

THE AREA

The Red River Gorge Geological Area, surrounding the middle section of the Red River, is a unique landscape containing more than 50 major natural arches and a most unusual assortment of vegetation. The Geological Area covers 26,000 acres near Slade, Kentucky. 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.

The Daniel Boone National Forest administers the Red River Gorge Geological Area for year-round public use and enjoyment, while protecting its watersheds, wildlife, unique natural formations, and primitive character. More than 40 miles of scenic drives and trails lead visitors to the many overlooks, and to picnic areas and dispersed camping areas. An experienced naturalist is on duty during the summer to lead tours and assist visitors in exploring and understanding this unique area. The Visitor Information Station is open Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The developed recreation site at Koomer Ridge is a Fee Area. It has 42 units for trailers or tents, and 14 units exclusively for tents. The area is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and accommodations are obtained on a first-come, first-served basis. Facilities include vault toilets, fire grills, lantern posts, drinking water, picnic tables, and an amphitheater.

The Upper Red River is classed as a Kentucky Wild River. It has areas considered dangerous for inexperienced canoeists, and is recommended for use only by those well skilled in handling a canoe in rough waters.

Beginners will find the middle portion of the Red River, between Concrete Bridge and Iron Bridge, suitable and enjoyable.

For additional information, contact:

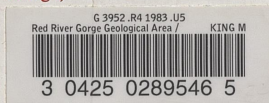
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CONDITIONS OF USE

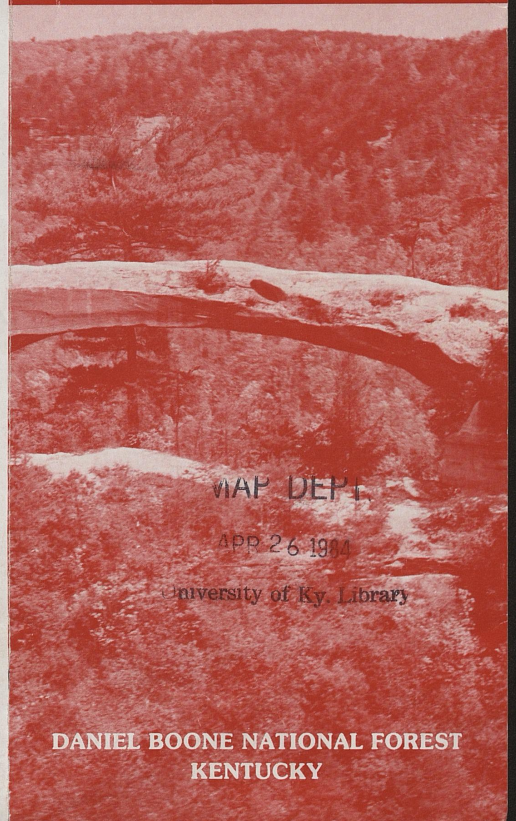
Please observe the few simple courtesies and safety measures listed. In this way, you will help protect the Red River Gorge for other people, and your future visits.

- Backpackers camping outside Koomer Ridge should camp at least 300 feet away from roads or trails. Do not camp in picnic areas. Other areas closed to camping are posted.
- Help keep the Gorge clean by carrying out all your litter. Animals will dig up buried garbage, causing disease and pollution.
- Fire building is prohibited except at designated areas. (Fires permitted outside of designated areas in stoves or other devices designed to contain the flame.) Use only wood that is "dead and down" for your campfires.
- Do not disturb rockshelters or collect artifacts. Indian sites are protected under the Code of Federal Regulations. Violators destroy many clues to our heritage, and are subject to fines.
- Be extremely careful near the many high cliffs; hold onto children. Their curiosity can hurt. Grasping a shrub to look over a cliff's edge is extremely dangerous; it not only will destroy the plants, but maybe YOU!
- Keep all vehicles on established roads. Just one vehicle can destroy many fragile rock formations and plants.
- Do not cut, remove, or damage trees, shrubs, or flowers.
- Be considerate of others. The Gorge also belongs to future visitors. Make your stay a pleasant one, but remember **theirs**, too.



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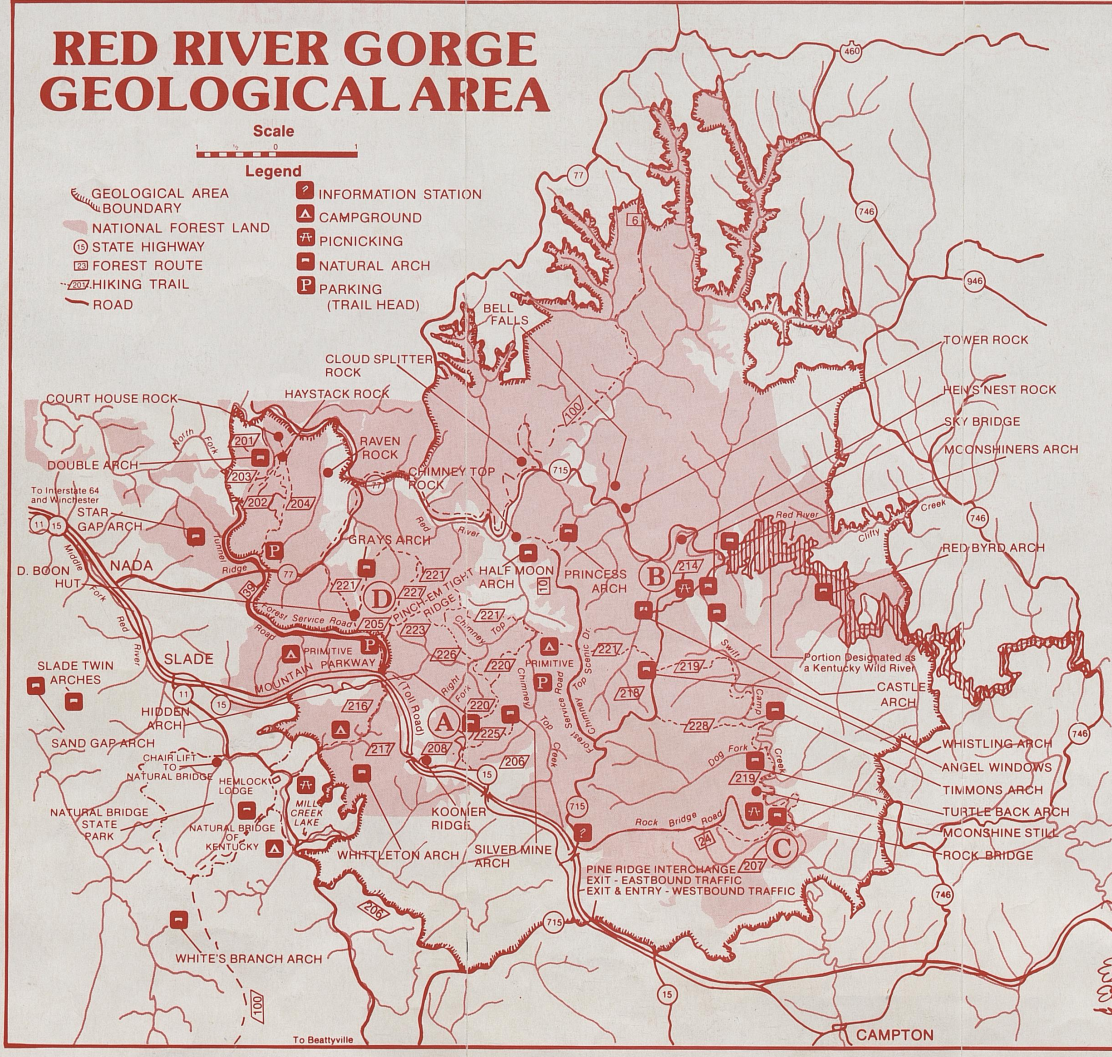


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Legend

- GEOLOGICAL AREA BOUNDARY
- NATIONAL FOREST LAND
- STATE HIGHWAY
- FOREST ROUTE
- HIKING TRAIL
- ROAD
- INFORMATION STATION
- CAMPGROUND
- PICNICKING
- NATURAL ARCH
- PARKING (TRAIL HEAD)



RECREATION AREAS

	MAP LOCATION	HIKING TRAILS	CAMP UNITS	PICNICKING UNITS	NATURAL ARCH	DRINKING WATER	OVERLOOK/TOWER	SANITARY FACILITIES
KOOMER RIDGE	A	●	56	●	●	●	●	●
SKY BRIDGE	B	●	10	●	●	●	●	●
ROCK BRIDGE	C	●	15	●	●	●	●	●
GRAYS ARCH	D	●	6	●	●	●	●	●

TRAILS

NAME	NO.	LENGTH
DOUBLE ARCH	201	1.0
COURTHOUSE ROCK	202	2.4
AUXIER BRANCH	203	0.8
AUXIER RIDGE	204	1.1
GRAYS ARCH	205	0.3
TOWER	206	0.4
ROCK BRIDGE	207	1.3
HIDDEN ARCH	208	2.0
SKY BRIDGE	214	0.9
WHITTLETON BRANCH	216	1.9
WHITTLETON ARCH	217	0.2
ANGEL WINDOWS	218	0.3
SWIFT CAMP CREEK	219	6.7
KOOMER RIDGE	220	2.3
ROUGH	221	8.4
PINCH-EM-TIGHT	223	1.8
SILVERMINE ARCH	225	0.9
BUCK	226	1.5
RUSH RIDGE	227	1.0
WILDCAT	228	1.3
PRINCESS ARCH	233	0.2
WHISTLING ARCH	234	0.2
CHIMNEY TOP	235	0.3
D. BOON HUT	1770	0.7
SHELTOE TRACE	100	22.4



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