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- Within 600 feet of Grays Arch
- In any picnic area or parking area
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Sheltowee Trace National Recreation Trail extends the entire length of the Daniel Boone National Forest (18 miles in the Red River Gorge, Clifty Wilderness and Natural Bridge State Resort Park)
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**The Red River**

Kentucky’s first and only National Wild and Scenic River, the Red River, offers scenic beauty and outdoor adventure. Late fall and spring are the best times for canoeing or kayaking.

**Hiking Trails**

Nearly 70 miles of hiking trails wind through the gorge. Many of the trails are strenuous due to rugged terrain. All official trails are blazed with white diamond-shaped markers. Motorized vehicles are prohibited.

**Natural Stone Arches**

Sculpted by 70 million years of wind and water, the natural stone arches in the gorge vary greatly by shape and size. Heavily forested slopes, ridges and cliffs provide a stunning backdrop for more than 100 arches.

**Nada Tunnel**

An interesting way to enter the Gorge is through Nada Tunnel, located along KY 77. This 900-foot tunnel, open to one-lane traffic only, was built for use by a logging company during the early 1900s. Tunnel clearance for vehicles is 12 feet wide by 12 feet high.

**Plants and Animals**

The gorge supports an unusual array of plant and animal life. Many rare and sensitive species are found in the gorge. White-haired goldenrod, federally listed as a threatened plant, is found in rock shelters and along cliffs only in the Red River Gorge, occurring nowhere else in the world. Virginia big-eared bats, an endangered species, use rock shelters and cliffs for feeding, nesting, and rearing their young. The Forest Service asks for your help in protecting these species and their habitat.

**Archeology**

The fragile archeological sites in this area are irreplaceable evidence of earlier lives – a common inheritance from past generations with whom we share this land. Once destroyed, these sites are gone forever. Due to its significant archeological resources, the gorge has been designated a National Register Archeological District.

To preserve these sites:
- Do not camp or build fires in rock shelters.
- Do not collect or dig for artifacts.
- Do not disturb the soil, dig or move rocks in rock shelters.
- Obey all signs and restrictions.

**Rock Climbing**

Rock climbing is permitted, but new climbing routes should be approved by the Forest Service. Climbing and rappelling are not permitted within 300 feet of Sky Bridge, Gray’s Arch, Nada Tunnel, Chimney Top Rock Overlook and other areas as posted.

**Cliffline Safety**

The cliffs of the gorge are beautiful, but they are also dangerous. Every year, visitors are injured or killed by falling from a cliff.

- Avoid camping near the edge of cliffs. You may be closer to the edge than you realize.
- Foot travel after dark is not safe.
- Watch your footing when walking near cliffs. Trees and shrubs may not hold you if you slip.
- Keep children under close supervision at all times. Do not let them run or play near cliffs.

**Caves**

Caves may be closed due to white-nose syndrome, a disease that affects bats. Please respect all closure notices and stay out of caves to help stop the spread of this disease.

**Bears**

Black bear populations have been steadily increasing in the Red River Gorge. Store your food and trash properly, as described in “Food Storage Rules in Bear Country” in this brochure.

**911**

In an emergency, call 911. Cell phone service may not be available in some areas due to cell tower location and terrain.

**Food Storage Rules in Bear Country**

All food, garbage and odorous items must be placed in a bear-resistant container or suspended off the ground. You can be fined if you do not obey the food storage orders. Your help is needed to contain food odors, so bears are not attracted to public areas.

**Bear Country Safety**

- Never feed a bear. In Kentucky, feeding bears intentionally or unintentionally is illegal.
- Never store food or odorous items inside your tent.
- Store food and garbage at least 100 yards away from your campsite.
- When camping, cook and eat in locations away from your sleeping area.

**REduce Odors That Attract Bears**

- Store food and trash in a closed motor vehicle with a solid top or a closed hard-body trailer.
- Put food, trash and other odorous items in a bear-resistant container.
- Put trash in a bear-resistant trash can or other receptacle provided by the Forest Service.
- In backcountry areas, hang food and trash from a tree, out of a bear’s reach.

**Rules and Regulations**

Observe these rules to help protect the forest resources, facilities and visitor experience:

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- Mechanized and motorized equipment and travel are prohibited in Clifty Wilderness.
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- Building, maintaining, attending and using a fire, campfire or stove within 100 feet of the base of any cliff or back of a rock shelf are prohibited.
- Kentucky law prohibits consumption and open containers of alcohol in public places, including national forest land and Kentucky lakes and waterways.

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**Vehicles and Parking**

- Keep vehicles on established roads. All vehicle traffic is restricted to roads only.
- Parking on Tunnel Ridge Road, KY 77 and KY 715 is limited to designated parking sites. Do not park on the road.

**Gladie Visitor Center**

The Gladie Visitor Center provides information on trails, camping and other opportunities. Maps and passes are available for purchase. Contact the center for hours of operation.

Gladie Visitor Center
3451 Sky Bridge Road, KY 715
Stanton, KY 40880
606-663-8100

**Directions to Gladie**

From I-64, take exit 98 to the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway. From the parkway, take exit 33 (Slade) and turn left onto KY 11. To access Gladie through the Nada Tunnel, turn left onto KY 15, travel 1.5 miles west and turn right onto KY 77. Follow 77 to KY 715 and turn right. Stay on 715 and follow the signs.

**Your Comments**

The Forest Service welcomes your questions, comments and suggestions about your recreation experience on this forest.

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