

Primary Access Routes To Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area

Bandy Creek Visitor Center in Tennessee
Stearns Visitor Center in Kentucky

INTERSTATES 40 AND 75 PROVIDE THE MAJOR ACCESS ROUTES TO THE BIG SOUTH FORK NRRRA

Travelers on 1-40 west bound take the Jamestown-Crossville Exit onto U.S. 127. Take U.S. 127 north 36 miles into Jamestown. Two miles north of Jamestown, take Highway 154 north to the intersection of Highway 297. Follow 297 east approximately 12 miles to the **Big South Fork Visitor Center at Bandy Creek Campground**.

Travelers on 1-40 east bound should take the Monterey-Livingston Exit (300-A) or the Jamestown Crossville Exit (301), onto State Highway 62. Take Highway 62 east for 16 miles to U.S. 127 to Clarkrange, turn left and follow U.S. 127 north 18 miles into Jamestown. Travelers may take 127 through Jamestown or use the new Hwy 127 by-pass. Two miles north of Jamestown take Highway 154 north to the intersection of Highway 297. Follow 297 east approximately 12 miles to the **Big South Fork Visitor Center at Bandy Creek Campground**.

Travelers on 1-75 north bound should take the Oneida-Huntsville Exit (141) onto Highway 63. Follow Highway 63 west for 21 miles through Huntsville to U.S. 27. Turn right on U.S. 27 and drive north 7 miles to Oneida. At the first traffic light, turn left on Highway 297 west and follow the signs on 297 to reach the **Bandy Creek Campground** (approximately 15 miles from Oneida). To reach the **Kentucky Visitor Center** at Stearns, Kentucky, continue north on U.S. 27 through Oneida to KY 92W. Turn left at the traffic light and take the second driveway to the right. To reach **Blue Heron Campground**, continue west on KY 92W and travel for approx. 1.3 miles, then bear left onto highway 1651. Travel about a half-mile then turn right onto KY 741. (KY 741 is a narrow roadway, if you have a big rig it is suggested that you continue on 1651 another 3/4 mile and turn right onto KY 742). From either KY 741 or 742 follow the brown Park signs to the campground, **Bear Creek Horse Camp**, the river gorge overlooks, or the **Blue Heron Coal Mining Community**.

Travelers headed south on 1-75 have several options for reaching the **Big South Fork**.

OPTION ONE: Highway 461 at Mt Vernon (Exit 62) is signed as an exit for the **Big South Fork**. Travelers choosing this route should take 461 south for 19 miles to Highway 80 and take Highway 80 west into Somerset, Kentucky to the Highway 914 by-pass. Follow 914 for 6 miles to U.S. 27. Follow 27 south approximately 25 miles to KY 92W for the **Kentucky Visitor Center**. To reach **Bandy Creek**, continue on Highway 27 about 15 miles into Oneida, Tennessee. In Oneida, take 297 west and follow signs to the **Bandy Creek Visitor Center** (approximately 15 miles from Oneida).

OPTION TWO: Southbound 1-75 travelers may also take U.S. 25W (Exit 25) at Corbin, Kentucky. Follow 25W for 8 miles to Highway 90. Take Route 90 west for 20 miles through Cumberland Falls State Park to Parkers Lake, Kentucky and U.S. 27. Take 27 south as described above.

OPTION THREE: Highway 92 at Williamsburg, Kentucky (Exit 11) can also be used to reach the Big South Fork from 1-75. Highway 92 provides a curvy but scenic 21-mile drive west from 1-75 to U.S. 27 at Pine Knot; Kentucky. Follow U.S. 27 south to Oneida for **Bandy Creek Visitor Center**. Turn North on U.S. 27 to reach the **Kentucky Visitor Center**.

**TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR THOSE APPROACHING THE BANDY CREEK AREA FROM THE
EAST SIDE: THERE IS A 13% GRADE IN THE GORGE AREA OF HIGHWAY 297.**

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