

- you if you slip.

 Watch your children carefully, and keep them close to you at all times. Don't let them run.
- use a flashlight.

 Watch your footing when walking near cliffs.

 Trees and bushes can't be trusted to hold
- avoid getting close to cliffs.Foot travel after dark is not safe. If you must travel after dark, stay in familiar areas and
 - Alcohol and cliffs don't mix! If you drink,
- Avoid camping near the edge of cliffs. You may be closer to the edge than you realize.
 Plan to arrive at your destination before dark.

The clifflines of the Red River Gorge are beautiful, but they are also dangerous. Every year, visitors are injured or killed by a fall from a cliff.





Center. Learn about the cultural heritage, unique resources and spectacular geology of the area. The Center provides trail, camping and other information. Maps, passes, books and souvenirs are available for purchase. The Center is open seven days a week during spring through fall from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Gladie Cultural-Environmental Learning

Gladie Historic Site. The Gladie Cabin, a reconstructed log house, is the only structure in the Gorge that dates back to the late 1800's.

species and their habitat.

Plants and Animals. The Gorge supports an unusual array of plant and animal life. Geographic location, topography, and glacial history contribute to the diversity of the area. A number of endangered, threatened, sensitive, and rare species of plants and animals make and rare species of plants and animals make the Gorge their home. The Forest Service and other agencies are working to protect these other agencies are working to protect these

All artifacts and cultural resources are protected by state and federal law. Report looting or vandalism to the Stanton District Office.

rocks.

• Obey all signs and encourage others to do the same.

Do not disturb the soil, dig, or move



- Do not collect or dig for artifacts.
 - these sites:Do not disturb rock shelters.

These fragile archaeological resources are unmistakable evidence of earlier lives - a common inheritance from past generations with whom we have shared this land. Once destroyed they are gone forever. To preserve

Archaeology. Archaeological studies are providing insight into the lives of prehistoric people who lived in the Gorge. These Native archaeological sites scattered throughout the Gorge provide many clues about how they lived. In later times, history records that the area has occupied by the Shawnee and other tribes, and adventurers such as Christopher Gist, Dr. Thomas Walker, and Daniel Boone preceded settlement by colonial Europeans moving west. Campsites, old buildings, and historic farmsteads still tell their stories.

The Red River. Kentucky's first National Wild and Scenic River, the Red River, offers the canoeist a memorable trip.

end of October.

Koomer Ridge Campground is a U.S. Fee Area with trailer/tent spaces, vault toilets, fire grills, lantern posts, drinking water, picnic tables, and an amphitheater. Sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tent sites on a first-come, first-served basis. Tent sites swailable during the off season. Koomer Ridge available during the off season. Koomer Ridge is in full operation from mid-April through the

Nada Tunnel. An interesting way to enter the Red River Gorge is through the 900-foot Nada Tunnel, located along KY 77. This tunnel, open to one-lane traffic only, was built for use by a logging railroad during the early 1900's.

Trails within the Red River Gorge have been designated National Recreation Trails. These trails are open to hiking only. Mountain bikes and all motorized vehicles are prohibited on trails in the Red River Gorge. Horses are permitted on designated trails.

and 23 feet high.

Hiking Trails. Many arches in the Gorge can be found or viewed from the 60 miles of hiking trails. One of the best known and most accessible arches is Sky Bridge, 75 feet long

Clifty Wilderness. Within the Gorge is Clifty Wilderness, a rugged and undeveloped area designated as wilderness by Congress in 1985. This 12,646-acre area features arches, rock shelters, and towering cliffs encircling steep, forested slopes and narrow stream valleys.

Natural Stone Arches. The number, size, and variety of natural stone arches in the Gorge contribute to its uniqueness. Sculpted by 70 million years of wind and water, the Gorge offers spectacular views of heavily forested slopes, ridges, and cliffs that provide a stunning ridges, and cliffs that provide a stunning backdrop for more than 100 natural arches.

Note: Visitors are required to purchase a pass for parking overnight in the Gorge and Indian Creek area (between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.). Passes are available from local stores and at the District Office in Stanton.

WELCOME to the Red River Gorge Geological Area, a unique and scenic natural area designated and managed by the USDA Forest Service. A National Natural Landmark, the Gorge is a part of the Daniel Boone National Forest. It is managed for year-round public use and enjoyment and to protect its watershed, wildlife, spectacular geological features, primitive character, and public safety.

REGULATIONS

Observe these simple rules to help us protect the forest and ensure a safe and pleasurable trip for you and other forest users.

Camping is NOT permitted:

- Within 300 feet of any road.
- Within 300 feet of any developed trail.
- In any picnic or parking area.



Do not camp in rockshelters.

These sensitive areas provide critical habitats for plants and animals.

- 1. Camping is PROHIBITED within 100 feet of the base of any cliff, or the back of any rockshelter.
- 2. YOU ARE PROHIBITED from building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire within 100 feet of the base of any cliff, or the back of any



- Rock climbing is permitted. However, new route development must be approved by the Forest Service. Climbing and rappelling are NOT PERMITTED within 300 feet of Sky Bridge, Gray's Arch, Nada Tunnel, and Chimney Rock Overlook, and other areas as posted.
- Keep vehicles on established roads. All vehicle traffic is restricted to roads in the Geological Area.
- Parking on Tunnel Ridge Road is limited to designated parking sites only.

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PASS

DANIEL BOONE National Forest

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INFORMATION

You may request information about trail conditions, trail maps, and recreation opportunity guides from:

Stanton Ranger District

705 W. College Avenue Stanton, KY 40380 606-663-2852

Gladie Cultural-Environmental Learning Center

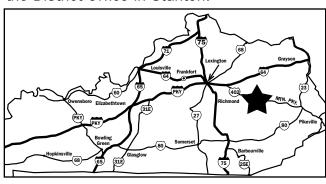
3451 State Route 715 Frenchburg, KY 40322 606-663-8100

Supervisor's Office

1700 Bypass Road Winchester, KY 40391 859-745-3100 Visit our website at: http://www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/boone/

Directions: From Interstate 64, take exit 98 to the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway. From the parkway, take exit 33 (Slade) and turn left onto KY 11. To access Gladie through Nada Tunnel, turn left onto KY 15, travel 1.5 miles west and turn right onto KY 77. Then follow 77 to KY 715 and turn right. Stay on 715 and follow the signs to Gladie.

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