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.

Natural Arch Loop Trail #510
This trail begins at the Natural Arch parking area and runs along a paved pathway to the base of the arch. The trail passes two scenic overlooks. At the arch, you may climb the steps to the arch and continue along a dirt pathway that loops around the northwest end of the arch. Buffalo Canyon Trail #508 intersects at your right. Follow Trail #510 around the cliffline and you will return to the base of the arch.

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.

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.