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  \quad \text{Latitude:} \quad 36.64522
Closest Town: Whitley City  \quad \text{Longitude:} \quad -84.710473

**Trails nearby:**
- Gobblers Arch Trail #636, Sheltowee Trace National Recreation Trail #100 Section 37, Sheltowee 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](http://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.