

While at Natural Tunnel...

Drop by the visitor center and gift shop and see exhibits on the geological, railroad, and cultural history of the park.

The park also offers hiking, camping, picnicking, a swimming complex with concessions and an outdoor amphitheater. The Cove Ridge Center offers environmental education and conference meeting facilities with overnight group lodging available.

Be sure to check park bulletin boards for special events at the amphitheater or interpretive programs ranging from guided canoe trips on the nearby Clinch River to wild cave tours.

The Wilderness Road Blockhouse, a re-created historical structure, displays exhibits interpreting frontier life when Daniel Boone and the early settlers were blazing and traveling the Wilderness Road. Visitors today can retrace the footsteps of these early pioneers by taking the scenic Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail, a self-guided driving tour, stretching from Kingsport, Tenn. to Cumberland Gap, Va. Along this route visitors can visit Martin's Station a re-created frontier fort at Wilderness Road State Park in Lee County, Va.

Other interesting regional attractions include the Southwest Virginia Museum, the John Fox Museum, the June Tolliver House and Harry Meador Coal Museum and Virginia's State Outdoor Drama "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine." All of these attractions are 20 minutes from the park in Big Stone Gap. The Jefferson National Forest, to the north of the park, offers a variety of camping and hiking opportunities.

Campground rules

- Camping is allowed only in designated campgrounds and only after following the proper check-in procedure.
- Registration for a state park campsite must be completed by a member of the camping party 18 years of age or older. This person accepts responsibility for the remainder of the camping party.
- Campsites are designed to be used by a maximum of six people or one family.
- Pets are permitted in all state parks, They must be kept at all times in an enclosed area or on a leash no longer than six feet. No pets are permitted in bathing areas or toilet facilities. Pet fees apply for pets kept in overnight facilities.
- One motor vehicle, in addition to the camping unit, is permitted per site. Only the camping unit listed on the campsite application is permitted. Additional vehicles will be charged a daily parking fee.
- State park campgrounds are intended for the traveling public and not for extended or seasonal camping. The maximum camping stay per park is 14 days in any 30-day period.
- Check-in is 4 p.m. Check-out is 3 p.m.
- Campgrounds have posted campground quiet hours. Campers are expected to adhere to these posted hours.
- Fires must be confined to campgrills, campstoves or designated firerings.
- Laundry sinks are to be used only for washing clothes.
- Campers, at the time of registration, must inform the park staff of the names of visitors expected to arrive at the campsite. Visitors will not be admitted to camping area unless so identified. Visitors are permitted only between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.
- The public use or display of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Public intoxication and/or disorderly conduct will not be tolerated.
- In case of an emergency, notify a park ranger or dial 911. Hospitals are in Big Stone Gap and Kingsport, with ambulance service from Duffield.

Frequent visitors save money

Annual passes for parking and swimming offer the frequent visitor greater savings. Stop by the park office for details.

Virginia State Parks Reservation Center

To receive more information on Virginia State Parks or to make a cabin or campsite reservation, call 1-800-933-PARK (or in the Richmond calling area 225-3867).

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Duffield, Virginia

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of outdoor activities and
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part of DCR's efforts to promote
a strong conservation ethic.
These efforts ensure that the
best of Virginia's natural
resources will be protected and
available for future generations.

