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

Location
Take US 27 north from Whitley City for 11 miles. From Burnside, take US 27 south for seven miles. Look for signs.

Parking
At picnic area and group-use shelter.

Open Dates
Early April to Mid Nov.

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

Picnic Tables
5 sites; includes 2 shelters with fireplace/grill

Water
Drinking water is provided from faucets near shelters.

Restrooms
Accessible vault toilets

Trash
Receptacles at shelters.

Horseshoes
2 pits

Playground
Swings and play area with slides, chute and clatter bridge.

Day use only. No camping or overnight use.

Trails closed to motorized vehicles.

Consumption of alcohol and open containers of alcohol are prohibited.

USGS Quad: Burnside
Latitude: 36.915766
Closest Town: Burnside
Longitude: -84.516616

About this Area
Exploring the woods nearby you may find evidence of old coal mines from the Alpine Coal Camp that thrived in this area from 1884 to the 1930s. The mines are hazardous, so do not enter them. The chimney in the wood picnic shelter is all that remains of a farmhouse the once occupied this site. The exceptional craftsmanship of civilian works programs are evident in the wood shelter that was built by Job Corps in the late 1960s. The foundation and chimney stone from the old farm house were used to form the original picnic shelter. The farmhouse was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. In exchange for the building of the house the owners agreed to sell what is now Alpine Picnic Area to the federal government. The house was eventually torn down in the early 1960s.

Alpine Picnic Area is located along US 27 on Stearns Ranger District. This area provides picnic shelters, a play area with horseshoes, a playing field and Alpine Loop Trail #520. The shelters may be rented for a fee of $25/day. For reservations, call the Stearns office at 606-376-5323. If not rented, the shelters are available on first-come, first-served basis.

Food and trash storage is mandatory, to reduce odors that attract bears. Unless cooking or eating, store your food inside a hardtop vehicle, the trunk of a car or a bear-resistant container.

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