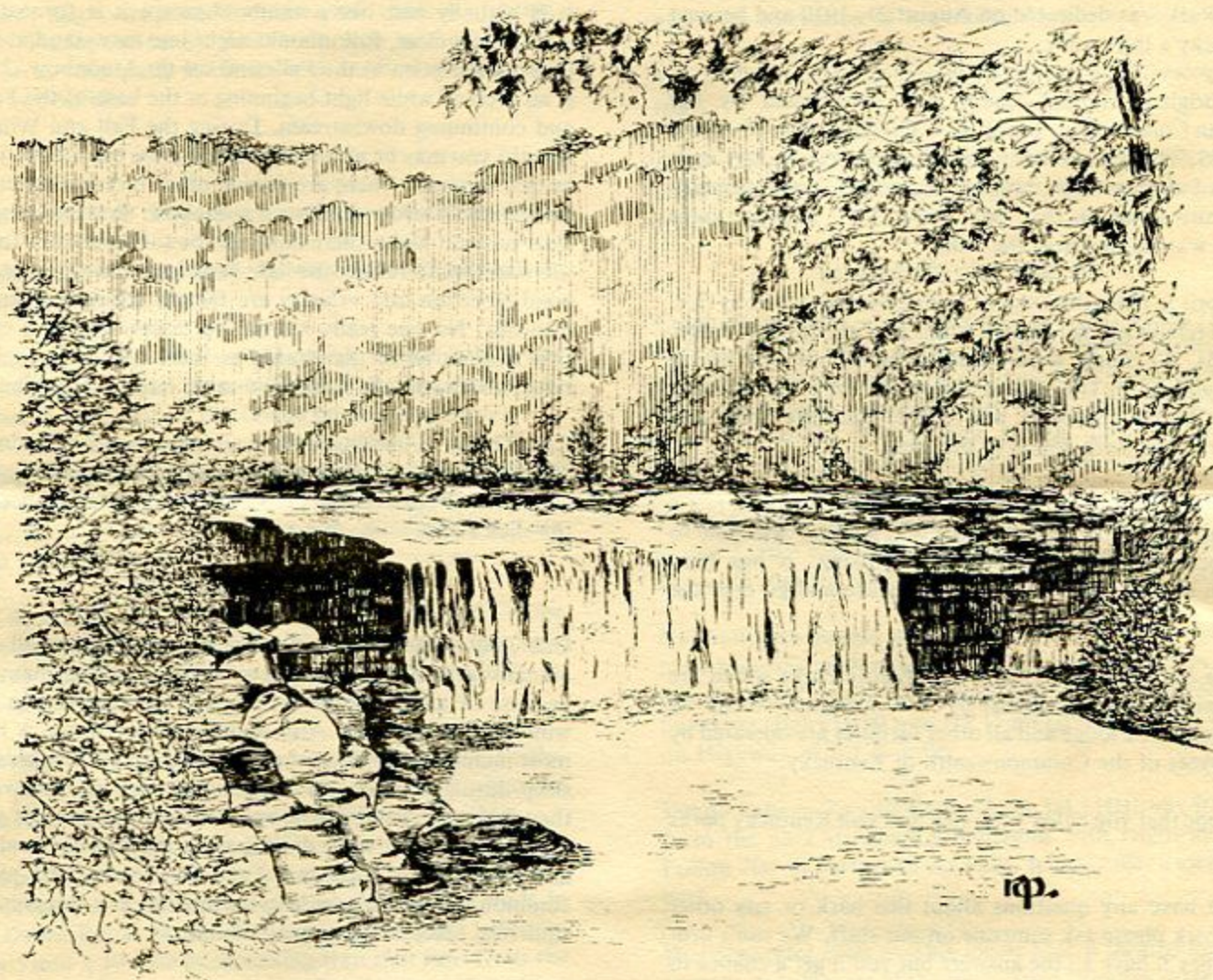


CUMBERLAND FALLS STATE RESORT PARK

CORBIN, KENTUCKY

WELCOMES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!!!



**EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED
TO KNOW ABOUT CUMBERLAND FALLS**

HISTORY OF CUMBERLAND FALLS

Cumberland Falls takes its name from the fact that it is located on the Cumberland River. The Cumberland River was named by Dr. Thomas Walker in 1750 in honor of the Duke of Cumberland.

After several years of controversy over a proposed power dam above the Falls, Mr. T. Coleman Dupont offered to buy the Falls and the surrounding area and donate it to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. It was not until 1930, some three years later and after Mr. Dupont's death, that the legislature voted to accept the offer. Cumberland Falls State Park was dedicated on August 21, 1930 and became Kentucky's third park.

The original Dupont Lodge was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) along with 15 cabins in 1933. There were many trails, roads and shelters constructed during these days of depression. Improvements were also made on the "Moonbow Inn", another lodge which was located near the Falls.

On April 5, 1940, the Dupont Lodge was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt in 1941, which is much of the present lodge. In 1951, 40 rooms were added along with a new dining room and patio. The present lounge was the original dining room. In the following year (1952) the Gift Shop and Trading Post were added to the park.

The Gatliff Bridge replaced the ferry which operated just a few hundred yards above the Falls. The ferry was able to transport three automobiles at a crossing. It has been known during flood stage to break loose and go over the Falls.

This is one of Kentucky's fifteen Resort Parks which are maintained and operated by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The lodge and all other facilities are operated by employees of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

We hope that you enjoy your stay and visit Kentucky parks often.

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GEOLOGY OF THE PARK

The main reason Cumberland Falls was designated a state park was because of its unique geological features. The stone outcroppings seen throughout the park and along the trails are sandstone which happens to be very soft and erodes rather easily. You can readily observe this weathering by merely rubbing your hand across the rock surface and noticing the grit on your hand. Not until you move down toward the river do you find a much harder rock known as Rockcastle Conglomerate. This rock is actually

like a form of concrete because you find large quartz pebbles mixed with sand. Millions of years ago this area was a great river delta. As earth movements began, the land was pushed up and the river began to dry up. These sediments hardened to form the rock now seen near the Falls which is known as Rockcastle Conglomerate and is the second hardest rock to granite.

MOONBOW

Cumberland Falls also boasts having the only Moonbow in the Western Hemisphere. The other is at Victoria Falls, South Africa on the Zambezi River. What is a Moonbow? It is actually just like a rainbow except it is formed at night. On a clear, full moonlit night one may stand at the observation point at the Falls and see the Moonbow. This is an arch of white light beginning at the base of the Falls and continuing downstream. During the Fall and Winter months you may be able to see colors in the moonbow, just as in a rainbow. There are several other factors that must be present in order to have a moonbow. Besides being a clear moonlit night, there must also be sufficient mist from the waterfall to refract the light rays from the moon. Also wind direction and velocity are factors which may enter into this. No one really knows the reason there are only two moonbows in the world, as there are several other rivers and waterfalls with these same factors occurring.

CAUTION: Swimming in the river is extremely hazardous. The river is full of sharp objects and dropoffs. Swimmers have been swept over the Falls after losing their balance on the slick rocks.

ANIMALS OF THE PARK

One may wonder while visiting our park where all the animals are. The main reason for not seeing many is because of all the people here during the summer. In the winter more are seen. Also another major factor is that most mammals are nocturnal, meaning they either hide or sleep during the day and come out at night to feed when they feel safer from predators. Some of the animals you may watch out for while driving along the highway at night are: Deer, bobcat, opossums, and fox. Some of the more common animals to be seen in the daytime are: chipmunks, squirrels, raccoons, and groundhogs.

**PARK ELEVATIONS — LODGE - 1090'
EDGE OF FALLS — 825'**

DISTANCES TO POINTS OF INTEREST FROM DUPONT LODGE

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Recreation Schedules — During the summer months a planned recreation schedule is published every week. During the winter months, check the bulletin board at the front desk for scheduled activities.

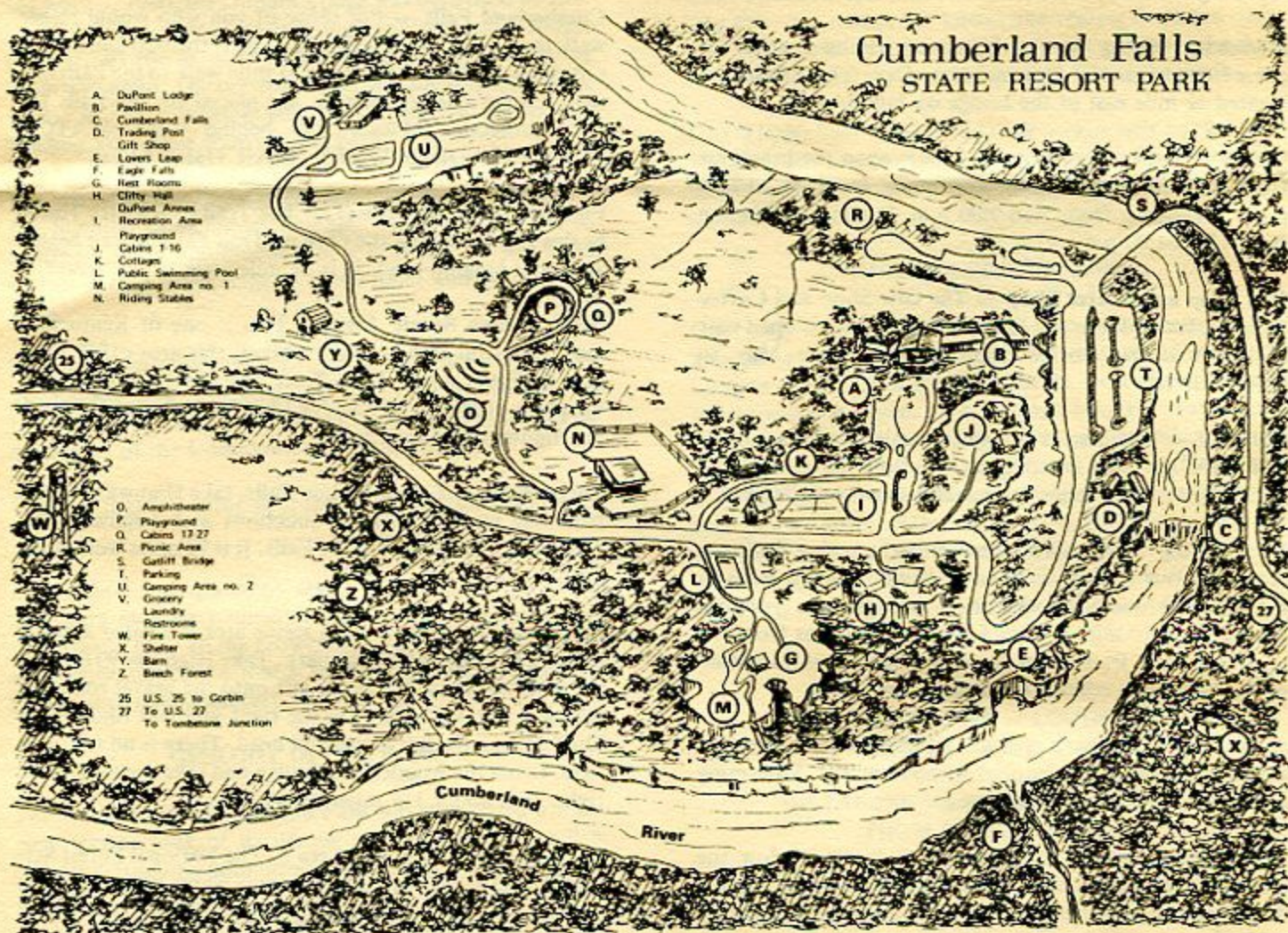
Fishing — The Cumberland River offers some large catfish in the pools below the Falls. Fishing licenses may be obtained from most of the local stores. During the spring months, white bass come up the river to spawn. Bark Camp Creek and Dog Slaughter Creek are both stocked with trout. For more information on trout fishing see the Recreation Office.

Laurel Lake — A 5,000 acre lake located in the Daniel Boone National Forest. The lake sustains a small population of small and large mouth bass, bluegill, trout, crappie, and catfish. At the present time there are several launching ramps but no boat docks. To reach the lake from the park, take Highway 90 east to 25 W, go North on 25 W to Corbin. Turn left on Ky. 312 which will take you to the Laurel Bridge Boat Ramp on Laurel Lake.

Boat Rentals — The nearest boat rental is at Burnside Boat Dock on Lake Cumberland, 30 miles west of the park.

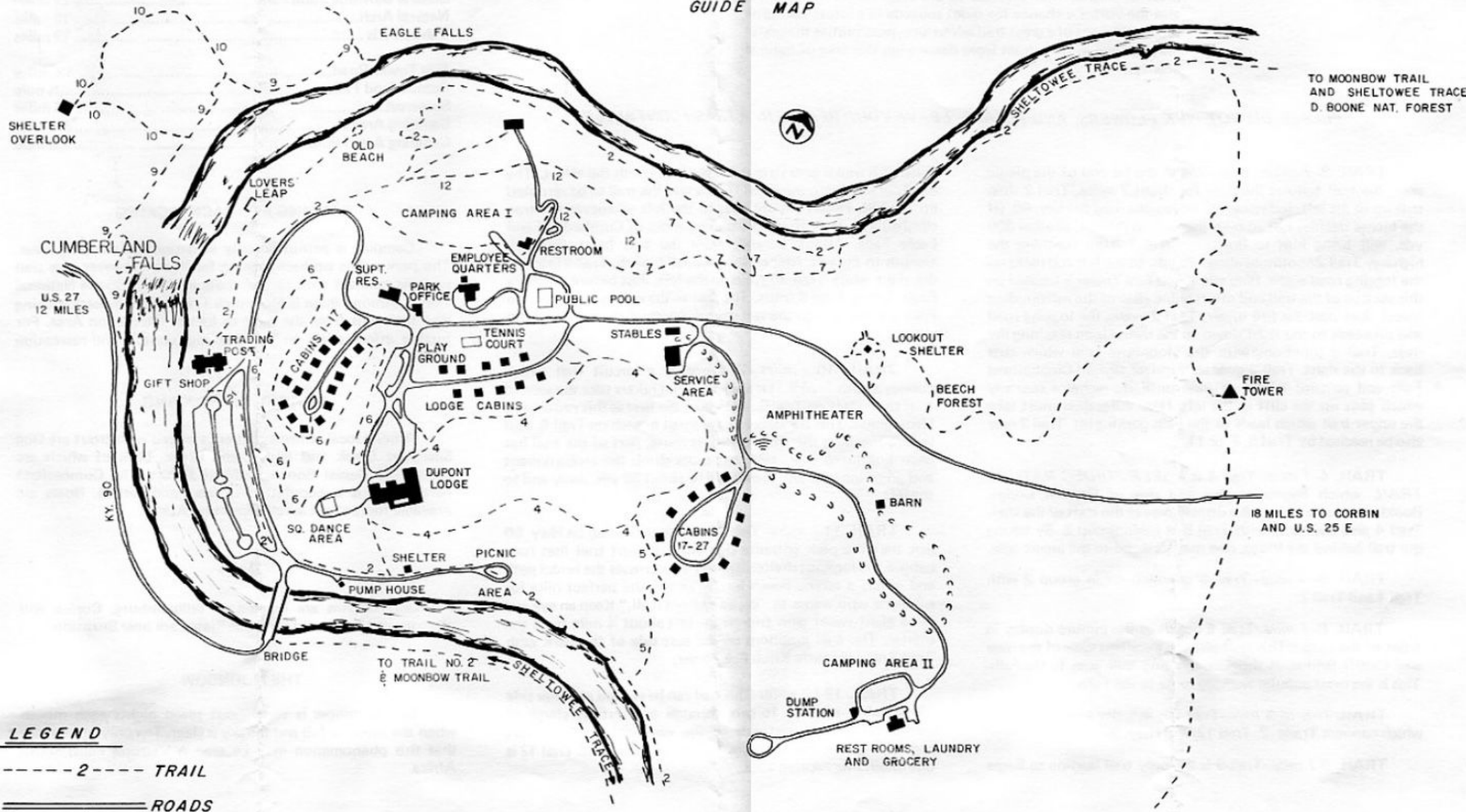
Canoeing — Any canoeists wanting to canoe below the Falls should have knowledge of whitewater techniques. No canoe rentals are available for the Cumberland Falls area. However, Rockcastle Adventures, runs a canoe livery, call London 606-864-9407.

Bus Service — Bus service is available to and from the Lodge and to other areas of the park as well as across the river to the motels and Tombstone Junction, during the summer months only. Check the bulletin board in the lobby for the bus schedule.



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GUIDE MAP



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