

# Cliff View Notes

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### View From The Cliff by Joyce Belcher, Resort Executive Director

#### Summer's Gone But Fall Is Happenin'!

We have just finished a very busy summer season here at Cliffview Resort. We've enjoyed having lots of family reunions, corporate groups and beautiful outdoor weddings.

Our venues have been filled with fun and laughter of families reminiscing and corporate groups enjoying their team building events. We are now looking forward to seeing the beautiful fall foliage coming our way soon.

We just completed our first Road Scholar Program, *Outdoor Adventures in the Red River Gorge at Cliffview Resort*. It was a great week with 20 guests exploring the Red River Gorge Area of Kentucky for their first time. We had guests representing over 12 different states that enjoyed zipping, rock climbing and hiking in our beautiful area. The guests also took a field trip to Beattyville to tour the War Museum and St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Cliffview Resort is proud to host three more of these programs in 2019 with the next one scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Cliffview is proud to be bringing new tourism into the Red River Gorge Area to enjoy all the outdoor adventures available for tourists.

These events also help the local economy so it's a win-win for everyone. Check out our new website at: [www.cliffviewresort.com](http://www.cliffviewresort.com). We are certain you will enjoy it.

You still have time to make your fall getaway reservations before the fall season slips away. Now that we offer onsite catering, it makes planning your fall retreat much easier. Just call your friends and pack your bags. Leave the cooking to us. We offer any type of meal for your retreat from a full course meal to appetizers.

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Oh yeah, I almost forgot - you can charge absolutely free! *That's right. Free!*

#### November Birthdays & Special Days

Lead Guide **Jared Carter** 8th

**Amanda Mills** A Veterans Day Baby 11th

### Two Hundred Forty-two Years of Defending Our Liberty, Our Way Of Life



At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, on board a train sitting on the

tracks north of Paris, the *War To End All Wars* ended. That was when the allied armies and the Really bad guys signed the surrender of the Axis powers.

One of the bloodiest conflicts mankind had ever engaged in had raged for four years. That was 100 years ago this month.

Originally called Armistice Day, we now celebrate Veterans Day to honor the brave and dedicated men and women who have sacrificed so much so that all we Americans can live in peace and liberty and know we are safe from attack or harm whether be it foreign or domestic.

To honor those brave people we now celebrate Veterans Day.

If you know a Vet or encounter a Vet and not just on 11-11, but any time, thank him or her for making your life secure and free.

Heck, give 'em a hug!

Both of you will feel better.

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### Natural Bridge State Resort Park General Information

(606) 663-2214 or 1-800-325-1710 (reservations) 2135 Natural Bridge Rd. Slade, KY 40376 Trail map & descriptions, park laws and regulations, lodging, camping, group meeting facilities, group programs  
*"Natural Bridge State Resort Park is hiking, arches, exploring, scenery, reflection, and making memories."*

[www.parks.ky.gov/findparks/resortparks/nb](http://www.parks.ky.gov/findparks/resortparks/nb)

### Kentucky State Nature Preserve Commission

[www.naturepreserves.ky.gov](http://www.naturepreserves.ky.gov)

**The Skylift** (606) 663-2922

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**Red River Gorge National Geological Area** (606) 663-8100

[www.fs.fed.us/r8/boone/districts/cumberland/redriver\\_gorge.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/boone/districts/cumberland/redriver_gorge.shtml)

**Gladie Cultural-Environmental Learning Center** (606) 663-8100

[www.fs.fed.us/r8/boone/districts/cumberland/gladie.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/boone/districts/cumberland/gladie.shtml)

**Red River Gorge Trail Crew (Volunteers)** [www.RRGTC.com](http://www.RRGTC.com)

**Leave No Trace – Outdoor Ethics** [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org)

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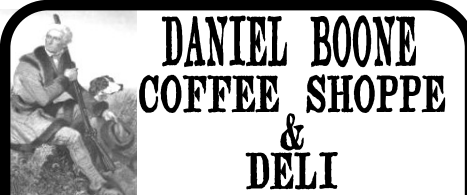
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- **Breakfast All Day!** Carson's General Store & Café  
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- **HillTop Pizza:** Pizza, Salads, Subs, Spaghetti, Lasagna.  
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- **Thrillsville Aerial Adventure Park:** 1/2 Mile south of Exit 33 on KY Rt 11, Slade, KY  
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- **Natural Bridge State Park, Lodge & Sky Lift:** Camping, Hiking, Rooms, Fine Dining  
[parks.ky.gov/resortparks/nb/index.htm](http://parks.ky.gov/resortparks/nb/index.htm)
- **Red River Gorge Hiking, Rock Climbing:** [fs.fed.us/r8/boone/](http://fs.fed.us/r8/boone/)
- **Kentucky's Unseen Scenes:** Guided Hikes to Capture the Beauty the Gorge has to Offer.  
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- **Wild Things of Kentucky Reptile Zoo & Gem Mining:** KY Rt. 11 Slade 859-577-0277 15 minutes.
- **Daniel Boone Trading Post:** 606-663-2549; Natural Bridge Rd (KY Rt 11) 15 Minutes
- **Ye Ole Country Peddler:** 606-663-2683. KY Rt 11, 15 minute drive.
- **Red River Adventure:** Kayaking and Canoeing [redriveradventure.net](http://redriveradventure.net) 606-663-1012
- **Via Ferrata Rock Climbing Park:** Great for beginners 606-668-6441 [torrentfalls.com](http://torrentfalls.com) 10 Minutes.
- **Kentucky Tourism & Vacation Guide:** <http://kytourism.com/> [tourseky.com](http://tourseky.com)
- **Hiking Trail Guide and Descriptions:** Great for beginners. [redrivergorge.org](http://redrivergorge.org).
- **Beech Fork Golf Club:** In Clay City - 606-663-9479 30 minutes.
- **Sag Hollow Golf Course:** In Booneville 606-593-4653 40 minutes.
- **Beattyville Public Golf Course:** Off Rt. 52 in Beattyville, KY 606.356.4199 30 minutes
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*Drive times are from Cliffview Resort to the listed attraction/event.*

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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 land. 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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# The Real First Thanksgiving



by Jerry Ison

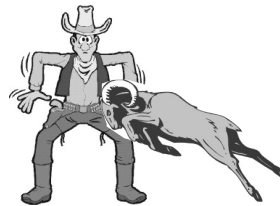
Everyone knows the story of the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving. How they landed at Plymouth rock after a grueling forty day

voyage aboard the Mayflower and then endured a long and bitter winter. What many don't know is that the Pilgrims did not originally intend to land at Plymouth Rock. They had planned to land south of the Hudson River, but they missed a bit. And, they were running out of essentials and beer. That's right - beer!

An entry from the actual Mayflower log states: *"For we could not now take time for further search our victuals being pretty much spent especially our beer."*

That first Thanksgiving celebrated by the Pilgrims wasn't the first such celebration in the New World. Settlers in Canada and in the colony of Virginia had already celebrated their Thanksgivings many years earlier. The Plymouth Colony celebration was also a reflection of the English harvest festivals. After the rough time the Pilgrims had endured the previous year, it seemed that truly Salvation had been generous. The Indians had taught them how to grow corn and their cribs were full. They had bountiful crops of other vegetables, plenty of game from nearby forests and fish from the streams. They had gathered berries which they made into sweet wines and, importantly, they were at peace with the local Indians for which they were justifiably thankful.

Governor William Bradford set aside a day for prayer and feasting. Chief Massasoit and eighty or ninety Indians were guests, invited to share the bounty out in the open air. There were games and contests, races, songs, sermons and many prayers of thanks. Captain Miles Standish paraded his "garrison" to impress all in attendance (or was it to impress Pricilla?). It is not clear exactly what day was chosen. Some sources cite December 13 others say it was in late October. George Washington declared January 19 as the first official day for Thanksgiving and for many years there was no clear consensus as to when the day should be celebrated. For many years, Sara Josepha Hale (author of the song, "Mary Had A Little Lamb") tried to get an official day designated as Thanksgiving Day. Finally, in 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November be a "day of thanksgiving". President Roosevelt moved the day ahead a week in 1939, to give businessmen the benefit of a longer Christmas shopping season.. There were many who protested this change. In 1941, Congress legally established the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. Nowadays, we celebrate this uniquely American Holiday by gathering family, feasting on the traditional turkey and cranberries, and watch Cowboys battle Rams. Or Bears test the mettle of Lions.



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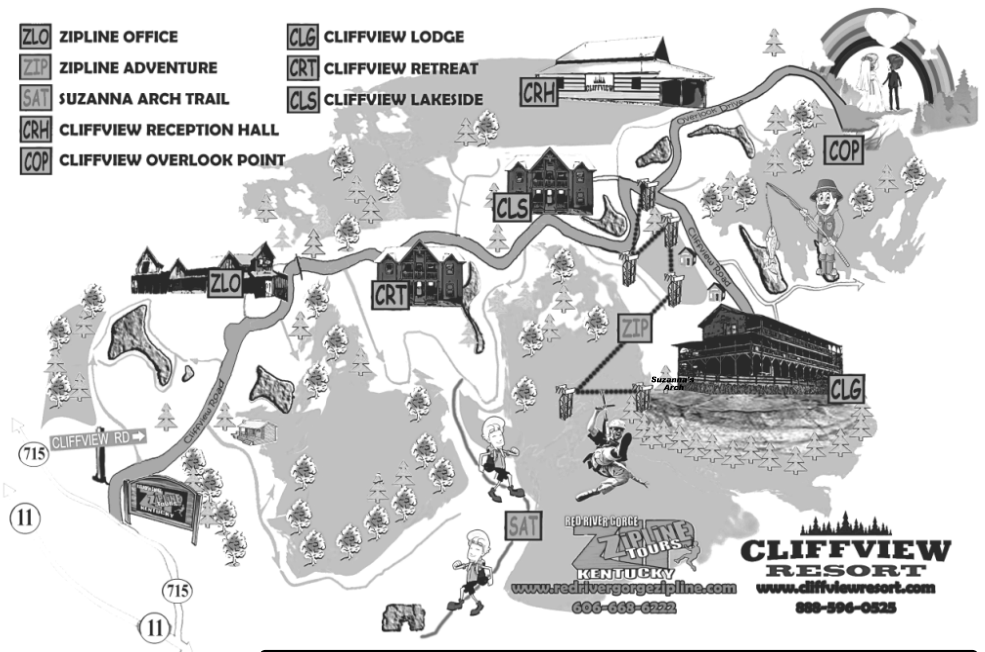
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- CLG** CLIFFVIEW LODGE
- CRT** CLIFFVIEW RETREAT
- CLS** CLIFFVIEW LAKESIDE



Cliffview Resort map courtesy of Tony and Terri Charles

The Natural Bridge State Resort Park is about a ten minute drive from Cliffview Resort. There you will find not only the famous Natural Bridge, a sandstone arch 68 feet high and 123 feet wide. There are many other attractions and a restaurant, the Hemlock Lodge. You can enjoy the arch by ascending it via the Skylift or you can hike the moderate effort trail which takes about thirty minutes.

After appreciating some of Nature's most beautiful work, return to the Hemlock Lodge for a delicious meal served or from the sumptuous buffet.

There is a gift shop in the lobby that features the artistic craftsmanship of many local artisans.

The Park offers many exciting and educational seasonal activities ranging from a Wildflower Weekend to a Down Home Christmas.

From Square Dancing to a Herpetology (Snakes to you and me!) Weekend. There's also the Trail Hike Series and so much more that the entire family can enjoy and build life-long treasured memories from.

Ya'll come on in a visit The Natural Bridge.

### Visit Cliffview Resort

Even if you are not a guest of Cliffview Resort, there are still good reasons to visit us.

First of all, for some adrenalin pumpin' excitement, there is the Red River Gorge Zipline and Canopy Tour. The tour is five lines strung high over the beautiful valleys and gorges with the most breath taking views of nature at her best. The last two lines are doubles so you and a companion can race across at three hundred feet in the air at speeds of fifty miles per hour!

Visit is the Overhang Tavern where you'll find a full menu and a rustic tavern with a broad selection of adult beverages.

The Resort also has three Tesla charging stations one of which is a universal charging station. So, if you are driving a Prius, Jaguar, Chevy Bolt, Nissan Leaf, BMW, Ford - any brand, you can charge it free. even if you aren't a Cliffview Resort guest.

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