



Hemlock Grove Picnic Area



Stearns Ranger District • Daniel Boone National Forest • Kentucky



Stearns District
3320 US 27 North
Whitley City, KY 42653
606-376-5323



Location
From the Stearns District office, take US 27 south for 4.7 miles to KY 92. Turn right on KY 92 at the traffic light. Go 6.3 miles to KY 1363; turn left and go 11.4 miles to the end of the blacktop, and then turn right on Forest Service Road 564. Go 1.2 miles and turn left onto Forest Service Road 137. Go 2.6 miles to the picnic area on the left.



Parking
At picnic area.



Open Dates
Open all year.



Operational Hours
6 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Picnic Tables
6 sites with tables, tables at the shelter. All sites are accessible.



Water
None.



Restrooms
Accessible vault toilets



Trash
No trash pickup; pack out your trash.



Day use only. No camping or overnight use.



No horses allowed in picnic area or area trails.



Trails closed to motorized vehicles.



Consumption of alcohol and open containers of alcohol are prohibited.

Guides like this are available at www.fs.usda.gov/dbnf.



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Hemlock Grove, located on Stearns District of the Daniel Boone National Forest, was named for the eastern hemlock trees that surround the picnic area. Their shade provides a cool respite from the summer heat. Rock Creek, a Kentucky Wild River and federally proposed Recreational River, flows adjacent to the picnic area. The creek is stocked with rainbow trout.

The picnic shelter may be reserved for \$25/day. Unless rented, the shelter is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Quad: Bell Farm
Closest Town: Whitley City

Latitude: 36.64522
Longitude: -84.710473

Trails nearby:

Gobblers Arch Trail #636, Sheltolee Trace National Recreation Trail #100 Section 37, Sheltolee Trace National Recreation Trail #100 Section 38.

What's bugging our hemlock trees? Hemlock woolly adelgids

Hemlock Grove is named for the eastern hemlock trees that dominate the forest canopy in this streamside area. These hemlocks are threatened by an Asian insect called the hemlock woolly adelgid. This invasive insect is destroying hemlock forests throughout the eastern United States. Once the hemlocks are gone, habitat for birds and other species is lost. The temperature increases in the cool mountain streams once shaded by hemlocks, affecting fish and other aquatic populations.

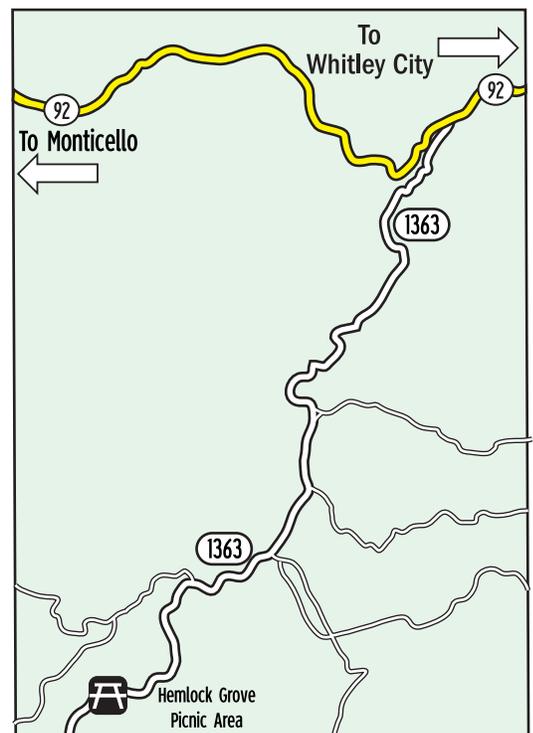
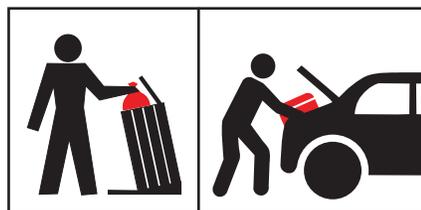
How can we save our hemlocks?

State and federal agencies are working together to save as many hemlock trees as possible. At Hemlock Grove, the soil around some hemlock trees was injected with insecticide. As the trees take up the insecticide from their roots, their chance for survival is increased. To learn more about hemlock woolly adelgids, go to www.saveourhemlocks.org.

Storing Your Food and Trash in Bear Country.

Unless cooking or eating, store your food inside a hardtop vehicle, the trunk of a car or a bear-resistant container. In backcountry, hang food and trash from a tree, out of bear's reach.

Food and trash storage is mandatory on the Daniel Boone National Forest.



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|  Parking Area |  Vault Toilets |
|  Information Board |  Picnic Table |
|  Steps or Stairs |  Picnic Shelter |

