

Limits of Acceptable Change: Who's in Charge?

Although the Daniel Boone National Forest is managed by the USDA Forest Service, a variety of Federal and State agencies work in cooperation with the Forest Service to manage natural resources and recreation opportunities in Kentucky. This information is to help distinguish between State Parks, National Parks, and National Forests, and explain the functions of each agency.

Federal Agencies in Eastern Kentucky		
Daniel Boone National Forest	US Department of Agriculture	Forest Service
The Daniel Boone National Forest in Kentucky is part of the US Forest Service. The Forest Service manages over 702,000 acres across 21 counties in eastern Kentucky. The Supervisor's Office is located in Winchester, and the forest is divided into four ranger districts: Cumberland, London, Stearns and Redbird. The Gorge is in Cumberland Ranger District.		
US Army Corps of Engineers	United States Army	US Department of Defense
The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers operates the dams of Cave Run Lake and Laurel River Lake. The Louisville District of Corps constructed the dam at Cave Run Lake to control flooding in the Licking River Valley. The Nashville District operates the dam at Laurel River Lake, which was constructed for recreation and power generation.		
National Park Service	US Department of the Interior	
The Park Service's mission is the preservation of natural, historic, scenic and cultural resources of national significance. The Park Service manages four areas in Kentucky: The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, Mammoth Cave National Park, and Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site.		
US Fish and Wildlife Service	US Department of the Interior	
The mission of the Fish and Wildlife Service is to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats. The Daniel Boone National Forest works closely with the Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure the protection of threatened and endangered species on the forest.		

State Agencies in Eastern Kentucky		
Kentucky Division of Forestry	Dept. of Natural Resources	Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet
The Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) provides a variety of programs to assist private landowners in forest management. These programs promote natural resource education, forest health and reforestation. The division manages five state forests and provide tree seedlings for a nominal cost. The Daniel Boone National Forest cooperates with KDF by sharing personnel and other resources to fight wildland forest fires.		
Ky. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources	Kentucky Commerce Cabinet	
The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) enforces all hunting, fishing and boating regulations within the state. The KDFWR determines hunting seasons for games species and issues all Kentucky permits and licenses for hunting and fishing. Boating regulations set by the KDFWR provide for safe recreation on the lakes and rivers of Kentucky. The Daniel Boone National Forest works closely with the KDFWR to properly manage for fish, wildlife, recreation, plus assistance in the management of four wildlife management areas on the Daniel Boone National Forest.		
Kentucky State Parks	Kentucky Commerce Cabinet	
Kentucky's state park system includes 49 parks and one interstate park with facilities for meetings and conferences, fine accommodations, camping, golf, recreation and sports, education and much more. Natural Bridge State Resort Park, Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, and Fort Boonesborough State Park are within or near the Daniel Boone National Forest		

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