

## McCREARY COUNTY

### Major Draws to the area:

- A. Big South Fork
- B. Cumberland Fall State Park

Also known for Big South Fork Scenic Railroad and Blue Heron Mining Camp.

*Note: Items noted in blue could be part of a Falls and Arch Trail but are not enough on their own to really rate as a tourist attraction.*

*Note: If no address is provided, use either Whitley City, KY 42653 or Stearns, KY 42647 and you will be close.*

1. Cumberland Falls State Park, Resort and Campgrounds  
7351 Highway 90  
Corbin, KY 40701-8857  
Actually located on the McCreary/Whitley County line on Hwy 90  
800-325-0063  
<http://parks.ky.gov/resortparks/cf/index.htm>  
Resort, restaurant, cabins, hiking trails, campsites, horseback riding, swimming pool, Cumberland Falls -Known for its Moon Bows. The Falls themselves, the largest in Kentucky, have become an attraction with many people coming on the designated nights each month to see if they can see the Moon Bow. Known as the “Niagara of the South” it is 125 ft wide with a 60 ft. drop. **Rate this a 4.**
2. Eagle Falls Resort – Hotel. **The Falls themselves could be a part of the Falls and Arch Trail.**
3. 4-H Craft Center- Hwy 90 just a mile or two from Cumberland Falls – Seldom open. Address noted as Hwy 90/HC 83, Parkers Lake, KY 42634 **Rate this a 2-**
4. Sawyer Boat Launch Ramp – Easy to access.  
Off Hwy 90 on Mill Creek Road on the Cumberland River
5. Noe’s Boat Dock – Off Hwy 90 just off Mill Creek Road
6. **Natural Arch - Could become part of a Falls and Arch Trail.**  
Hwy 927  
Parkers Lake KY 42634
7. **Great Gulf Overlook – Include on a Falls and Arch Trail.**  
Hwy 927  
Parkers Lake, KY 42634
8. Turkey Creek Boat Launch Ramp - Easy to access End of Hwy 927 on the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River

9. Yahoo Falls -- Off Hwy 700 W at Marshes Siding KY.  
Tallest waterfall in Kentucky at 113 feet – one can walk in front of it and behind it. The trail to it is 1 mile long. Rate it a 4 especially if it is packaged with the Falls and Arch Trail.
10. Alum Ford Boat Launch Ramp and Campsite - Easy to access  
End of Hwy 700  
Big South Fork of Cumberland River.
11. Blue Heron Mining Camp / Recreation Area
12. Sheltolee Trace Outfitters (actually located in next county just east of Cumberland Fall State Park)  
Whitley City, KY 42653  
<http://www.ky-rafting.com/>  
White water rafting down the Cumberland very popular as is canoeing and kayaking. Houseboat picks everyone up at slow stretch and brings them across a lake area. Lunch is served on the boat as part of the package.  
Rate this a 4.
13. Bear Creek Overlook  
Gaging Station Road at Big South Fork, no facilities
14. Great Meadows Campsites - Rustic  
Tables: Picnic tables are at the campsites. Horseshoes: 2 pits. Water is available from April through October. Restrooms are vault toilets. No trash pickup - Pack it out. Parking at campground. Fee: None.
15. Buffalo Arch  
Parker's Mountain Road
16. Princess Falls  
Access trails at Yamacraw Bridge, Hwy 92
17. Lick Creek Falls  
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18. Wagon Wheel Arch  
Hwy 742 within the Big South Fork
19. Koger Arch  
State Route 1363 at Yamacraw
20. Hollow Lock Arch  
Off Lonesome Creek Road and Rt 1363

21. Hickory Knob Arch  
Foster Road near Bell Farm
22. First Oil Well – Balk Knob Hill Cemetery Road at the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River.
23. McCreary County Airport
24. Bobby Duncan’s General Store  
This is a real general store and not so much a tourist attraction.
25. Bear Creek Horse Camp  
Oneida, Tennessee 37841  
[http://www.nps.gov/biso/bear\\_ck.htm](http://www.nps.gov/biso/bear_ck.htm) Located in the heart of the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. 132 miles of designated horseback trails and hundreds of miles of old road bed, all of which take you through the breathtaking scenery and majestic beauty of the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. Full electric hook-ups, running water, and grills at each site, and conveniently located shower and lavatory facilities. At night, glowing fire at the outdoor amphitheater.
26. Daniel Boone National Forest - Stearns District Ranger Station
27. Dick’s Gap Overlook – Follows a wide graveled path from the end of Dick Gap Road to the Big South Fork’s newest overlook.
28. National Park Service Center
29. McCreary County Museum in Stearns  
100 Henderson Street  
Stearns, KY 42647  
<http://www.mccrearymuseum.com/>  
**Located in the heart of historic downtown Stearns, KY** the McCreary County Museum is housed in the old Stearns Coal and Lumber Company Corporate headquarters that was built in 1907. The Museum was founded in 1988 and we invite everyone to come and explore two floors of local history. The first floor is filled with historic documents, objects, and photographs pertaining to McCreary County and the Stearns Coal & Lumber Company. The second floor has a replica bedroom and parlor from the early 1930s. In addition to these exciting exhibits we have tried to show the culture and lifestyle of McCreary Countians over the years with social exhibits that include a replica church room, a sporting exhibit and musical exhibit.  
**Open six days a week (not Mondays), ample parking. Rate it 4 but 3 as far as tourist appeal.**

30. Big South Fork Scenic Railroad  
100 Henderson Street  
Stearns, KY 42647  
Train does not run every day. About four days a week through the summer, five in October. The rest of the months vary from one to two days.  
**Rate it a 3** due to limited schedule but it does have lots of parking and is located next to a museum, a number of shops and two restaurants.  
<http://www.bsfsry.com/traininfo/schedule.htm>
31. Stearns Golf Course –
32. Best Western Hotel – Lodging
33. Koger Barthell Mining Camp  
KBMT, Inc.  
P.O. Box 53  
Whitley City, KY 42653  
<http://www.barthellcoalcamp.com/>  
Rebuilt mining camp includes a coal mine tour, rebuilt tenant houses for rent, Reconstructed doctor's office, barber shop, school house, general store and coal mining museum, pavilion with stage, conference facilities, restaurant and antique car collection. Known for their fried apple pies. Wonderful facility. Definitely visitor friendly, good roads and signage to site – **Rate this a 4.**
34. Parkland Motel  
Whitley City, KY 42653
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36. Barren Fork Horse Camp (Part of BSFNRA)  
41 sites that can accommodate horse trailers. Campers without horses are welcome  
Fire grates, lantern holders. Water is available from five faucets found throughout the campground. Watering pond for horses. Restrooms are vault toilets. No trash pickup - Pack it out. Parking at campground. Picnic tables are at some sites. The picnic shelter can be reserved at the [Stearns Office](#).  
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/boone/recreation/campste.shtml#barren>
37. Bell Farm Horse Camp  
Picnic tables at campsites  
Water is available for horses from Rock Creek. No drinking water is available.  
Vault toilets and chemical toilets  
No Trash pickup. Pack it out.  
Parking at campground

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/boone/recreation/campste.shtml#bell>

38. Rock Creek – G. M Campground

39. Sandhill RV & Primitive Camping

Off Highway 700 E  
Whitley City, KY 42653

40. Stampede Run Horse Camp

2150 Beulah Heights Rd.

Whitley City, KY 42653

(606) 376-9666

<http://www.stampederun.com/>

Water and electric at every site, 23 sites, 26 stalls, shower house, cowboy shower and restroom, new shelter with picnic tables, ice for sale at camp, bring own fire wood and horse. **Rate it a 4**

41. Information center

42. Big South Fork Motor Lodge - Lodging

Stearns, KY 42647

43. Farm House Inn B&B – Lodging and access to numerous trails -

735 Taylor Branch Road

Parkers Lake KY 42634

<http://www.farmhouseinnbb.com/>

A challenge to get there but nice once you arrive. Great website and brochure. Both very eye-appealing.