

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 brand 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, December 11
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.)