



Koomer Ridge Area Trails

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Gladie Visitor Center

3451 Sky Bridge Road
Stanton, KY 40380
606-768-3341

Please call ahead for days and hours of operation.



Directions to Trailhead

Traveling east on the Mountain Parkway, take exit 33 at Slade. Turn left and then right on KY 15. Travel east 4.9 miles to the Koomer Ridge Campground on the left. Take the left fork in the campground and park in the backpackers parking lot 634B on the left.



Open Dates

Trails are open all year.



Trail Fees

None.



Permit

You must buy a permit if **camping** in the Red River Gorge between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.



Restrooms

Accessible vault toilets at campground.



Parking

Koomer Ridge backpackers parking area



Accessibility

These trails do not meet accessibility standards for persons with disabilities.



These hiking-only trails are closed to motorized vehicles.



Consumption of alcohol and open containers of alcohol are prohibited.



Camping and firebuilding in rock shelters is prohibited.



300 FT.



Camp 300 feet AWAY from any road or trail.

These trails are located near Koomer Ridge Campground, located in the Red River Gorge on the Cumberland Ranger District. By incorporating part of Rough Trail with Koomer Ridge Trail and Buck Trail, you can make a 7-mile loop hike.

County: Wolfe
Closest Town: Slade

Quad: Slade
Surface: Dirt

Cliff Trail #206

Cliff Trail follows the edge of a high cliff near Koomer Ridge Campground. Hikers will enjoy scenic overlooks along the trail. It's a fairly easy, level walk. Parking for this trail is at the backpackers parking lot 634B on the left as you enter.

Begins: Campground Loop 1
Ends: Campground Loop 2
Latitude: 37.783498

Length: .5 mile
Difficulty: Easy
Longitude: -83.632636

Hidden Arch Trail #208

Hidden Arch Trail follows the edge of a high cliff near Koomer Ridge Campground. Hikers will enjoy scenic overlooks along the trail. Trail Connections: Silvermine Arch and spur #225.

Begins: Koomer Parking Area
Ends: Hidden Arch, Trail #220
Latitude: 37.784092

Length: 1.25 mile
Difficulty: Moderate
Longitude: -83.636750

Koomer Ridge Trail #220

Koomer Ridge Trail extends from the trailhead parking area west of the Koomer Ridge Campground. After about 2 miles along the ridge, the trail descends to Chimney Top Creek where it joins Rough Trail #221. Trail Connections: Hidden Arch Trail #208, Silvermine Arch Trail #225, Buck Trail #226, Rough Trail #221.

Begins: Koomer Parking Area
Ends: Sheltoewe Trace, Rough Tr.
Latitude: 37.784092

Length: 2.25 miles
Difficulty: Moderate
Longitude: -83.636750

Silvermine Arch Trail #225

Silvermine Arch Trail leaves the backpacker's parking area at Koomer Ridge Campground and follows a dry wooded ridge northeast to Silvermine Arch. A spur trail leads back to Koomer Ridge Campground. Trail Connections: Koomer Ridge Trail #220. Nearby Trails: Cliff Trail #206.

Begins: Koomer Parking Area
Ends: Silvermine Arch
Latitude: 37.784092

Length: 1.25 miles
Difficulty: Moderate
Longitude: -83.636750

Buck Trail #226

Buck Trail connects Koomer Ridge Trail #220 with the Pinch-em-tight section of the Sheltoewe Trace National Recreation Trail. The trail leads from one ridge to the other, crossing the Right Fork of Chimney Top Creek.

Begins: Koomer Parking Area
Ends: Sheltoewe Trace
Latitude: 37.784092

Length: 1.5 miles
Difficulty: Moderate
Longitude: -83.636750



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Storing Your Food and Trash

Unless cooking or eating, store your food inside a closed vehicle with a solid top, a closed, hard-body trailer, or a bear-resistant container. Store your food garbage in the same manner where trash cans are not installed. Do not burn or bury foods, refuse, or bear attractants.

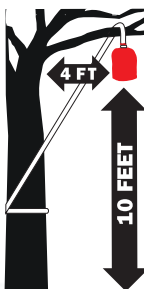
When camping in the backcountry, suspend food and trash at least 10 feet clear of the ground at all points, suspended at least 4 feet horizontally from the supporting tree or pole, and suspended at least 4 feet from any other tree or pole adjacent to the supporting pole or tree.

Food and trash storage is mandatory (DB-02-15)



Put your trash in bear-resistant trash cans, in areas where they are provided.

Store food and trash inside a closed vehicle with a solid top.



Hang food and trash from a tree, out of bear's reach in backcountry areas where bear-resistant trash cans and vehicles are not nearby.

Rules and Regulations

Observe these rules to help protect the forest resources, facilities and visitor experience.

The following are prohibited:

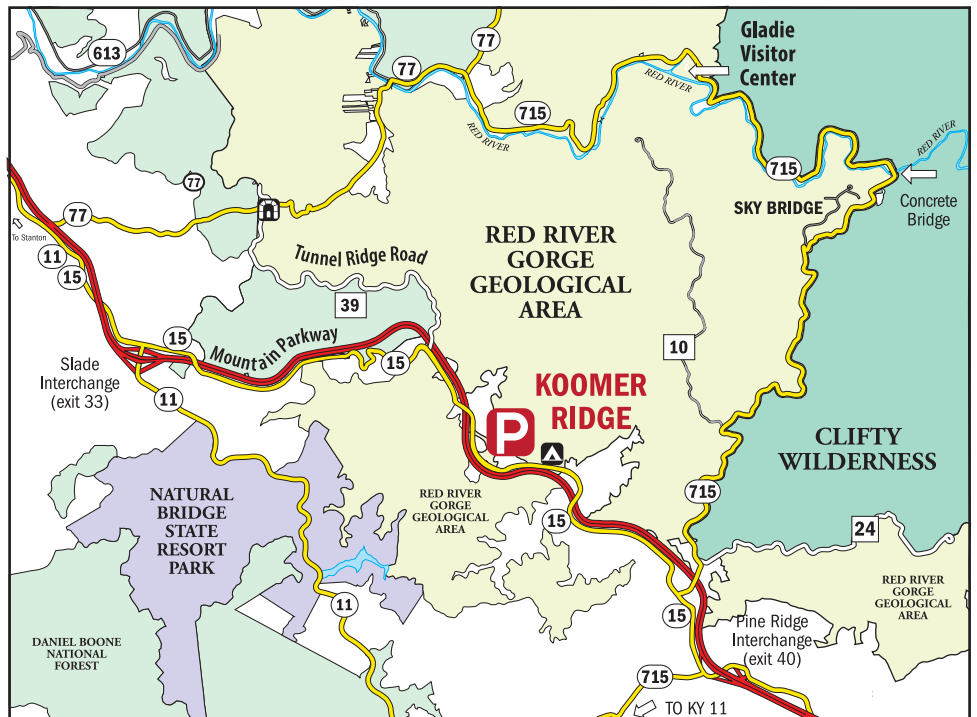
- Climbing or rappelling within 300 feet of Sky Bridge, Grays Arch, Nada Tunnel, or Chimney Top Rock overlooks.
- Building, maintaining, attending and using a fire, campfire or stove within 100 feet of the base of any cliff or the back of a rock shelter.
- Consumption and open containers of alcohol in public places, including national forest land and Kentucky lakes and waterways.
- Camping within 300 feet of any developed road, or Tunnel Ridge Road and its associated parking lots.
- Camping within 300 feet of any developed trail.
- Camping within 600 feet of Grays Arch in the Red River Gorge Geological Area,

Permit Information

A permit is required for overnight camping in the Red River Gorge Geological Area and Indian Creek. All vehicles on KY 15 or in the Red River Gorge and Indian Creek areas north of KY 15 must display a permit between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Permits are available at local stores and the Gladie Visitor Center.

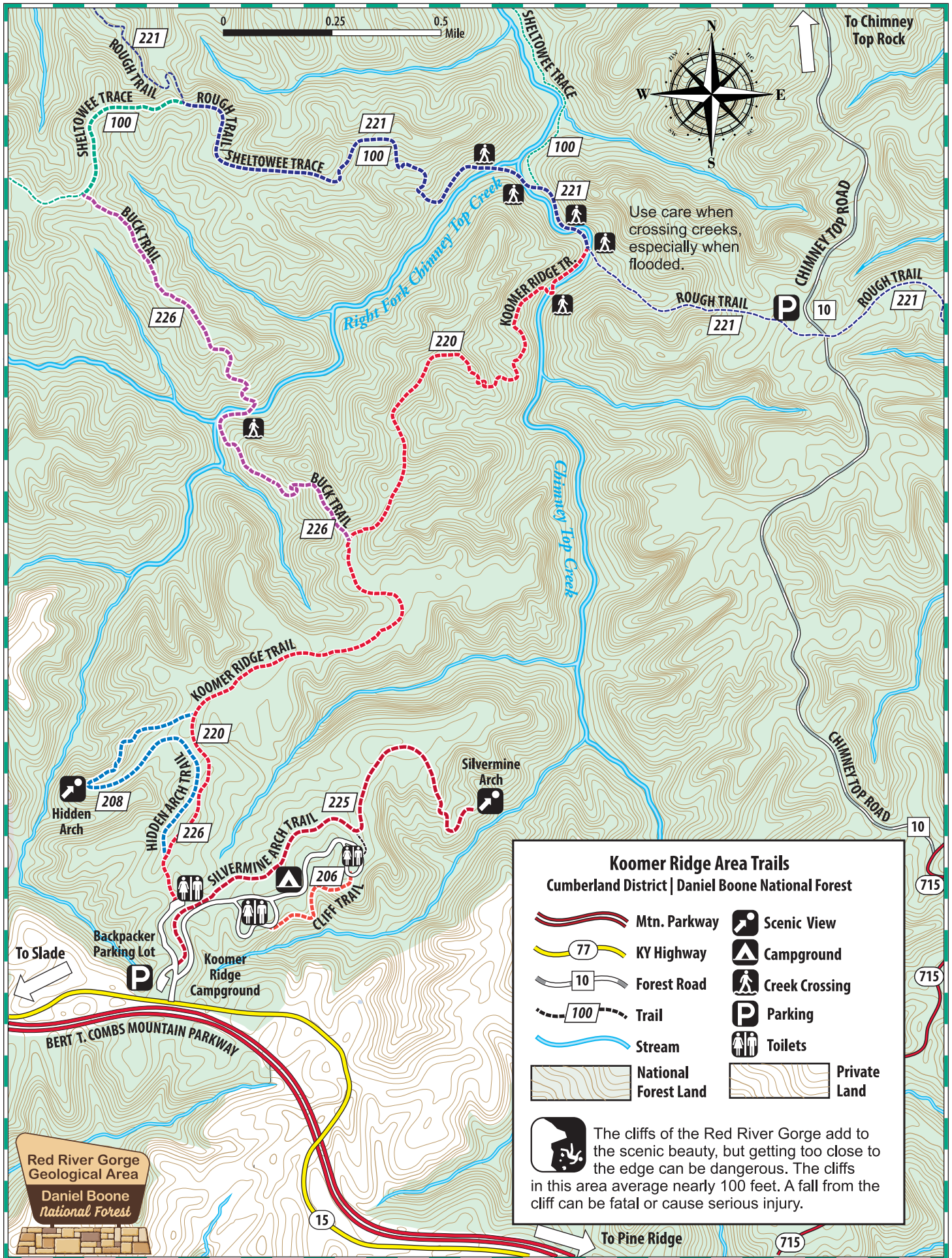
Vehicles and Parking

- Keep vehicles on established roads. All vehicle traffic is restricted to roads only.
- Parking on Tunnel Ridge Road is limited to designated parking sites.
- Off-highway vehicle use is prohibited in the Red River Gorge Geological Area.



You are responsible for your own safety.

All outdoor activities have inherent risks and you may encounter a variety of unexpected and/or dangerous conditions. It is your responsibility to be informed and take precautions. Learn more at www.fs.usda.gov/r8.



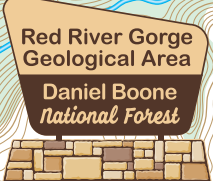
Use care when crossing creeks, especially when flooded.

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The cliffs of the Red River Gorge add to the scenic beauty, but getting too close to the edge can be dangerous. The cliffs in this area average nearly 100 feet. A fall from the cliff can be fatal or cause serious injury.



To Slade

To Pine Ridge

To Chimney Top Rock