Laurel Creek Trail, located on Stearn 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.