

## **ACC Trip to Red River Gorge on May 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> 2005**

Red River Gorge is definitely on the top 5 destinations of the East Coast. The majorities of the climbs are steep and require a lot of endurance. The rock is nice red sandstone offering pockets, crimps, slopers and jugs. RRG is well known for its sport climbs but there are many nice trad climbs to. On the Stanton District, the extensive network of sandstone cliffs provides numerous opportunities for climbing and rappelling.

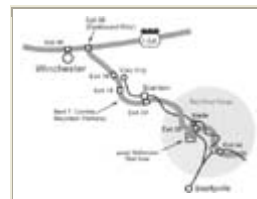
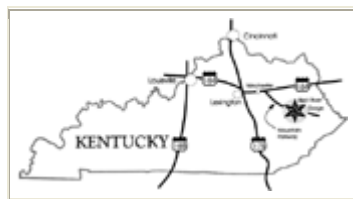
Please be aware that there is a 6 hours drive and I highly recommend this as a 2 days trip with overnight stay in a camping area or lodge. There are addresses listed below.

### **Meeting location and time**

Meeting location and time for carpooling will be discussed at the ACC Tuesday meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 at 5 Seasons Brewery (5600 Roswell Road (South of I-285 in The Prado Shopping Center), Atlanta GA 30342, phone # 404 255 5911).

### **Directions**

The Red River Gorge is located in Eastern Kentucky. All climbing areas are East of Stanton, around the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway. Start from Highway intersection I285 / I75 to Stanton. Merge onto I-75 and drive 350 miles north. Take KY-627 exit 95 toward Boonesborough/Winchester. Turn right onto KY-627. Turn left onto KY-1958/Bypass Rd. Continue to follow KY-1958. Merge onto I-64 East. Merge onto BERT T COMBS MOUNTAIN PKWY E via EXIT 98 toward CAMPTON/PRESTONSBURG.



### **Cliff Access / Areas**

**Roadside Crag:** A very popular crag with 44 routes. There is a great variety (easy, moderate, and difficult) of routes at this crag, plus a good view of the road from the top.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Slade, drive 6 miles South on KY11. Park in a gravel lot on the right. You will find the trail across the street heading up a hill. The approach is short and moderate.

**Pebble Beach:** Excellent place to climb for intermediate trad and sport routes. The area also boasts one of the hardest trad routes east of the Mississippi, "Welcome to Ole Kentucky" (5.13a). A pumpy uphill approach will bring you to the pinnacle with the route "The Arrowhead". Some top rope set-ups can be found via bushwhacks to the top of the cliff.

**DIRECTIONS:** Go North on 77 through the Nada Tunnel and past the Iron Bridge, then turn left onto 1067

and go 3 miles. Park in front of a bridge on the left side of the road. The trail starts on the other side of the road and goes up a steep hill.

Torrent Falls: With 33 routes between 5.7 and 5.12 a big variety of trad and sport routes.  
DIRECTIONS: Go to Torrent B&B. Pay the \$2 donation per person and walk up the stairs. This is one of the finest crags you'll have the pleasure of climbing. The 5.11 and 5.12 walls have to be seen to be believed

More information you can find on the following websites:

<http://www.rockclimbing.com/routes/listArea.php?AreaID=75>  
<http://www.drtopo.com/index4.html>

## Facilities

### Camping :

#### **Miguel's**

(lots of people, \$2/night) (Turn right off exit, go 2 miles on Rt. 11)  
1890 Natural Bridge Rd,  
Slade, KY 40376  
Phone: (606) 663-1975

#### **Natural Bridge State Park**

2135 Natural Bridge Road  
Slade, KY 40376-9701  
Phone (606-663-2214)

There are 2 campsites in the park and Widdleton would be better for tents, because they have the no. of RVs restricted. Campsite costs are \$12 and there are 2 tents allowed per side. No advanced reservations possible. If you arrive late check in at the reception of the lodge.

In response to the increase use of the Daniel Boone National Forest, the Natural Park Service has instituted a new fee structure that was effective 4/1/00. If you are planning to camp in the Gorge and not use a campground, there will be an overnight parking fee. This fee depends on the number of nights you will be camping.

1 Day - \$3.00  
3 Day - \$5.00  
7 Day - \$7.00  
Yearly - \$30.00

The pass for overnight stays can be bought at

### Lodging:

#### **Torrent Falls Bed & Breakfast**

(From Mt. Parkway, take Slade exit #33, go south on Rt. 11, 7.2 miles) ([www.TorrentFalls.com](http://www.TorrentFalls.com))

#### **Cliffview Resort**

(606) 668-6550 ([www.CliffViewResort.com](http://www.CliffViewResort.com))

#### **Natural Bridge Cabins**

(606) 663-4900

#### **Red River Gorgeous**

(513) 245-0025

#### **Shadow Mountain Mist**

(606) 663-8018

#### **Paw Paw's Landing**

(lodging in Beattyville) (606) 464-3935

#### **Red River Outdoors**

Cabin rentals. (606) 663-9701  
([www.redriveroutdoors.com](http://www.redriveroutdoors.com))

#### **High Country Cabins**

(606) 668-6718

#### **Scenic View Chalet & Pine Cove Cabin**

(513) 683-1552 ([www.sceniccabin.com](http://www.sceniccabin.com))

several locations including Shell Station just off the Parkway exit.

*There have been no breakings reported recently in specific areas.*

If you have any questions you can reach me on my cell phone 404-921-4331.

Kind regards

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