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( ) $50 The Longhunter *Remembering those vanguards of settlement, like Daniel Boone and Elisa Wallen.*
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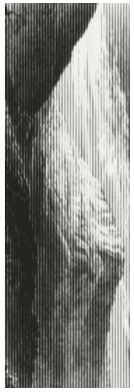

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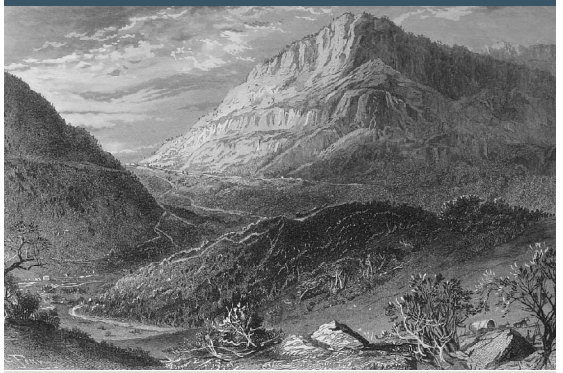


Friends of Cumberland Gap National Historical Park is a non-profit organization, supporting the efforts of Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, located within the beautiful Tri-State Region of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Our mission is to strengthen awareness and assist the National Park Service in its mission to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural and cultural resources of Cumberland Gap National Historical Park by providing community education, wellness opportunities, expertise, advocacy, and inspiration for the park through fundraising efforts and volunteering.

The Friends Story

Participants in the 2008-2009 Claiborne County (TN) Leadership Program developed a project to fulfill Leadership Program requirements. Because of their belief in community and with Cumberland Gap National Historical Park as a major part of their community, they wanted to find a way to give back to the park that offers so much. These became the building blocks for the Friends of Cumberland Gap. Claiborne County Leadership participants and others are already volunteering in the park, assisting with trail maintenance and other park projects.
The Friends Group is a formal commitment, allowing them to support the park in a variety of capacities, including providing for the donation of funds and services to Cumberland Gap.

The Friends Group Agreement spells out the group's primary purposes as:

- Supporting memorable multi-cultural, multi generational visitor experiences to the Park in partnership with surrounding communities;
- Serving as an ambassador to the Park and the Tri-State Region, promoting and enhancing understanding and appreciation of all facets of the Park;
- Supporting and fostering educational programs and research projects, including those that will improve students competence in science and technology;
- Encouraging healthy lifestyles through the fitness opportunities and recreational choices available at the park and in the surrounding area.

Why Cumberland Gap National Historical Park?

At Cumberland Gap, the first great gateway to the west, the buffalo, the Native American, the longhunter, the pioneer... all traveled this route through the mountains into the wilderness of Kentucky. Modern day explorers and travelers stand in awe at this great gateway and the many miles of trails and scenic features found in the park, which is located within the beautful Tri-State Region of Claiborne County Tennessee, Bell and Harlan Counties in Kentucky, and Lee County Virginia.

You can follow the footsteps of early travelers along the Wilderness Road, experience the stories of the pioneer, the Civil War soldier, the traveler. Historic buildings and sites throughout the park provide opportunities to take a close look at the events that shaped a region and a nation.

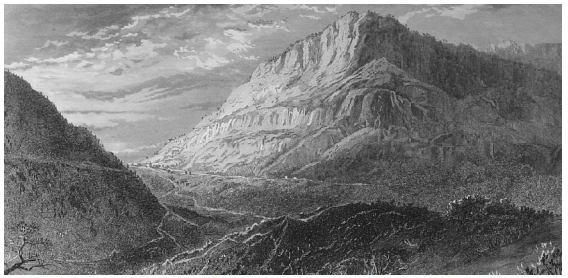
Scenic vistas, cascading waterfalls, and lush forests excite the senses and provide the opportunity to experience the Southern Appalachians up close. The forests and streams of the mountains provide habitat for numerous species of plants and animals. Beneath the mountains lie miles and miles of subterranean passages. These caves are dark, wet worlds with unique geologic formations and animals that have adapted to survival in the underground. 80 miles of trails and numerous scenic areas provide the opportunity to explore the great outdoors!

Membership

As a member of Friends of Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, you will be in a unique position to make a lasting change for the park.

Your membership fees will help:

- Enhance visitor activities
- Preserve historical significance
- Fund special events and projects
- Educational outreach programs
- Maintain trails and facilities
- Protect the park's natural beauty
- Increase cultural awareness



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