

Cumberland Gap Tour

What: National Park Service Historian Martha Wiley and “Retired” National Park Service Archaeologist Tom Des Jean will lead attendees on a hike from Virginia to Kentucky through the Cumberland Gap.

When: 1:00 – 5:00pm Friday, March 11th, 2016.

Where: Meet at the Daniel Boone Trailhead (on the Virginia side of the Gap) at 1:00pm.

Details: Dr. Thomas Clark listed Cumberland Gap as #1 in his list of 11 sites that every Kentuckian should visit. Check this site off the list with a hike through the Gap. As we hike, Wiley and Des Jean will discuss the history of the Wilderness Road and its restoration along the way.

We will park at the Daniel Boone Parking Area on the Virginia side of the Gap at 1pm. The hike will follow Wilderness Trail approximately 2 miles through the Gap to the Thomas Walker Parking Area in Kentucky. The trail is rated easy / moderate. Make sure that you wear appropriate hiking attire and bring any gear, snacks, and water that you need.

The guided part of hike will not take the entire time allotted. We will have the option of riding a free shuttle from the Thomas Walker Parking Area back to our vehicles or hiking back on our own. The shuttles will be available from 3:30-4:30. We will also have the chance to hike any of other trails that intersect the Wilderness Road to visit other attractions such as Pinnacle Overlook or Tri-State Peak.

Directions: The Daniel Boone Parking Area is located at State Rd 872, Ewing, VA 24248. Go through the Cumberland Gap Tunnel and take the first exit on to Hwy 58. The first highway on your left will be SR 872. The parking area will be on the right at the Daniel Boone Visitor Information Center.

A link to Google Maps:

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/+State+Rd+872,+Ewing,+VA+24248/@36.6012971,-83.6608305,17.25z>

Find maps to plan your adventure at <http://www.nps.gov/cuga/planyourvisit/upload/CUGAmap2.pdf> and <http://www.nps.gov/cuga/planyourvisit/upload/CUGAmap1-3.pdf>

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Name(s):

_____ Yes, I love to hike. Count me in!

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