



Barren Fork Accessible Heritage Trail #621



Stearns Ranger District • Daniel Boone National Forest • Kentucky



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



Directions
Near the Stearns office on US 27. From Somerset, go south on US 27 for 22 miles to the Stearns office, on your left. From Whitley City, go north on US 27 for 3.7 miles to the Stearns office on your right. From US 27, turn onto Barren Fork Road 684 beside the Stearns office. Turn left at the split in the road onto Barren Fork Cemetery Road 684B.



Open Dates
Trail is open all year.



Operational hours
Dawn to dusk.



Trail Fees
None.



Parking
At trailhead on Forest Service Road 684B.



Restrooms
Accessible vault toilets at Barren Fork Campground (seasonally)



Water
At Barren Fork Campground (seasonally)



Accessibility
This trail meets accessibility standards for persons with disabilities.



Consumption of alcohol and open containers of alcohol are prohibited.

Hiking and wheelchair trail only. This trail is closed to horses, mountain bikes and motorized vehicles.



Guides like this are available at fs.usda.gov/dbnf.
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Barren Fork Heritage Trail is located on Stearns Ranger District near Barren Fork Horse Camp on the Daniel Boone National Forest. This 0.75-mile trail is paved for wheelchair accessibility. It is closed to mountain bikes and horses.

The heritage trail provides visitors with a glimpse into the past. Several signs along the trail interpret the area's mining history, and you can see the old foundations of some of the buildings that were part of the community. This area was the site of a coal mining town operated by Barren Fork Mining and Coal Company from 1881 to 1935. Here they mined what was considered some of the best quality low sulfur coal in McCreary County. Over 100 families were thought to have lived and worked in the mining community. The mines were closed in 1935 due to labor disputes. The land was then sold to the United States in 1936, but the minerals were reserved by the company and small mining operations continued until 1948.

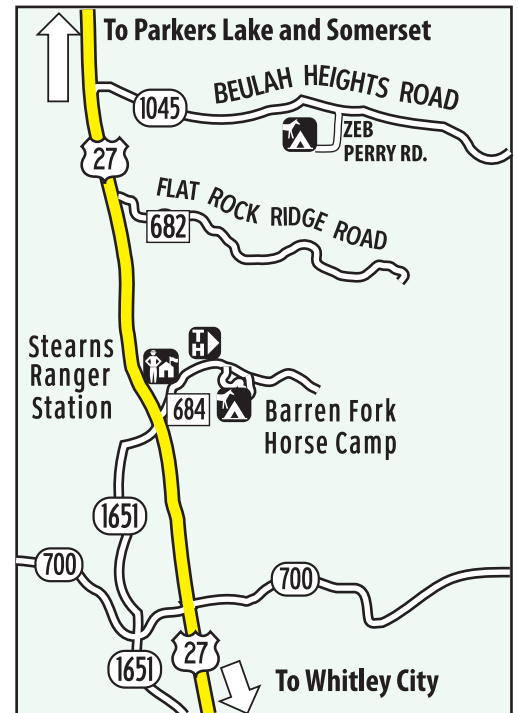
Begins:	Barren Fork Cemetery Road 684B	Difficulty:	Easy
Ends:	Barren Fork Cemetery Road 684B	Surface:	Concrete
Length:	.75 mile	County:	McCreary
Quad:	Wiborg	Latitude:	36.77717
Closest Town:	Whitley City	Longitude:	-84.46841



Storing Your Food and Trash in Bear Country

Unless cooking or eating, store your food inside a hardtop vehicle, the trunk of a car or a bear-resistant container. If camping in the backcountry hang your food at least 10 feet off the ground and four feet away from a tree.

Food and trash storage is mandatory.



You are responsible for your own safety.

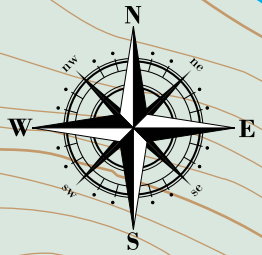
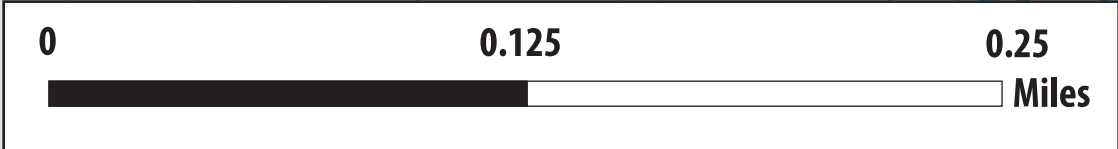
All outdoor activities have inherent risks and you may encounter a variety of unexpected and/or dangerous conditions. It is your responsibility to be informed and take precautions. Learn more at www.fs.usda.gov/r8.



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BARREN FORK HERITAGE TRAIL .75 mi.

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BARREN FORK ROAD
To District Office, US 27

BARREN FORK CEMETERY
To BARREN FORK HORSE CAMP

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- Parking
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