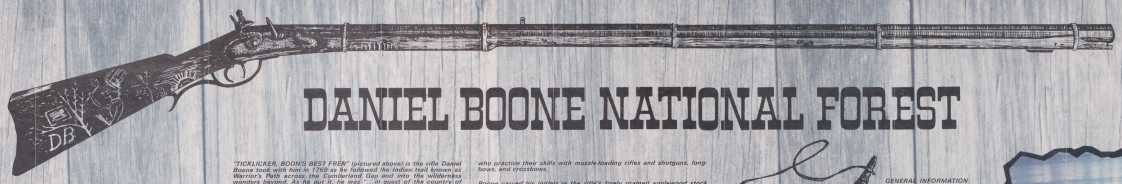
DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST



THE SETTING: "Eden ... a great forest on which stood myriads of trees, some gay with blossoms, others rich with fruits, is the way Boone described the land which is now the Daniel Boone National Forest. He must have been amazed at the towering sandstone cliffs, rushing waterfalls, babbling brooks, and the natural arches and bridges of eastern Kentucky.

Here, wild turkey still gobble in the April dawn. Hollows filled with wildflowers and dogwood bloom in profusion in the late spring and summer season. Autumn tailors, which begin with the red foliage of the gum and dogwood in late dry summer, flicker out in November with the gold-flowering witch hazel.

Several large clear lakes now complement the geological features and other natural components of the forest.

WOODLAND TRAILS lure the hiker into the heart of the forest where sunlight filters through tall timber and the sounds of nature are muffled, a place where the young, not so young, and the old have a chance to observe the delicately woven fabric of existence that supports all of earth's living things.

A variety of trails offer excellent opportunities to observe native plants and wildlife, as well as visit rarely seen natural arches such as Yahoo Arch (B-7), Buffalo Arch (A-7), and Grays Arch (F-3), see secluded waterfalls like Yahoo and Hickman Falls (B-7), and enjoy scenic vistas from Rockcastle (C-6) and Red River (F-3).

Hikers who prefer the longer, steeper routes will enjoy trails at Swift Creek (F-3), Moon Bow (C-6), and Lick Creek (B-7), which offer challenge and excitement as well as solitude and scenic enjoyment.

Other trails lead to scenic features, historical sites, and similar points of interest. These trails are usually easy and relatively short. Two trails of this type are found in the Beaver Creek Wilderness area (B-6): the Three Forks of Beaver Trail and the Beaver Creek Trail.

People who like to enjoy the forest from the comfort of their automobiles find many back country roads off the beaten track. The Red River loop drive (F-3) is a very popular tour by car.

"TICKLICKER, BOONE'S BEST FREN" (pictured above) is the rifle Daniel Boone took with him in 1769 as he followed the Indian trail known as the Warriors Path through Cumberland Gap into the Kentucky wonders beyond. As he put it, he was "... in quest of the country of Kentucky. With "Ticklicker," Boone claimed he could "Flick a tick off a bar's back at a hundred paces."

The hammer is a flintlock type, the hair and set triggers were designed for quick firing. The weapon was 29 caliber with an octagonal barrel 46 inches long.

"Boone-style" hunting with muzzle-loading rifles is a popular sport in Kentucky today. A special area, the Pioneer Weapons Hunting Area (F-2), on the Daniel Boone National Forest has been set aside for sportsmen who practice their skills with muzzle-loading rifles and shotguns, longbows, and crossbows.

Boone carved his initials in the rifle's finely grained applewood stock with the tip of his knife, a bear, and an Indian with upraised tomahawk. He also carved his initials and a sketch of a deer on his powder horn (shown to the right). These embellishments reflect Boone's adventures in the wild forests of "Kaintuck." He followed trails that led him not only into adventure in an unspoiled world, but on to fame as the outstanding frontiersman of Kentucky's colorful history.

It is fitting and appropriate that the Daniel Boone National Forest, encompassing much of the forested mountain land that he came to know and love, should bear his name as a continuing, living memorial.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- All developed recreation sites are operated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Visits are limited to 14 consecutive days at any one campground.
- Most areas accommodate trailers 22 feet long, but have no electrical, water, or toilet hook-ups.
- Supplies are available at nearby towns and in country stores.
- Pets are welcome, but must be kept under control.
- Discharging firearms within any developed recreation area is prohibited.
- You don't need a fire permit to build a fire at the developed campgrounds or picnic areas.
- Leave trees and shrubbery in their natural state.
- Be considerate of fellow visitors and those that follow.

FISHING AND BOATING on quiet streams and placid lakes are heaven to those who love to drift with the current and let the world pass by in the hushed solitude of the outdoors. The newly created Cave Run (F-G-2) and Laurel River Lakes (E-D-6) rival Lake Cumberland for outstanding bass fishing. These and other lakes in the area (all impounds) support good populations of sportfish such as black bass, white bass, crappie, bluegill, and catfish. Lake Cumberland, Laurel River, and Rockcastle (F-4) are home to muskies, walleye, channel cats, and suckers. Eleven cool, sparkling streams, including Rock Creek (A,B-7) and Bark Camp Creek (C-6), offer the trout fisherman a chance to test his skills.

White bass and walleye run in February. Crappie bite best in March. Trout begin to rise in April. Surface fishing for bass and bluegill comes into its own in May and June.

CAMPGROUNDS AND PICNIC FACILITIES are included in recreation areas. The campgrounds on the Daniel Boone National Forest are designed for families or small groups that enjoy "elbow-room" in forest surroundings. Facilities for each family include a parking space, tent/trailer pad, fireplace, table, and lantern posts. Several units share a water tap and restrooms.

Variety is the best word to describe camping on the Daniel Boone. The camper who enjoys seclusion, fishing, and limited facilities will find the White Oak Campground (C-6) accessible by boat or trail only! to be just right. Popular campgrounds that accommodate trailers, tent trailers, pickup campers, and motor homes are Clear Creek (B-7), Laurel Lake (E-D-6), Cave Run Lake (F-G-2), and Sam Krebs recreation area (F-G-2) on Cave Run Lake contains all the above facilities, plus a large swimming beach, lake views, boat ramps, and modern restrooms.

Picnic areas, located for the convenience of the forest visitor, are found along the lakes, forest trails, or some other particularly interesting or scenic feature of the Forest.

WILDLIFE AND HUNTING in this area of Kentucky were described by Boone this way:

"... We began to hunt ... and found everywhere abundance of wild beasts of all sorts throughout this vast forest. The buffalo were more frequent than I have seen cattle in the settlements ... we practiced hunting with great success."

Many of the wild animals that existed at the time Boone explored the wilderness are still found on the National Forest. There are more than 100 species of birds, 45 kinds of mammals, and 67 types of reptiles and amphibians living in the area.

Wild turkey, deer, ruffed grouse, gray and fox squirrels, red and gray foxes, ducks, bobwhite quail, rabbits, muskrats, mink, and raccoon are common.

Hunting is regulated by State and Federal laws. The squirrel has always been a favorite game animal of eastern Kentucky. Sportsmen seeking the wily ruffed grouse must be tough and quick-shooting to bag the bronzed "wood pheasant" of the cliff country. White-tailed deer and wild turkey, both gone from the area for years, are making a gratifying comeback.

The forest's creatures provide pleasure to many others besides hunters. The Forest has exciting possibilities for those with cameras, and alert eyes and ears. The young seem to have a particular knack in finding fresh delights everywhere in the outdoor world, sharing a harmony with its patterns and creatures that too often is lost somewhere along the path to adulthood.

For those who enjoy boating, there are many water routes available for canoes, johnboats, or power-driven craft. The excitement of coasting whitewater on upper Red River (F-3) or the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River (F-2) or the Rockcastle, Rockhouse, and Wild Rivers—is a challenge for even the expert canoeist.

Kentucky Wild Rivers still retain the mystique of Daniel Boone's wilderness of two hundred years ago in the unspoiled beauty of these remote waterways.

The upper portion of the Cumberland River (C-7) and the lower portion of the Red River (F-3) are popular for leisurely canoe or float trips below high sandstone cliffs pierced with natural arches. If the visitor is alert, he might catch a glimpse of a deer or other wild creature along these forested shorelines.

The lakes are favorite spots for fun in the sun. Water skiing, fishing, power boating, sailing, regattas, and swimming are growing in popularity as more and more fine quality recreation facilities are developed at Laurel River Lake and Cave Run Lake.

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"TREES TEN FEET IN DIAMETER and one hundred fifty feet tall. Huge forests of oak, hickory, chestnut, walnut, and poplar, home to unlimited game."

Today, Daniel Boone's forest still looks somewhat like he described it, but is quite different in many ways.

The Daniel Boone National Forest is now a productive ecosystem of numerous resources, managed by professionals.

The forest yields millions of board feet of timber each year, which add thousands of dollars to the economy of the area. Its trees also protect watersheds, provide wildlife habitat, and help enhance the surroundings for pleasant outdoor recreation opportunities.

The Forest Service administers the renewable resources on the 635,000 acres of the Daniel Boone to achieve the maximum benefit for the most people—the "Multiple-Use" concept.

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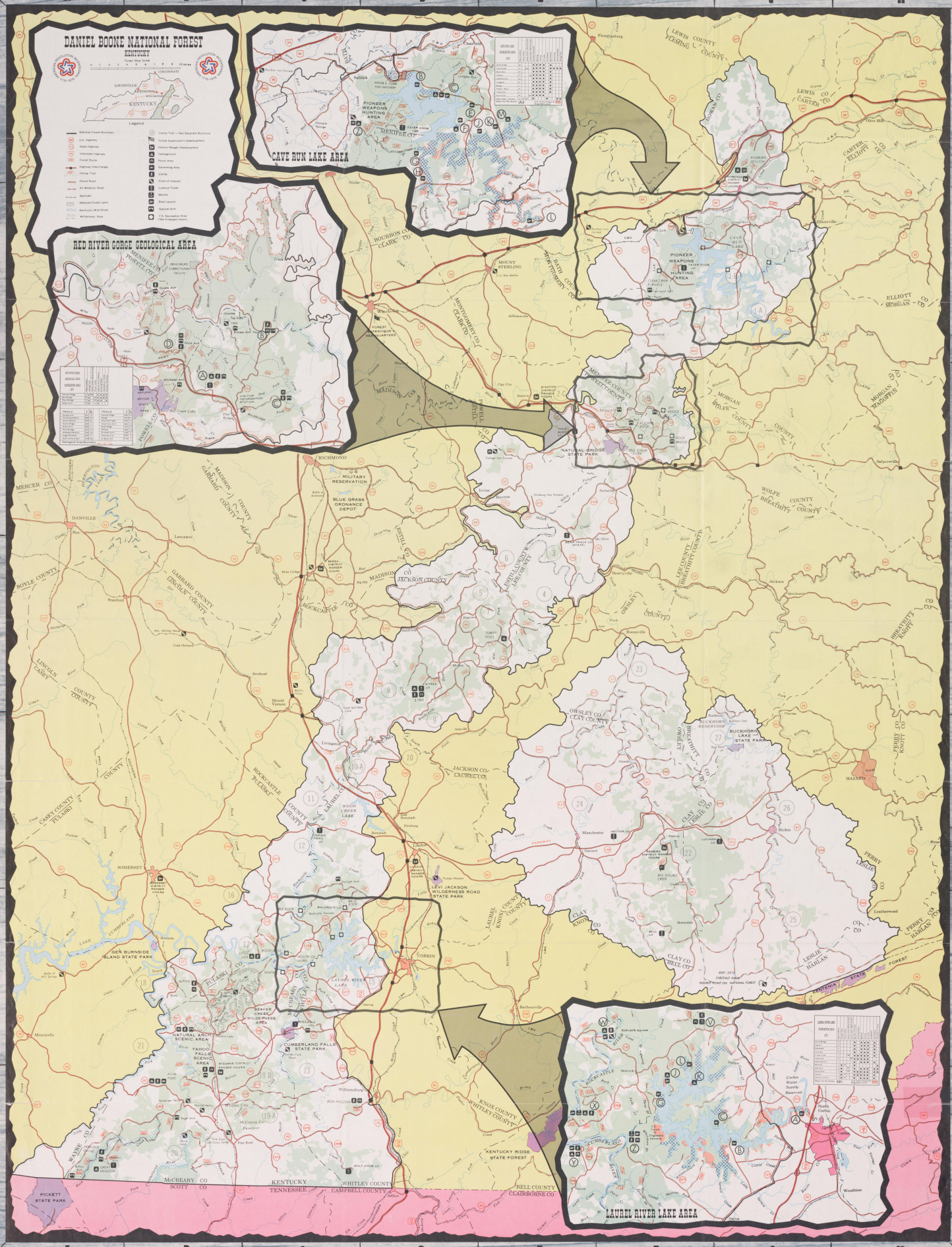

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RECREATION AREAS

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CAMP TRAILER SERVING						5										
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RECREATION SYMBOL SIGNING

TRAILER SITES		DRINKING WATER	
RESTROOMS		TRAILER SANITARY STATION	
LAUNCHING RAMP		CAMPGROUND	
FISHING		WATER BOATING	
WATERSKIING		MARINA	
PICNIC AREA		SWIMMING	
HIKING TRAIL		HANDICAPPED	
PARKING		RANGER STATION	