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IN THE RED RIVER GORGE



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Daniel Boone National Forest



The Daniel Boone National Forest is spread across 21 counties of eastern Kentucky, the Daniel Boone National Forest manages more than 708,000 acres of national forest system lands within a 2.1 million-acre proclamation boundary. In over 600 miles of trails, two federally recognized wildernesses and more than 250 recreation sites, the Daniel Boone National Forest provides countless opportunities to explore eastern Kentucky's landscape, heritage, and culture.

The Daniel Boone National Forest offers an abundance of outdoor recreation opportunities. Camping, hiking and fishing are just a few of the many attractions that draw more than one million visitors to the forest each year. Abundant wildlife, lush vegetation, magnificent scenery, and numerous recreation opportunities offer visitors much to enjoy.

The Daniel Boone National Forest Region spans more than 800,000 acres in Eastern Kentucky. We host 11 offices including four Ranger District offices, a Visitor Center, the Kentucky Inter-agency Coordination Center, the Southern Area Incident Support Cache, and numerous Job Corps Centers. We encourage you to reach out directly to the appropriate Office with location-specific questions, such as current conditions, pass sales, or fee requirements.

Welcome to the Red River Gorge Area

Hello and Welcome to the Red River Gorge Area.

We are very happy you came and have no doubt you will be too!

The Red River Gorge Geographical Area is a true ecological treasure with breath-taking vistas of unique natural beauty. Here, there are a myriad of outstanding opportunities for viewing a variety of wildlife, century old forests, wildflowers and stunning geological formations like the famous Natural Bridge and many other sandstone arches.

Ten Reasons Why You're Gonna Love, Love The Red River Gorge Area

1. Beautiful Scenery unsurpassed anywhere.
2. Hundreds of Sandstone Arches.
3. An abundance of clear Mountain Streams and Lakes teeming with Game Fish.
4. Hundreds of species of plants: Trees, Flowers, Ferns, Mosses, Mushrooms and Fungi, Grasses.
5. A myriad of Wildlife: From Deer to Salamanders. Hundreds of Bird Species including flocks of Wild Turkeys. Mammals like Raccoons, Weasels, Skunks and Flying Squirrels, Tree Squirrels, Chipmunks, Bears and many, many more. There are Turtles, Terrapins, Snakes, Lizards, Frogs, Salamanders and others. Thousands of insect species.
6. Hundreds of Miles of Trails and Foot Paths.
7. Almost Unlimited Family Friendly Activities such as Zipline Tours, Off Road Parks, Horseback Riding, Kayak and Canoeing, Underground Water Adventure, Camping, Souvenir Shopping.
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9. Lodging Choices range from Primitive Campsites to RV Parks to Individual Cabin Rentals and Yurts to Luxury Lodge Accommodations at Cliffview Resort and Indian Creek Resort.
10. World Class Rock Climbing. The Red River Gorge Area is the *World's Fifth most Popular Rock Climbing Destination* with hundreds of cliffs and sandstone arches throughout the area.

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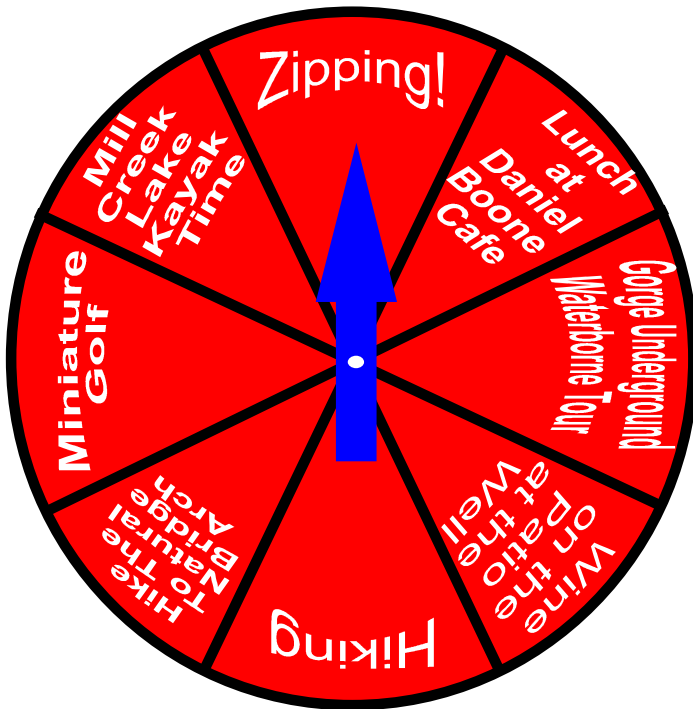
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Red River Gorge Fun Selector



There are so many things to see, so many adventures to visit and enjoy, that it's almost overwhelming. So, we have invented the Fun Selector to help make up your mind as to what to do next.

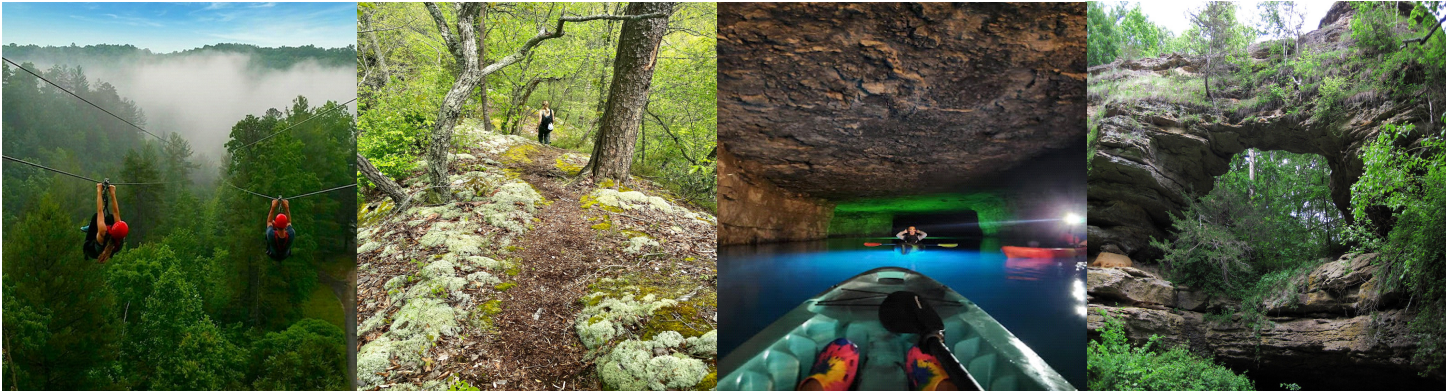
However, since there are only 360 degrees in a circle, we couldn't fit all the fun in.

(Besides, this being a graphic, it doesn't actually spin!)

Anyway, on page three, you'll find a more comprehensive list of truly fun things and places to visit. If you still have questions, check out the ads in this issue and call or log on to the one that interests you. We are certain, it doesn't matter which you choose, you're gonna have a great time!

Plus, you can always call 844.692.2246. Someone there can answer your questions. They know everything there is to know about the Red River Gorge Area.

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INDIAN CREEK RESORT

Tony Charles

The Indian Creek Resort is an exciting new development located on the northern rim of the Red River Gorge.

The southern boundary of the gorge (near Slade, KY) is at the 'bottom' of the gorge elevation-wise, while Indian Creek is at the 'top'. Most of the cabins in the Indian Creek Resort sit majestically on clifftops overlooking the Indian Creek area of the Red river Gorge.

On a clear morning you can 'almost-but-not-quite' see the popular Courthouse Rock from the rear deck of the Forest View Lodge. Don't expect to hike straight there though.

The Lodge is sitting atop a 225' high cliff, so the driving route to the Courthouse Rock trailhead will take you almost 40 minutes.

The Indian Creek Lodge and the Forest View Lodge are situated along opposing ridgelines which offer breath taking panoramic views of the gorge. In fact, we believe that the Indian Creek Resort cabins offer some of the very best views of the gorge that you will find.

The Indian Creek area is private and secluded, so visitors will drive through the heart of the gorge to visit Slade area attractions.

Those include the Gorge Underground, Natural Bridge State Park and the Red River Gorge Zipline.

The drive along State Highway 77 will take you past the Raven Rock trailhead and right through the ever-popular Nada Tunnel. The 20 mile drive from Indian Creek Resort to Slade takes about 45 minutes.

While the Tarr Ridge Picnic Area and trailhead are only about 25 minutes from the Indian Creek cabins, water lovers may be surprised to find that in the same amount of time they can be at the Longbow Marina of the Cave Run Lake.

Cave Run Lake is nearly 8,300 acres in size and is known as the Muskie Capital of the south. The lake is also great for bass, crappie, catfish, and trout fishing.

There are 13 cabins available at the Indian Creek Resort, ranging in size from 1 bedroom tiny cabins to 10 bedroom lodges. All cabins are less than 2 years old and feature hot tubs, excellent Wi-Fi, fire pits and grills.

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Check Page 3 or Ask One of our Staff



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