



Buffalo Canyon Trail #508

Stearns Ranger District • Daniel Boone National Forest • Kentucky



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



Location
Take US 27 south from Somerset for 21 miles, turn right (west) on KY 927 (Day Ridge Road) and follow the signs for 2 miles. From Whitley City, proceed north on US 27 for 5 miles; turn left on KY 927 (Day Ridge Road) and follow the signs for 2 miles.



Fees
A fee is required at the Natural Arch Picnic Area. Pay at the site or buy a pass at a local vendor or at the Stearns office.



Day use only; closes at 10 p.m. No camping or overnight use in recreation area.



Trails are closed to motorized vehicles.



Consumption of alcohol and open containers of alcohol are prohibited.



Camping and firebuilding in rock shelters is prohibited.



No climbing, rappelling or otherwise attempting to ascend or descend from cliffs, arches or other rock formations at Natural Arch.



Do not feed bears. Unless cooking or eating, store your food inside a closed vehicle with a hard top, 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.

Natural Arch Scenic Area, located on Stearns District of the Daniel Boone National Forest, is a great place to enjoy the outdoors with your family and friends. The scenic attraction in this area is a spectacular sandstone arch that spans nearly 100 feet. You can see a panoramic view of the arch from the overlooks. Picnic sites, group picnic shelters, playgrounds and hiking trails provide year-round enjoyment.

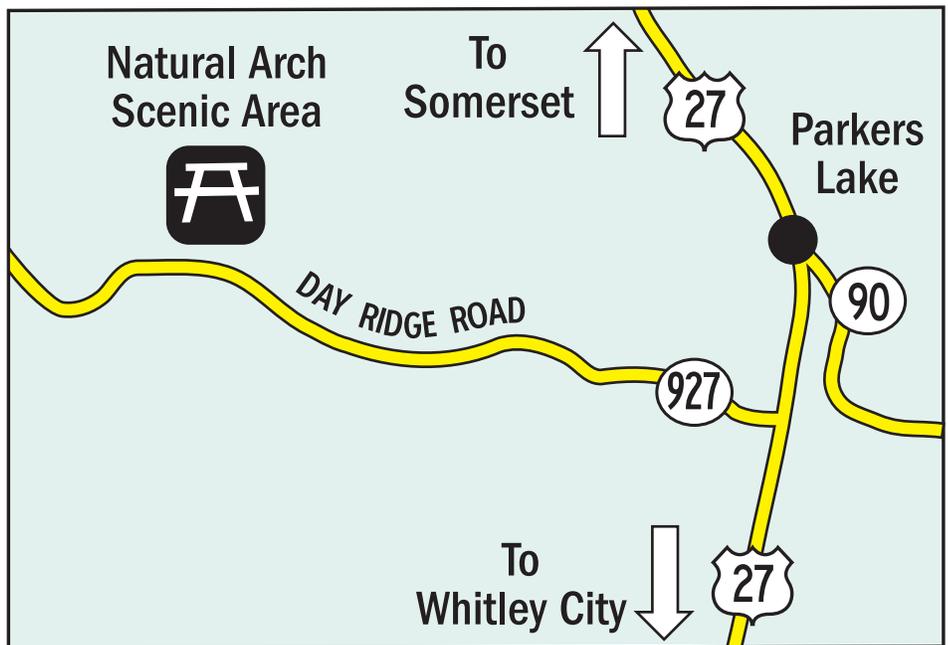
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Follow Natural Arch Loop Trail #510 from the parking area past the overlooks, down the steps, and through Natural Arch. At the fork in the trail, take the right fork. The trail will descend from the cliffline to Spruce Creek. You will cross Spruce Creek and then come to Forest Service Road 5266. Turn left and follow the road to a low water crossing. Less than 100 yards after crossing Cooper Creek, you will come to a road junction. Turn left and follow the road and diamond-shaped trail markers for about a mile. The trail will then leave the road and cross Cooper Creek again. The trail will follow Gulf Fork and Cutoff Branch back to the junction with Natural Arch Loop Trail #510 at the base of the stairs. Follow Trail #510 back to the parking lot.

Begins:	Parking Area	Difficulty:	More difficult
Ends:	Parking Area	Surface:	Dirt
Length:	5 miles	County:	McCreary
Quad:	Nevelsville	Latitude:	36.840417
Closest Town:	Whitley City	Longitude:	-84.512351

KNOW before you **GO** You are responsible for your own safety.

All outdoor activities have inherent risks and you may encounter a variety of unexpected and/or dangerous conditions. It is your responsibility to be informed and take precautions. Learn more at www.fs.usda.gov/r8.



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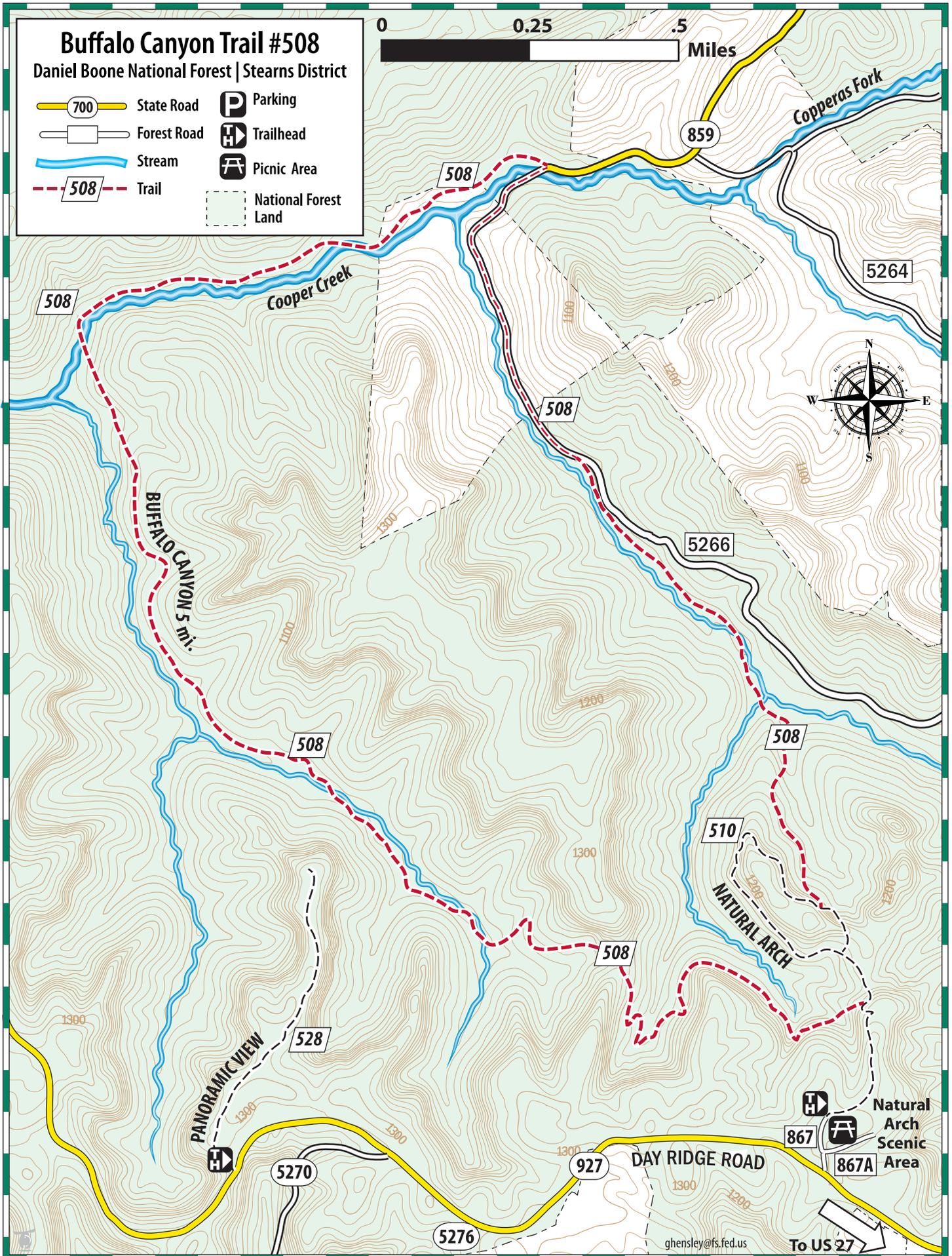


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- State Road
- Forest Road
- Stream
- Trail
- Parking
- Trailhead
- Picnic Area
- National Forest Land

0 0.25 .5 Miles



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To US 27