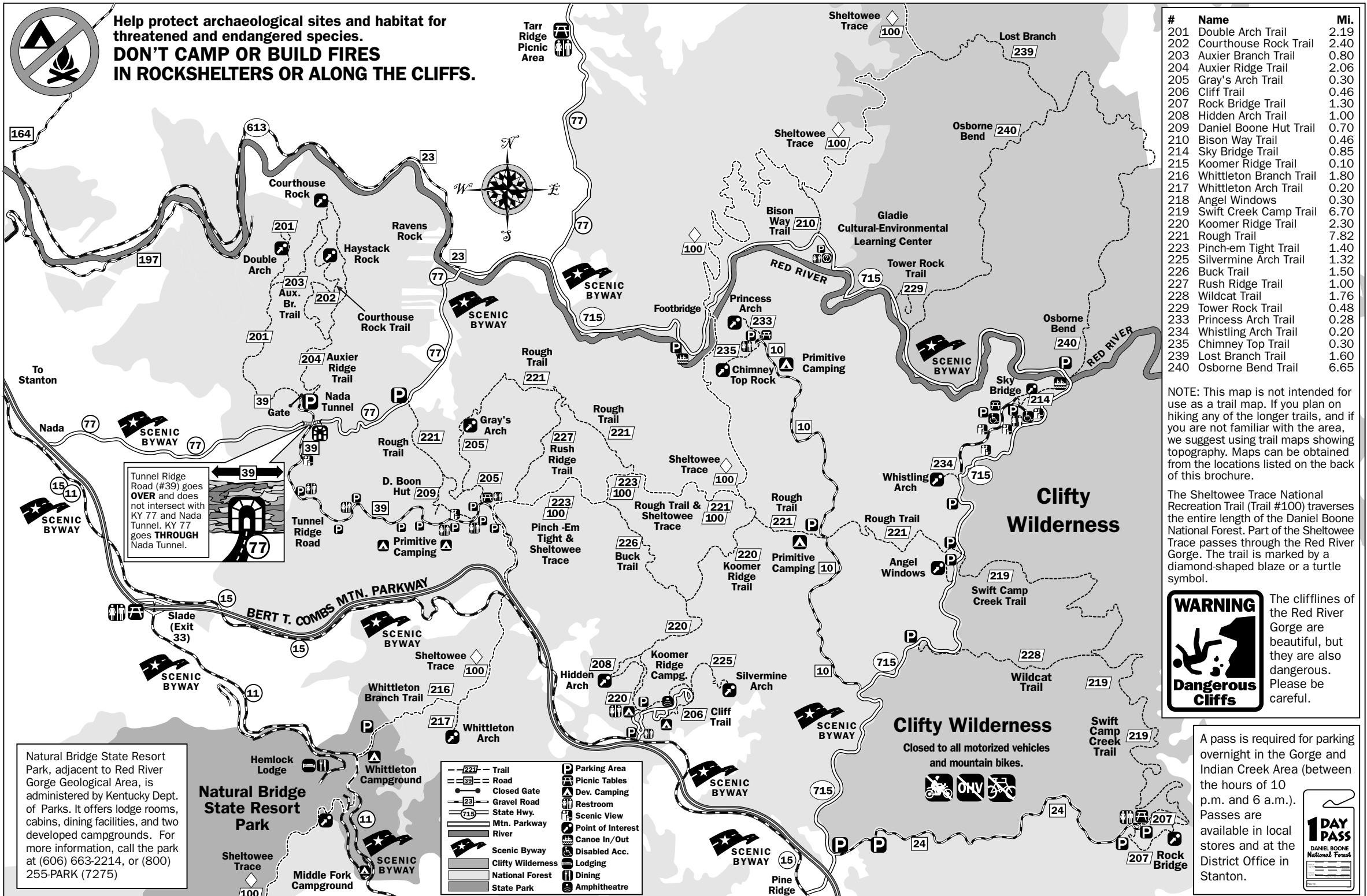




Help protect archaeological sites and habitat for threatened and endangered species.  
**DON'T CAMP OR BUILD FIRES IN ROCKSHELTERS OR ALONG THE CLIFFS.**



Tarr Ridge Picnic Area



Tunnel Ridge Road (#39) goes **OVER** and does not intersect with KY 77 and Nada Tunnel. KY 77 goes **THROUGH** Nada Tunnel.

Natural Bridge State Resort Park, adjacent to Red River Gorge Geological Area, is administered by Kentucky Dept. of Parks. It offers lodge rooms, cabins, dining facilities, and two developed campgrounds. For more information, call the park at (606) 663-2214, or (800) 255-PARK (7275)

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201	Double Arch Trail	2.19
202	Courthouse Rock Trail	2.40
203	Auxier Branch Trail	0.80
204	Auxier Ridge Trail	2.06
205	Gray's Arch Trail	0.30
206	Cliff Trail	0.46
207	Rock Bridge Trail	1.30
208	Hidden Arch Trail	1.00
209	Daniel Boone Hut Trail	0.70
210	Bison Way Trail	0.46
214	Sky Bridge Trail	0.85
215	Koomer Ridge Trail	0.10
216	Whittleton Branch Trail	1.80
217	Whittleton Arch Trail	0.20
218	Angel Windows	0.30
219	Swift Creek Camp Trail	6.70
220	Koomer Ridge Trail	2.30
221	Rough Trail	7.82
223	Pinch-em Tight Trail	1.40
225	Silvermine Arch Trail	1.32
226	Buck Trail	1.50
227	Rush Ridge Trail	1.00
228	Wildcat Trail	1.76
229	Tower Rock Trail	0.48
233	Princess Arch Trail	0.28
234	Whistling Arch Trail	0.20
235	Chimney Top Trail	0.30
239	Lost Branch Trail	1.60
240	Osborne Bend Trail	6.65

NOTE: This map is not intended for use as a trail map. If you plan on hiking any of the longer trails, and if you are not familiar with the area, we suggest using trail maps showing topography. Maps can be obtained from the locations listed on the back of this brochure.

The Sheltoewe Trace National Recreation Trail (Trail #100) traverses the entire length of the Daniel Boone National Forest. Part of the Sheltoewe Trace passes through the Red River Gorge. The trail is marked by a diamond-shaped blaze or a turtle symbol.



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**Clifty Wilderness**  
 Closed to all motorized vehicles and mountain bikes.



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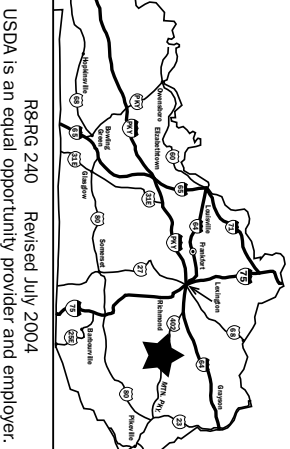


Stanton Ranger District

## Red River Gorge

# National Forest

Daniel Boone



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- **You must 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.
- **Parking on Tunnel Ridge Road** is limited to designated parking sites only.
- **Keep vehicles on established roads.** All vehicle traffic is restricted to roads in the Geological Area.

- **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.



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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 rockshelter.



**Do not camp in rockshelters.**  
These sensitive areas provide critical habitats for plants and animals.

**Camping is NOT permitted:**

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

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

## REGULATIONS

**WELCOME** to the Red River Gorge Geological Area, a 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 a managed for year-round public use and enjoyment and to protect its watershed, wildlife, spectacular geological features, primitive character, and public safety.

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**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 backdrop for more than 100 natural arches.

**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.

**Hiking Trails.** Many arches in the Gorge can be found or viewed from the 60 miles of hiking accessible arches is Sky Bridge, 75 feet long and 23 feet high.

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.

**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.

**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 remain open year round, although water is available during the off season. Koomer Ridge is in full operation from mid-April through the end of October.

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

**Archaeology.** Archaeological studies are providing insight into the lives of prehistoric people who lived in the Gorge. These Native Americans left no written records, but archaeological sites scattered throughout the Gorge provide many clues about how they lived. In later times, history records that the area was 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.

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 these sites:

- Do not disturb rock shelters.
- Do not collect or dig for artifacts.
- Do not disturb the soil, dig, or move rocks.
- Obey all signs and encourage others to do the same.

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



**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 the Gorge their home. The Forest Service and other agencies are working to protect these species and their habitat.

**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.

**Gladie Cultural-Environmental Learning 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.



## CLIFFLINE SAFETY

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.

- 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.
- Alcohol and cliffs don't mix! If you drink, avoid getting close to cliffs.
- Foot travel after dark is not safe. If you must travel after dark, stay in familiar areas and use a flashlight.
- Watch your footing when walking near cliffs. Trees and bushes can't be trusted to hold you if you slip.
- Watch your children carefully, and keep them close to you at all times. Don't let them run.