



Laurel Creek Trail #620

Stearns Ranger District • Daniel Boone National Forest • Kentucky



Stearns District

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



Directions

To northern trailhead from US 27, take KY 478 east for 3.5 miles. To southern trailhead from US 27 south of Whitley City, take Pigskin Road 696 for 2.2 miles to the trailhead.



Open Dates

Trail is open all year.



Trail Fees

None.



Parking

At trailheads.



Accessibility

This trail does not meet accessibility standards for persons with disabilities.



Trails are closed to motorized vehicles.



Consumption of alcohol and open containers of alcohol are prohibited.



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.

Guides like this are available at fs.usda.gov/dbnf.
5/29/2014



Laurel Creek Trail, located on Stearns Ranger District, is excellent for both hiking and mountain biking. Beginning at the southern end, the trail traverses the ridge and then descends to the creek. Several small swimming holes can be found along the trail, as well as interesting rock formations.

Mountain laurel and rhododendron are abundant along the creek. In the spring, wildflowers such as lady slippers, firepinks, cardinal flower, trillium and partridgeberry grow along the trail. A bridge crosses the creek on the northern end, just before the trail exits at the gravel trailhead parking area.

Begins:	Pigskin Road 696	Difficulty:	More Difficult
Ends:	KY 478	Surface:	Dirt
Length:	4.25 miles	County:	McCreary
Quad:	Whitley City	Latitude:	36.72853
Closest Town:	Whitley City	Longitude:	-84.40717



CAUTION: Low lying areas are prone to flooding, so be alert for flooding when driving, camping or crossing streams in this area.

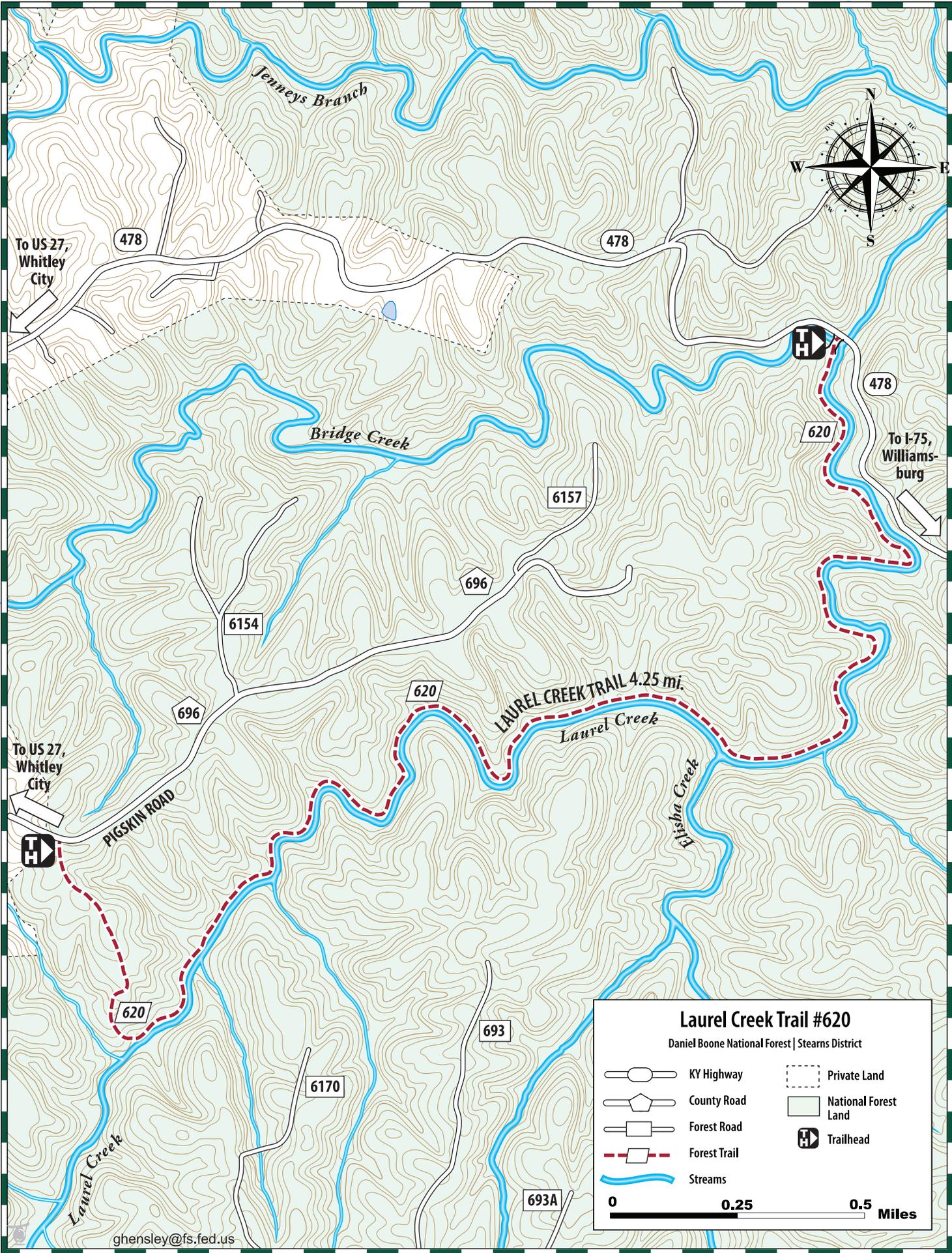
FOOD STORAGE REQUIRED. Visitors in developed sites must store food, garbage and other odorous items that may attract bears in a bear-resistant container, inside their vehicle, or in an enclosed hard-body trailer. Backcountry campers must suspend food, garbage and odorous items at least 10 feet off the ground and four feet away from any tree or pole. All food leftovers and trash must be properly disposed of in a bear-resistant trash receptacle or other container where provided by the Forest Service.



U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service
Southern Region - Daniel Boone National Forest
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/dbnf>

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.





Laurel Creek Trail #620
 Daniel Boone National Forest | Stearns District

	KY Highway		Private Land
	County Road		National Forest Land
	Forest Road		Trailhead
	Forest Trail		
	Streams		

0 0.25 0.5 Miles