

# LAC Documents: Gorge Designations

Special Designations		
Name	Date	Size
<b>Cumberland National Forest</b> <b>USDA Forest Service</b>	1937	340,000 acres in 1937 700,001 acres in 2004
<i>Changed to Daniel Boone National Forest in 1966. Most of Gorge was purchased in the 1930's.</i>		
<b>Kentucky Wild River</b> <b>State of Kentucky</b>	1973	9 miles of upper Red River
<i>To preserve primitive character of streams and prevent future impoundments *FS/State had MOU 12/27/73</i>		
<b>Red River Gorge Geological Area</b> <b>USDA Forest Service</b>	1974	About 29,000 acres
Manage principally for: recreation use, watershed protection, wildlife management. Substantially in a natural condition.		
<b>Kentucky Landmark Program</b> <b>State of Kentucky – Kentucky Heritage Council</b>	1980	5 sites as of 1980
Five prehistoric sites in Red River Gorge. Purposes of program: 1) identify all Kentucky cultural resources that have local, state or national significance, 2) begin historic documentation of Kentucky historic sites for Kentucky Official Register and for the National Register.		
<b>National Natural Landmark</b> <b>USDI National Park Service</b>	1976	About 29,000 acres (same as Geologic Area)
Established under authority of the Historic Sites Act 1935. Objectives: 1) encourage preservation of sites illustrating geological & ecological character; 2) enhance scientific and educational value; 3) strengthen public appreciation of natural history; 4) foster concern for conservation of Nation's heritage		
<b>Clifty Wilderness</b> <b>U.S. Congress</b>	1985	12,646 acres (overlaps eastern part of Geologic Area)
Laws based on 1964 Wilderness Act. No mechanical or motorized travel or equipment. Wilderness has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.		
<b>National Register of Historic Places</b> <b>USDI National Park Service</b>	1970 -2002	18 sites
18 individual prehistoric sites throughout the Red River Gorge area. Several are prehistoric rock art sites.		
<b>National Wild &amp; Scenic River</b> <b>U.S. Congress</b>	1993	19.4 miles Total*
Based on 1968 Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. "Rivers shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations." *Upper 9.1 miles Wild River (4.5 miles in wilderness), Lower 10.3 miles Recreation River		
<b>Kentucky Scenic Byway</b> <b>Kentucky Transportation Cabinet</b>	2001	46 miles- KY 715 & KY 77 within Red River Gorge
Defined as road which has roadsides or view sheds of aesthetic, cultural, historical, and/or archaeological value worthy of preservation, restoration, protection, and enhancement.		
<b>National Scenic Byway</b> <b>Federal Highway Administration</b>	2002	46 miles - KY 715 & KY 77 within Red River Gorge
National Scenic Byways based on one or more archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic qualities.		
<b>Red River Gorge Archaeological District</b> <b>USDI National Park Service</b> <b>National Register of Historic Places</b>	2003	About 37,000 acres
Contains 442 contributing sites and 222 non-contributing sites. Highly likely that more sites will be added as more archaeological surveys are completed.		

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