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Eclipse

By Terri Charles

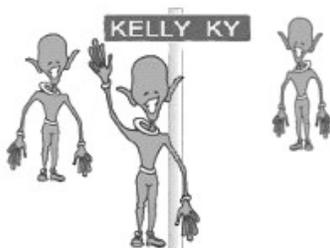
According to the information on the KyEM website, there will be a solar eclipse during the afternoon of Monday, **August 21, 2017**. This eclipse will be viewable in the United States. In most areas of the country, it will be only a partial eclipse; however, for certain areas in the U.S., it will be a *total* solar eclipse for the longest duration (a little over two minutes). It turns out that Kentucky will be "ground zero" for this eclipse which is of national interest. Twenty-one counties in western Kentucky will experience a full solar eclipse, with Hopkinsville, KY as the epicenter for this national event. (See Note in next column. Coincidence??).

According to their website, the Ky EM office is preparing for a "massive influx of visitors" seeking to view the total solar eclipse.

Cliffview and the Red River Gorge will be on the edge of totality (even though the best visibility will be in western Kentucky). Knoxville, TN, is also on the edge of totality and there are certain places that totality can be seen. Another website with information about the eclipse visible in Kentucky: <http://www.kysolareclipse.com/index.htm>

Map of the path of totality: <http://www.eclipse2017.org/2017/maps>.

Hopkinsville UFO's



On the evening of **August 21, 1955**, five adults and seven children arrived at the Hopkinsville police station claiming that small alien creatures from a spaceship were attacking their farmhouse in Kelly, just north of Hopkinsville. They told the police that they had been holding them off with gunfire "for nearly four hours". Two of the adults, Elmer Sutton and Billy Ray Taylor, claimed they had been shooting at "twelve to fifteen" short, dark figures who repeatedly popped up at the doorway or peered into the windows.

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July Milestones

Birthdays:

Guide **Abbie Hollon** celebrates her birthday on July 19th.

Nancy Griffin, office manager, is proud to announce that she will become a granny again next year! This will be her 4th grandchild. She has 3 grandsons so maybe this will be a granddaughter!

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www.fs.fed.us/r8/boone/districts/cumberland/redriver_gorge.shtml

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- **Natural Bridge State Park, Lodge & Sky Lift:** Camping, Hiking, Rooms, Fine Dining parks.ky.gov/resortparks/nb/index.htm
- **Red River Gorge Hiking, Rock Climbing:** fs.fed.us/r8/boone/
- **Ash Cave Rapelling:** Rapelling, Hiking, Climbing, Camping 606.369.0511 10 Minutes
- **Wild Things of Kentucky Reptile Zoo & Gem Mining:** KY Rt. 11 Slade 859-577-0277 15 minutes.
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- **Ye Ole Country Peddler:** 606-663-2683. KY Rt 11, 15 minute drive.
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- **Kentucky Tourism & Vacation Guide:** <http://kytourism.com/> tourseky.com
- **Hiking Trail Guide and Descriptions:** Great for beginners. redrivergorge.org.
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Safe Hiking in Cliffview and State and Federal Forests of the Red River Gorge Geological Area

The hiking season is now in full swing. Hundreds, thousands of folks from all over the country regularly visit Cliffview Resort and the Red River Gorge Area to enjoy nature's bounty. There is no better way to experience all the area has to offer than to hike the hundreds of trails in federal, state and private lands than hiking. We want everyone to have the best hiking experience possible and leave the area with fond memories and beautiful pictures and videos. To make the experience fun, informative and safe we offer a few hints and some do's and don'ts.

- * **First and foremost, the Boy Scouts are right, Be Prepared!**
- * The Mountains are known for unpredictable weather. Check the weather forecast for the area.
- * Plan your hike--know about the area and how to get there. Get detailed maps.
- * Take enough food, clothing, and equipment to keep you comfortable for at least another day and night longer than planned in case of emergency.
- * Notify others of where you will be, and when you plan to be home, in case someone needs to contact you. Let them know when you return.
- * If you are a beginner, contact local outfitters or camping and hiking locations for a general check list of needed equipment. It's a very good idea to have a comprehensive Red Cross approved First Aid kit and manual.
- * Take a cell phone with a fully charged battery.

Make certain there is service in the area you plan to explore

- * Download a GPS app so friends and family can track your progress and always know exactly where you are. In areas with no service, inexpensive walkie-talkies are a reasonable alternative .
- * Always bring waterproof matches or a couple of Bic lighters and a knife of some kind.
- * A loud whistle is another good idea. It can be used to attract attention if 'confused' and may convince an unwelcome animal to leave the area.
- * If hiking in an area bears are known to habituate, make some noise while hiking. Sing, clap your hands, talk, whatever. Bears don't like to be surprised and if they know you're approaching, they'll usually go the other way.
- * Remember, you're a guest, be courteous and appreciative.

If you carry it in, please carry it out!

- * Take only pictures; leave only footprints and leave those only on **designated trails and areas.** Remember, when you're enjoying any federal area, guidelines forbid the taking of even a pebble from national parks.
- * Never, ever cut a live tree for firewood or any other reason.
- * Be respectful of your state and national forests; keep the trees and shrubs alive and growing.
- * If hiking with Fido, keep him on a leash no longer than 6 feet.



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Much of the Red River Gorge is located inside the Daniel Boone National Forest and has been subsequently reserved as the Red River Gorge Geological Area, an area of around 29,000 acres. It has been designated a National Natural Landmark and National Archaeological District, and it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The 13,379-acre Clifty Wilderness Area lies entirely within the geological area in the Red River Gorge. This intricate canyon system features an abundance of high sandstone cliffs, rock shelters, waterfalls, and natural bridges. There are more than 100 natural sandstone arches in the Red River Gorge Geological Area. The multitude of sandstone and cliff-lines have helped this area become one of the world's top rock climbing destinations and is home to the Red River Gorge Climbers' Coalition. Kentucky's Natural Bridge State Park is immediately adjacent to this area, featuring one of the largest natural bridges in the Red River Gorge. Because of its unusual and rugged nature, the Red River Gorge features a remarkable variety of ecological zones. It is home to many plants, such as Canadian yew, which are far from their main range.

The Red River Gorge's Sky Bridge appears in the 1955 film *The Kentuckian*, starring and directed by Burt Lancaster. It was also the first major motion picture to be filmed in Kentucky.

The Red River Gorge Geological Area, including Clifty Wilderness, has a very diverse biology. The Gorge is home to a great variety of wildlife including hawks, owls, woodpeckers, hummingbirds, deer, fox, black bears, and two venomous snakes: the copperhead and the timber rattlesnake.

It is also home to several endangered species including the white-haired gold-enrod, found only in Red River Gorge.

Rock shelters and other sites in the Red River Gorge Geological Area contain artifacts of prehistoric occupancy by indigenous peoples, beginning with the Paleoindian period. Rock shelters are particularly valuable as archeological sites because they are protected from precipitation.

Plant materials and other relics, such as woven mats and leather moccasins, that would decompose in more typical sites are well-preserved in the dry, nitrate-rich soils found in rock shelters. Sites in the area have yielded some of the earliest evidence of the domestication of plants found in the eastern United States.

The Red River Gorge, Clifty Wilderness, and the Indian Creek area were designated as a National Archaeological District and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003. The National Register district covers 37,217 acres of land; as of 2005, it included 29,116 acres in the national forest and 8,101 acres of private land. It contains 664 known prehistoric and historic sites that date from more than 11,000 years ago to the 20th

century; 442 sites are contributing sites in the National Register district.

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The Red River Gorge is also known as a popular destination for rock climbers, with numerous cliffs in the gorge itself and in the surrounding areas. The vast number of bolted routes in overhanging, pocketed sandstone draws climbers from all over the world to "the Red" as it is known. Climbing in the region tends to be done at large number of separate small cliffs. Most climbs are a single pitch and most cliffs are less than 200 feet (61 m) tall. There are numerous traditional and sport climbing routes in region, although the latter seems to be more dominant. The Red River Gorge is also known for its numerous hiking trails that range in difficulty from beginner to advanced. Over 60 miles of trails, open only to hiking, are maintained by the Forest Service and are located throughout the park (some trails are also for horses).

Many campgrounds are located in the area. Primitive camping, also known as backpack camping, is permitted in the gorge if an overnight permit is obtained. **WARNING:** Camping is not permitted within 300 feet of any road or designated trail. No camping in rock shelters or within 100 feet of the base of any cliff.

Coordinates: 37°50'2.44"N 83°36'28.36"W

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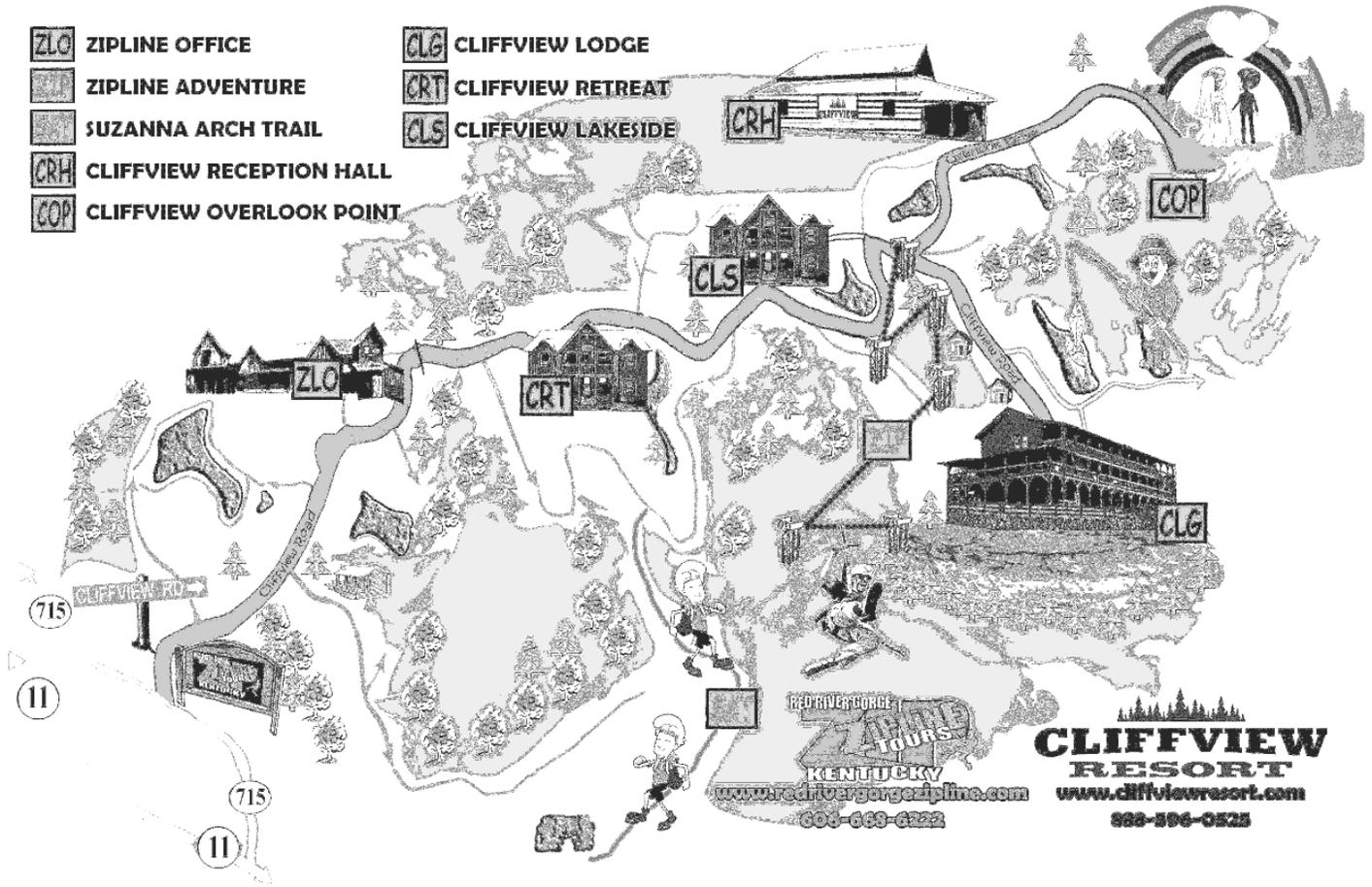
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July - America's Vacation Month

In the Roman 10 month calendar, July was the fifth month and was named, accordingly, Quintillis from the Latin quinque, five. The name was changed to Julius in honor of Julius Caesar, ironically in 44 B.C. This event occurred a couple months too late for the great Caesar to know about it. (He and the Senate had a serious "disagreement" back in March of that year, precluding his attendance at the announcement.) After the Gregorian calendar was adopted, July became the seventh month, a fact that hardly needs stating.

This year, the "dog days of summer" begin July 3. So named because the Romans noticed the rising of the "dog star", they called Canicula, little dog.

This star is now known as Sirius and is in the constellation Canis Major, which means "big dog". (I'm getting confused!) Sirius is the brightest star in the heavens and this brightness led the Romans to believe it added to the heat of the sun, thus causing the extreme heat of this period.

The practical Anglo-Saxons called July Hey Monath, hay month, because that was when hay was usually harvested. Not so practically, they also called it Maed Monath, since the meads bloomed at this time, and Litha se oefferra, meaning lithe or mild. Writing checks could have been a creative endeavor in those days.

The ruby, carnelian and onyx are July's birthstones and the flowers are the larkspur and water lily.

Some special events we think are noteworthy in July are: "National Ice Cream Week", "National Cheer Up the Lonely Day", and "National Hot Dog Month".

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