn right (south) on Forest Road 20 and follow the signs.

**Food Storage Required**
Reduce odors that attract bears!
Put trash in a bear-resistant trash can or other receptacle provided by the Forest Service.

Put food, trash and other odorous items in a bear-resistant container.

Store food and trash in a closed motor vehicle with a solid top or a closed hard-body trailer.

**Open Dates**
Open all year.

**Fees**
None

**Campsites**
20 sites on 2 loops

**Picnic Shelter**
One shelter with tables

**Restrooms**
Vault toilets

**Water**
No drinking water

**Accessibility**
This campground does not meet accessibility standards for persons with disabilities.

**For more information**
Guides like this are available at www.fs.usda.gov/dbnf.

Consumption of alcohol and open containers of alcohol are prohibited.

No trash bins or dumpsters.

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S-Tree Fire Tower once stood near the entrance to the campground. Towers like these were important tools in detecting and fighting devastating forest fires. Fire towers were home to the lookouts who ran them. A tower cab was just big enough for a wood stove, two cots, a cabinet, storage box, small table, and a stool. The all-important alidade, or fire finder, stood in the middle of the room. By the mid-1970s, firefighters used aircraft for fire detection. Many towers, like one that stood here, were torn down because they could no longer be maintained in a safe condition.