Bald Rock Picnic Area

Bald Rock is a roadside picnic area located off KY 192 on the London Ranger District on the Daniel Boone National Forest. This day-use picnic area offers a great place for picnicking as a group. Visitors can enjoy hiking trails, volleyball and horseshoes.

Sugar Tree Hollow Trail #407

Sugar Tree Hollow Trail is a 1.5-mile loop trail that begins and ends at the Bald Rock Picnic Area. A spur trail (#407A) leads downhill for about a quarter-mile before intersecting with Cane Creek Trail #410.

| Begins: | Bald Rock Picnic Area |
| Ends: | Bald Rock Picnic Area |
| Length: | 1.5 miles |
| Surface: | Dirt |
| Closest Town: | London |
| County: | Laurel |
| Parking: | At picnic area |
| Difficulty: | Easy to moderate |
| Quad: | London SW |
| Latitude: | 37.033190 |
| Longitude: | -84.222418 |

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.
Cane Creek Trail #410

From the Bald Rock Picnic Area, hikers can access the Cane Creek Trail from Sugar Tree Hollow Trail #407, about 0.5-mile north of KY 192. The trail runs mostly adjacent to Cane Creek, occasionally crossing private land. Respect private landowners by staying on the trail. To reach the north end of the trail (along Forest Service Road 121), crossing the creek is required. Do not attempt to cross the creek during high water.

Directions to access trailhead at Forest Service Road 121: From London, travel west on KY 192. Turn right on Forest Service Road 56. After approximately 2 miles, turn left on Forest Service Road 121. Parking space for a few vehicles is available at this end of the trail location.

Begins: Cane Creek Bottom at intersection with Sugar Tree Hollow Trail #407.
Ends: Forest Road 121
Quad: London SW
County: Laurel
Closest Town: London

Parking: At picnic area and Forest Road 121
Difficulty: Easy to moderate
Length: 1.75 miles
Surface: Dirt
Latitude: 37.057201 (north trailhead)
Longitude: -84.242088

Bald Rock Fire Tower

At one time the Bald Rock Picnic Area was the site of a fire lookout tower like the one pictured at right. The tower was one of fourteen lookouts that provided a view of the entire Daniel Boone National Forest.

Towers were staffed during times of high fire danger. Lookouts spent their days scanning the horizon for signs of fire, reporting any "smokes" to a dispatcher who quickly sent fire fighters to the blaze.

The Bald Rock Fire Lookout Tower was in use from 1936 until 1970, when it was replaced by a system of aerial observation, which was more efficient but not nearly as much fun.

FOOD STORAGE REQUIRED. Visitors in developed sites must store food, garbage and other odorous items that may attract bears in a bear-resistant container, inside their vehicle, or in an enclosed hard-body trailer. Backcountry campers must suspend food, garbage and odorous items at least 10 feet off the ground and four feet away from any tree or pole. All food leftovers and trash must be properly disposed of in a bear-resistant trash receptacle or other container where provided by the Forest Service.

CAUTION: Low lying areas are prone to flooding, so be alert for flooding when driving, camping or crossing streams in this area. Swift currents and undertows can make swimming and wading very hazardous.

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