

# Furnace Arch Hike



A 6.5-mile hike in Menifee and Bath Counties with beautiful bluffs and a spectacular natural arch.

## The Hike

- 6.5 miles, starting at the end of Ratliff Road and ending at the Clear Creek picnic area.
- We will be utilizing a new re-route of the Sheltoewe descending down the ridge to Clear Creek.
- We will be mainly on the ridge top, where we can admire bluffs on either side of us, as well as the "Furnace" arch about halfway along the hike.
- Moderate difficulty, with an initial steep uphill and shorter ups and downs on the ridge top.
- We will have a snack break approximately halfway along the hike at the Furnace Arch.
- Please be sure you are able to com-

plete this hike. If you have never walked as much as 3 miles in the woods before, this may not be the hike to start with.

## What to Bring

- Sturdy hiking shoes or boots.
- Walking sticks are recommended.
- At least a liter of water.
- A snack for halfway through the hike.
- We estimate an average finish time of 12:30 pm if all goes as planned.

## Weather Cancellation

- The hike will be called off if the forecast calls for heavy precipitation or high temperatures below 30.
- We will email hikers by Friday morning IF THE HIKE IS CANCELLED.

## DIRECTIONS TO PARKING AT CLEAR CREEK PICNIC AREA

- Take US Hwy 60 to Salt Lick, Kentucky.
- Turn south on KY Hwy 211 in Salt Lick.
- After 3.5 miles, turn left on Clear Creek Road, at the sign for the Zilpo Recreation Area.
- After 2.5 miles, turn right into the Picnic Area; keep right to follow the gravel road around to the parking area.



## Date and Time

Saturday, February 26  
9 am – 12:30 pm

## Location

Clear Creek Picnic Area

## Arrival

Please arrive 15 minutes ahead of time to check in and organize ourselves for the shuttle.

## Hike Leader

Elizabeth Matera

## Cell Number

Text for last-minute difficulties or change in plans:  
Elizabeth: 502-435-5484

- We will have event signs posted to help guide you from Clear Creek Road.
- (IF YOU ARE COMING FROM THE SOUTH, Clear Creek Road is a right turn off Hwy 211 about 3 miles north of Hwy 211's junction with Hwy 36.)