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YOUR GUIDE TO FAMILY FUN
IN THE RED RIVER GORGE



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Welcome to the Gorge

Adrian and her staff have been busy this winter remodeling the store and stocking it with all your favorite things. The Red River Gorge General Store is your one stop shop for camping gear, climbing gear, toys, gifts, toiletries, food and so much more. While you shop, enjoy a milkshake with Boba Bursting Pearls, or any of their other yummy additions. Don't forget to sample some of their homemade fudge! They also stock as many local items as possible. Their helpful and knowledgeable staff are more than willing to help you find the perfect gift to remember your trip to the Red River Gorge.

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Welcome to the Gorge and we are certainly glad you came!

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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.

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FINALLY - APRIL! Jenny Ison

Glory Hallelujah! It's finally **APRIL!**
Spring is here for sure. There's no denying it, I love **SPRING!**

All the newness. All the freshness.

The colors of spring are delicate and subtle. Pale yellows and faint pinks. So many soft shades of blue and the fresh, clean verdure of new grass.

As far as I'm concerned, April is the beginning of my New Year. Time to plan for more exploring in the Red River Gorge. There's no prettier place on God's Earth than the Gorge in April.

A friend thinks May is the perfect month, (see our next issue) but I am certain there is no month to compare with April. I think it even has the prettiest name of all the months.

The birds love April so much they sing about it all day and into the night. Just step outside and listen.

The wildflowers definitely love it and hurry to flash their pastel colors before the leaves on the buckeyes and hickories begin to block the new sun.

Just take a stroll anywhere in the Gorge. Even stepping outside your cabin or room here at Cliffview will fill your senses with April's bounty of pleasing sights and sounds.

April is the month all of us have been waiting for since last November.

Oh, sure, March is the month when Spring officially starts, but March is so unpredictable. And it's also true that May is when things really get rolling. Birds with young, cherry blossoms and regular 70's for temperatures, but April is still special.

April is when you know Spring is here and it's not going to disappoint you with a freezing night or two.

April may get its name from the Latin verb *aperire*, meaning to open.



Maybe April is from the Roman derivation of Aphrodite, *Aprilis*. Aphrodite was the Greek goddess of love and beauty. I feel either or both origins is/are appropriate. As in 'opening the beauty' of Spring! Like I said, April opens the year for me, it is beautiful and, of all the months, I love it the most.

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