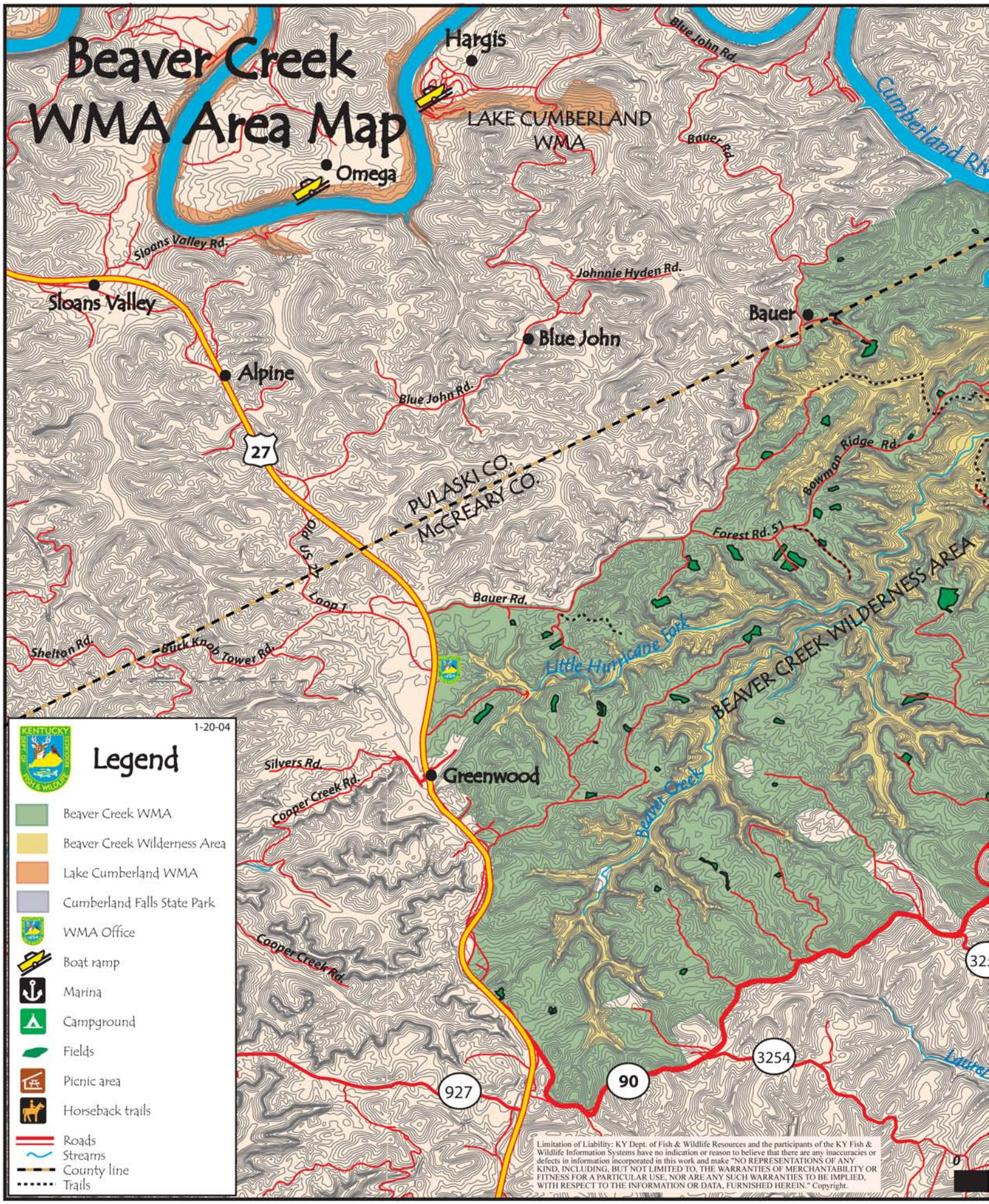
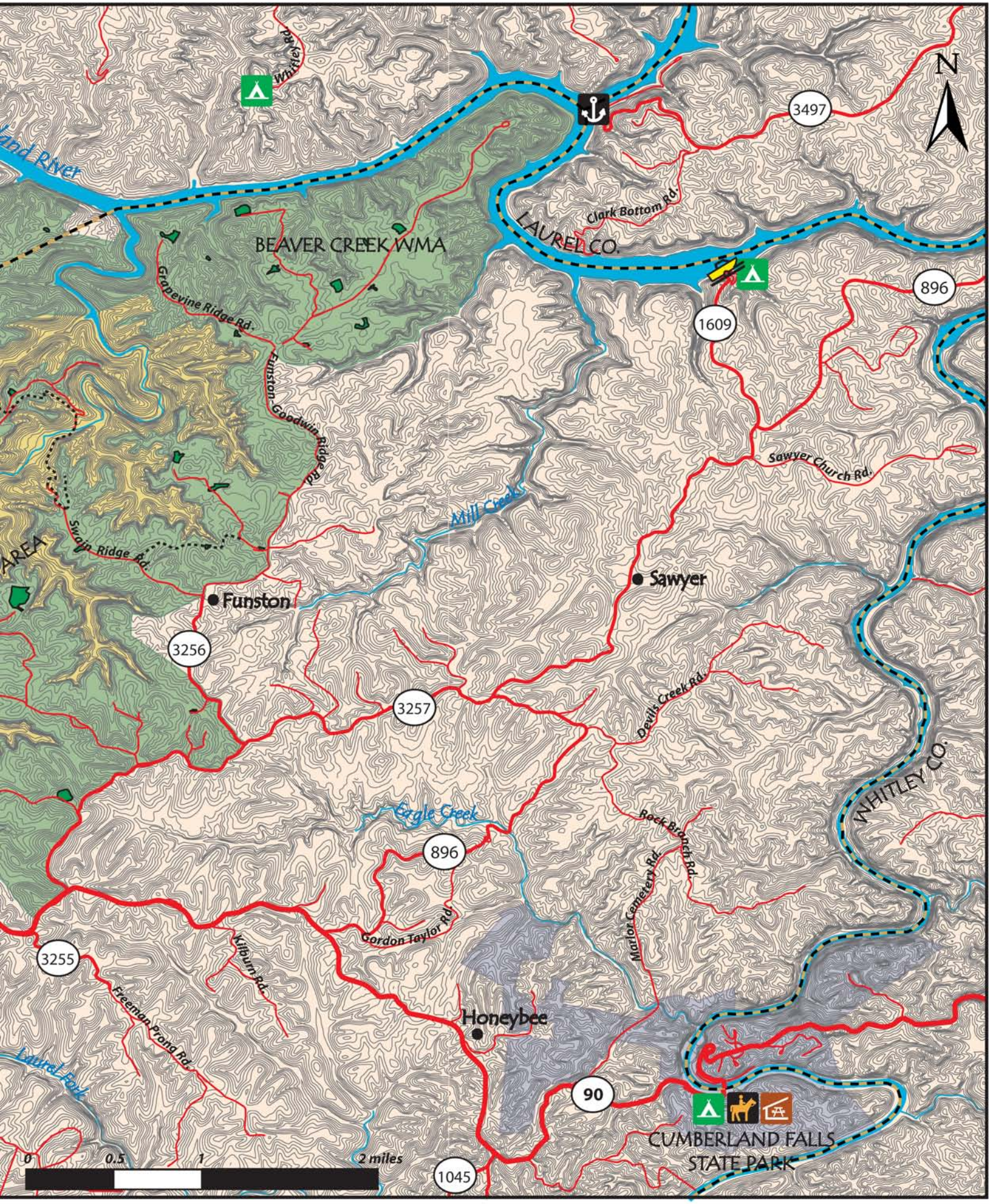
Beaver Creek WMA Area Map

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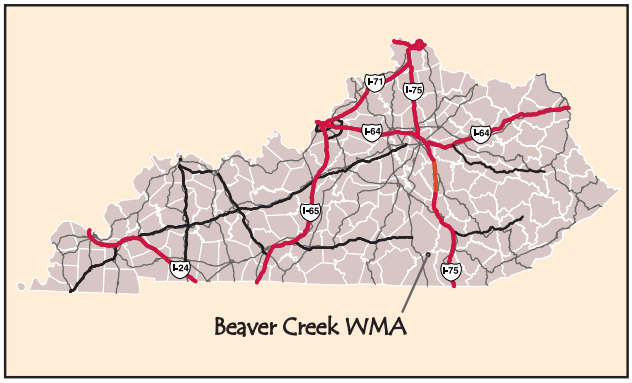
Beaver Creek WMA General Information



General Guidelines:

All specific information on area use for hunting, fishing, and other activities can be found in one of the many guides published by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources or by calling 1-800-858-1549.

1. Vehicles must remain on maintained roads. Some roads may only be open during portions of the year.
2. Parking is limited to areas provided near gates and graveled areas.
3. Do not block gates or access roads.
4. Access beyond gates is by foot travel only.
5. No ATV driving, camping, open fire, or horseback riding is permitted on WMAs.
6. Access to the WMA across private land is by landowner permission only.
7. Please respect private property. Area boundaries are marked by signs and yellow paint.
8. Hunters shall not discharge a firearm within 100 yards of a boat ramp, a residence, or occupied building. This applies whether or not the building is on the WMA.
9. Please refer to the current Kentucky Hunting and Trapping and Sport Fishing and Boating Guides for hunting, fishing and boating information.

Telephone Numbers:

WMA Manager
606-376-8083
KDFWR Information line:
1-800-858-1549
Telecheck:
1-800-CHK-GAME (1-800-245-4263)
Licenses/Quota hunt applications:
1-877-598-2401
To Report Wildlife Violations Only:
1-800-25A-LERT (1-800-252-5378)

Directions

From Somerset: Go south on Hwy 27. One mile past the McCreary County line turn left on Bauer Road and the WMA lies to the right. Other access is available off of Hwy 90 and Hwy 3256. The WMA boundary is marked with yellow paint and signs.

Beaver Creek WMA Information:

Beaver Creek Wildlife Management Area is located in Northern McCreary County. The area contains 17,347 acres and is owned by the USFS. It is part of the Daniel Boone National Forest, in the USFS Somerset District. The area is almost totally wooded with a variety of forest stand ages. The lay of the land varies from relatively wide ridges and gentle slopes to narrow ridges and steep hills. The elevations range from over 1300 feet to below 800 feet in the deep valleys. The interior of the WMA contains the Beaver Creek Wilderness Area. The Wilderness Area is generally bounded by clifflines and is only accessible by foot traffic. No motorized vehicles or equipment are allowed in this area. The entire WMA is in the Cumberland River drainage.

There are over 50 permanent wildlife openings totaling more than 120 acres within the area, ranging from 0.5 - 15 acres in size. Access roads and openings offer great opportunities for hunting, hiking, wildlife and wildflower viewing and birdwatching as well as photography. There are over 100 species of birds and 20 species of snakes, including copperheads and timber rattlesnakes. Good populations exist of deer, turkey, grouse, squirrel, and most of Kentucky's furbearers including bobcats and coyotes.

Because of the size and location of the area, hunting pressure is light to moderate on most species. Most game seasons (except the deer gun season) open under statewide regulations but some small game seasons close early. Deer can be taken with a gun only during the quota hunt by drawn hunters. Deer hunters may not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches at any time. See the Fall Hunting and Trapping Guide for additional information concerning hunting seasons.

Beaver Creek Wilderness

There are two Congressionally designated Wildernesses on the Daniel Boone National Forest, Clifty Wilderness and Beaver Creek Wilderness. The Forest Service is charged by Congress to manage these areas to protect and enhance the natural conditions, and provide opportunities for solitude and unconfined recreation.

A visit to a national forest wilderness is a step back in time. Visitors will find no improved camp sites, no roads, no electricity. In fact, machines such as chainsaws, vehicles, bicycles and even cellular phones are prohibited. The Wilderness Act allows hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, skiing, and grazing in these areas. Fires are allowed in most areas, but some areas are closed to open fires to protect resources. Motorized or mechanical equipment is prohibited. Horses can be used in both Wilderness areas; however, overnight camping with stock is not allowed in specified locations. All visitors are asked to practice no trace camping which minimizes human impact on the wilderness resource and preserves the wilderness characteristics for present and future generations.

(This text was condensed from the Forest Service website. See www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/boone/ for more information.)

Mailing address:
Somerset Ranger District
135 Realty Lane
Somerset, KY 42501
Telephone numbers:
Somerset Ranger District: 606-679-2010
Forest Supervisor's Office: 859-745-3100

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park is located in the Daniel Boone National Forest. Known as the "Niagara of the South," the waterfall forms a 125-foot wide curtain that plunges 60 feet into the boulder-strewn gorge below. The mist of Cumberland Falls creates a moonbow, only visible on a clear night during a full moon. This unique phenomenon appears nowhere else in the Western Hemisphere.

Visitors can stay in the lodge, cottages or campground. Other amenities include nature trails, a recreation area, swimming pool, picnic and playground areas, and guided horseback trail rides. The fishing is good, and whitewater rafting trips are available nearby. Visit the gift shop, featuring a large selection of Kentucky handcrafts, and the snack shop and visitors center, both located in the falls area. The Bob Blair Museum, located in the lodge, features Native American artifacts and exhibits relating to area plants, animals, and history.

Cumberland Falls is 20 miles southwest of Corbin. Take US 25W to KY 90. If traveling south on I-75, take exit 25. If traveling north on I-75, take exit 15.

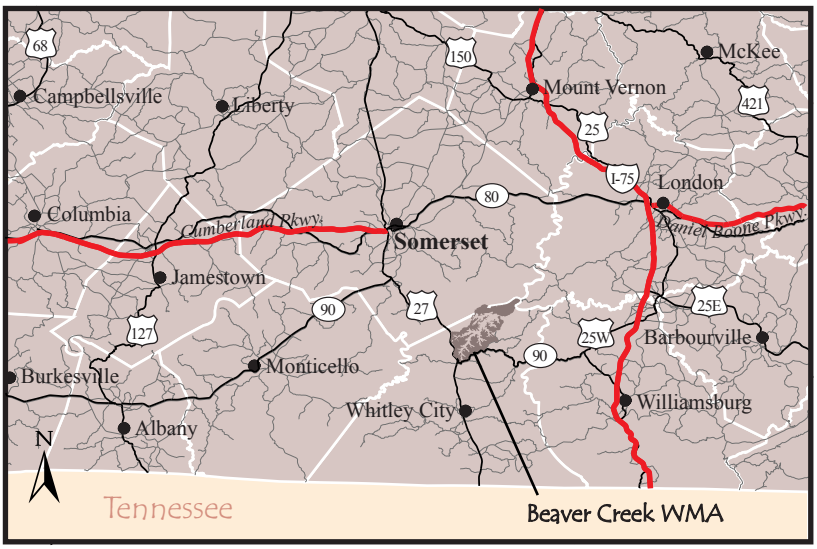
(This text was condensed from the Cumberland Falls State Park website. See www.parks.ky.gov for more information.)

Mailing address:
Cumberland Falls State Resort Park
7351 Highway 90
Corbin, KY 40701-8814
Telephone numbers:
Park information: 606-528-4121
Reservations: 1-800-325-0063

WMA Management Objectives:

The management objectives on Beaver Creek WMA are:

1) to manage wildlife areas toward the creation, enhancement, and sustainability of permanent wildlife habitats and populations;
2) to manage areas for the preservation and enhancement of public outdoor recreational opportunities;
3) to restore wildlife species to their natural habitats;
4) to provide opportunities for fish and wildlife education;
5) to provide demonstrations of sound wildlife management practices.



KDFWR mailing address: KY Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources, #1 Game Farm Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601