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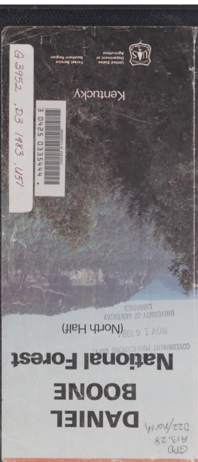

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DANIEL BOONE National Forest Kentucky (North Half)

THE FOREST

The Daniel Boone National Forest was named to honor the explorer of the Kentucky wilderness who came to know and love the forested land and waterways. "Eden . . . a great forest on which stood myriads of trees, some gay with blossoms, others rich with fruits," is the way Boone described the land.

The forest, located in portions of 21 counties, contains 672,000 acres. It is accessible by Interstate Highways 64 and 75, the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway, the Daniel Boone Parkway, U.S. and Kentucky State highways, and county and Forest Service roads. The Forest Service manages and protects the forest under the multiple use-sustained yield concept that provides the optimal blend of all forest resources including wood, wildlife, recreation, wilderness and water.

WILDLIFE

Many of the wild animals that existed at the time Daniel Boone explored the wilderness are still found in the National Forest. More than 100 species of birds, 46 kinds of mammals, and 67 types of reptiles and amphibians live on the forest. Four endangered species also live here. The red-cockaded woodpecker, the Indiana bat and the Virginia big-eared bat are year-round residents. The bald eagle spends the winter months on the forest. Wild turkey and white-tailed deer are making a comeback; and, ruffed grouse, gray and fox squirrels, red and gray foxes, ducks, bobwhite quail, rabbits, muskrats, mink and raccoon are common.

Many nongame birds and animals live on the forest. These include the white breasted nuthatch, chipmunk, screech owl, northern black racer snake and terrapin. The Forest Service and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources cooperate in managing the wildlife habitat. The wildlife program includes managing timber stands for wildlife benefits and developing wildlife food plots, waterholes, clearings, nesting boxes, and other habitat improvements. Giant Canada geese are being produced on Cave Run and Laurel River Lakes.

Bass, crappie, muskie, catfish, bream and stocked trout attract large numbers of fishermen to the lakes and streams.

Red River Gorge

TIMBER

Nearly all of the land on the Daniel Boone National Forest was logged and stripped of all high-quality timber before its acquisition by the Forest Service. Forest fires burned over the area for many years. Scientific forest management and protection have restored the forest and once again it provides many timber products which contribute substantially to the area's economy.

The Forest is characterized by an extremely wide variety of species. These include red, white and chestnut oak, hickories, yellow poplar, basswood, beech, sugar maple, birch, red maple, shortleaf, pitch, and Virginia pines and hemlock. Over 40 commercial species are here along with many noncommercial trees and shrubs. In addition to the many timber products they provide, trees protect watersheds, provide food and homes for wildlife, give variety to the landscape and provide incomes and jobs to local communities.

Red River Gorge

Fishing on Cave Run Lake

Natural Arch Scenic Area

Pioneer Weapons Hunting Area

Timber Operations

RECREATION

The forest offers a variety of opportunities for outdoor recreation. These include camping, picnicking, hiking, hunting, fishing, boating, swimming, water skiing, nature study, bicycling and photography. Developed campgrounds can accommodate everything from pup tents to trailers up to 22-feet long. Fees are charged at several campgrounds, but most may be used free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis.

The forest contains many miles of trails. The Sheltowee Trace National Recreation Trail runs from north to south through five ranger districts. Horseback riding and off-road vehicles are permitted on certain trails. Two large lakes, Cave Run and Laurel River, a portion of Lake Cumberland, and many other streams, including six state-designated wild rivers, provide fishing and other water-oriented activities. Other recreation opportunities include bird-watching, wildlife viewing, cross-country skiing and the gathering of walnuts, hickory nuts, persimmons, berries and firewood.

EMERGENCIES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Should an emergency arise or you want more information on the Daniel Boone National Forest, contact one of these offices:

District Ranger
U.S. Forest Service
Route 2, Highway 21 East
Berea, Kentucky 40403
Phone: 606-986-8434

District Ranger
U.S. Forest Service
156 Realty Lane
Somerset, Kentucky 42501
Phone: 606-679-2018/2010

District Ranger
U.S. Forest Service
U.S. Highway 25 South
London, Kentucky 40741
Phone: 606-864-4163/4164

District Ranger
U.S. Forest Service
Highway 15, Box 363
Stanton, Kentucky 40380
Phone: 606-663-2852

District Ranger
U.S. Forest Service
Box 10, Rodburn Hollow
Morehead, Kentucky 40351
Phone: 606-784-5624

District Ranger
U.S. Forest Service
P.O. Box 429
Whitley City, Kentucky 42653
Phone: 606-376-5323

District Ranger
U.S. Forest Service
Box 1
Big Creek, Kentucky 40914
Phone: 606-598-2192

Forest Supervisor
Daniel Boone National Forest
100 Vaught Road
Winchester, Kentucky 40391
Phone: 606-745-3100

This is a map of the North Half of the Daniel Boone National Forest. A map of the South Half is also available for purchase.

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Riding the Sheltowee Trace Trail

Cave Run Lake

FOREST ATTRACTIONS

Red River Gorge Geological Area surrounds the middle section of the Red River and covers 26,000 acres near Slade, Kentucky. The area, a unique landscape, contains more than 50 major natural arches and an unusual assortment of vegetation. It has been called an art gallery of geological features, a masterpiece of erosion unique to the east. The terrain has been sculptured by wind and water for more than 70 million years. Sky Bridge, one of the most spectacular arches, is a solid rock span stretching along the top of a thin ridge. From the summit of this bridge, visitors are treated to a magnificent panoramic view of the gorge.

Cave Run Lake covers 8,270 acres and is located on the north end of the forest, approximately 15 miles southwest of Morehead, Kentucky. Recreation facilities at the lake include campgrounds, picnic grounds, boat ramps, swimming beaches, fishing points, hiking trails and scenic roads and vistas. Private investors own and operate marina facilities on the lake under a special-use permit from the Forest Service.

The lake supports good populations of largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, catfish, and muskie. Near record catches of muskie establish Cave Run Lake as one of the outstanding muskie lakes in the country.

Laurel River Lake is a deep, clean 5,600-acre lake located on the London Ranger District. Forest Service developments include vehicle and boat-access campgrounds, boat ramps, picnic areas, fish attractor sites, hiking trails and roads. The Lake maintains good populations of largemouth bass, rainbow trout, bluegill, crappie and channel catfish. The feeling of being at ease with nature is afforded by the forested hills and steep picturesque bluffs and provides the perfect setting for a rewarding recreation experience.

Sheltowee Trace National Recreation Trail was named to honor the memory of Daniel Boone. Sheltowee is an Indian word meaning "Big Turtle" and was the name given to Boone by Chief Blackfish when he adopted Boone as his son into the Shawnee Tribe. The trail starts at the extreme northern end of the forest and runs for approximately 250 miles through deep canyons, along narrow ridgetops, rivers and lakes, and through areas of strikingly beautiful rimrock cliff country. Here, rock arches and natural bridges abound and a great variety of flowers, shrubs, trees, birds, and animals are found. The trail can be used for a variety of purposes including backpacking, day hikes, hunting, picnicking and camping excursions. Certain sections of the trail are designated for horseback riding and off-road vehicles. The local District Ranger can identify these sections.

Hiking on the Sheltowee Trace Trail

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Deer at Twin Knobs Campground

Natural Arch Scenic Area, established in 1961, contains 945 acres in McCreary County on the Somerset Ranger District. The main attraction is a large, magnificent, sandstone arch with an opening over 100 feet wide and over 60 feet high. An area of steep, narrow hollows surrounds the arch. The exposed cliffs give the arch a distinctive canyon setting. A large overhang on the northwest side of the arch made it a favorite campsite of the Shawnee and Cherokee Indians. A picnic ground with tables and a shelter is located within the scenic area. A trail leads from the picnic grounds parking lot down to the arch.

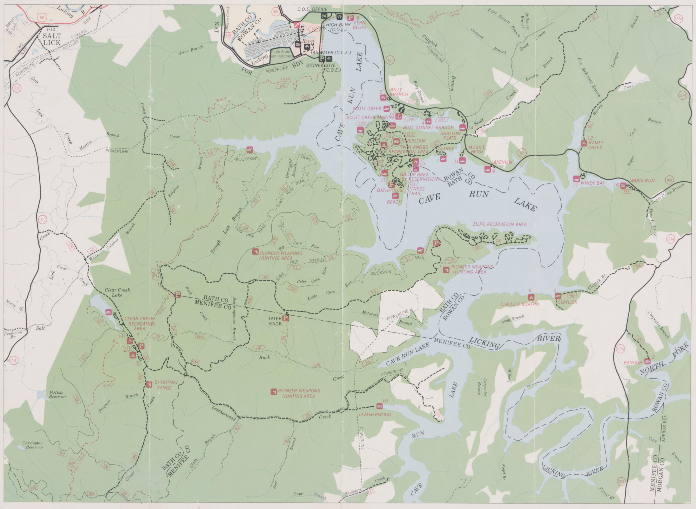
Pioneer Weapons Hunting Area is a 7,480-acre tract of land adjacent to Cave Run Lake. It was established in July 1962, through a cooperative agreement between the Forest Service and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. The purposes for establishing this area are to increase deer and wild turkey populations, to serve as a base for an outflow of these populations to other areas, and to accommodate hunting with pioneer weapons. This is one of the few areas in the United States that permit hunting with a crossbow. Other weapons permitted include the longbow, compound bow and muzzle loading rifles, shotguns and pistols. Modern, breech-loading firearms are not allowed and state game regulations apply. A number of trails in the area permit hunter access. A campground and a shooting range are located nearby.

Beaver Creek Wilderness contains numerous "rock houses" or cliff overhangs once used as shelter by primitive people. The vertical sandstone cliffs, rippling streams, waterfalls, mature eastern hardwood trees, shrubs and other plants contribute to make it a "nature lover's paradise." Fishing is permitted subject to Kentucky State fishing regulations. Special hunting regulations apply since the wilderness is located in part of the Beaver Creek Wildlife Management Area. Kentucky State hunting regulations apply and a special permit is required. The poisonous copperhead and timber rattlesnakes; poison ivy and poison oak; honeybees, wasps, hornets, yellow jackets and other poisonous insects are common within the area. The wilderness visitor should be prepared for encounters with all of these.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

The forest has moderately cold winters and warm, humid summers. Precipitation is fairly well distributed throughout the year. There are no wet or dry seasons. October has the least rainfall, July the most. Snowfall is quite varied from year to year, and some winters have relatively little. Thunderstorms average about 46 days each year, most frequently in spring and summer but they can occur in any month. Thunderstorms cause most of the short duration, high intensity rainfall.

DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST, KENTUCKY
CAVE RUN LAKE RECREATION AREA



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- Office
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Parking
- Boat Ramp
- Marina
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Horse Trail
- Hunting Area
- National Forest Land
- National Forest Boundary
- County Boundary
- Primary Highway
- Secondary Highway
- Other All Weather Roads
- Other Seasonal Roads
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- Other Trails
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- State Highway
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- Forest Trail
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RECREATION SITES	SITE NUMBER	BOATING	CAMPING	DRINKING WATER	FISHING	HANDICAP ACCESS	HIKING TRAILS	HORSE TRAILS	PICNICKING	SANITARY FACILITIES	SKIING	SWIMMING	TRAILER DUMP STATION	TRAILER SPACE	INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM
ALFREY	1	L								●					
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BILLY BRANCH	3				●				●	●					
BOAT GUNNEL BRANCH	4			●	●	●	●		G	●					●
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CLAYLICK BOAT-IN	6	●	B		●					●					
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LAKEVIEW	9				●					●					
LEATHERWOOD	10	L								●					
MUSKIE BEND	11				●					●					
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SCOTT CREEK	13	L								●					
SHALLOW FLATS	14				●	●				●					●
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WARIX RUN	16	L													
WINDY BAY	17									●					
ZILPO REC AREA	18	L	F	●	●	●	●			●		F	●	●	

F = Fee Area S = Showers L = Launch Ramp
G = Group Use Area H = Electric Hookups B = Access By Boat Only
G/R = Group Use Reservations Required E = Electric Motors Only

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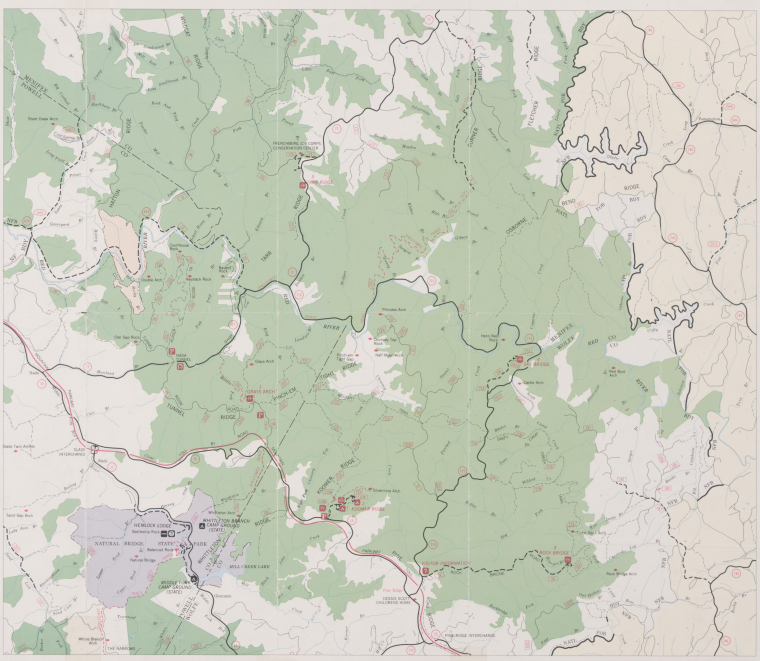
RED RIVER GORGE RECREATION AREA



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- Amphitheater
- National Forest Land
- Other Federal Land
- State Land
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- Forest Route
- Forest Trail
- Point of Interest

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SKY BRIDGE	4			●			●		●	●					
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RECREATION SITES

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