Parkers Mountain Trail, located on Stearns Ranger District, follows along the ridge for a mile before descending 600 feet to Rock Creek. Below the cliff you will encounter several coves, caves and small waterfalls. The trail ends on Forest Service Road 137. You can reach the Great Meadows Campground by following this road northeast for three miles.

You can access the eastern trailhead by following the signs to Great Meadows campground. Continue 3 miles past the campground and the trailhead will be on your right.

**Connections:** Buffalo Arch Trail #634A

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*Length:* 2.5 miles  
*Surface:* Dirt  
*Closest Town:* Stearns  
*County:* McCreary

**Great Meadows Campground** is developed on both sides of the road. Deer Loop is on the right; Raccoon Loop is on the left. The campground can accommodate RVs up to 35 feet. No hookups or dumpsites are available. Campsite availability is first-come, first-served basis.

**Rock Creek,** a designated Kentucky Wild River, runs along the Raccoon Loop. The creek is stocked with rainbow trout. A Kentucky state fishing license and compliance with all state fishing regulations are required.
Buffalo Arch Trail #634A is accessed from the Parkers Mountain Trail. The trail follows a ridge for 1/4-mile before reaching the arch. Native Americans gave this arch its name because they used its height as an advantage when hunting buffalo. The arch is located at the end of a ridge, measuring 18 feet 6 inches high and 81 feet 8 inches wide. The ridgeline drops along the back of Buffalo Arch into a valley created by a nearby stream.

**Directions to Campground**

Take US 27 south for 4.7 miles to KY 92. Turn right and go 1.2 miles, and then turn right on KY 92 at the Fastway Store. Go 5.3 miles to KY 1363; turn left and go 11.4 miles to the end of the blacktop. Turn right on Forest Service Road 564; go 1.2 miles and then turn left on Forest Service Road 137; go 4.4 miles.

**Open Dates**

Raccoon Loop open all year; Deer Loop open April 1 to November 15.

**Hours of Operation**

Campers only from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

**Fees**

None.

**Campsites**

18 sites with picnic tables.

**Water**

No water November 1 to mid-April at either loop.

**Restrooms**

Accessible vault toilets.

**Trash Pickup**

None. Pack out your trash.

**Accessibility**

Deer Loop campsites are accessible for persons with disabilities. Area trails do not meet accessibility standards for persons with disabilities. Horses are not allowed in the campground.

**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. When 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 on the Daniel Boone National Forest.