

Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area—Fly Fishing

Park Address:

850 Otter Creek Park Road Brandenburg, Kentucky 41018

Main Office:

502-942-9171

<https://fw.ky.gov/Pages/Otter-Creek-Outdoor-Recreation-Area.asp>

Driving Distance:

From the Mall St. Mathews to Otter Creek- 42 miles/50-minute drive

Hours Of Operation:

Monday Closed

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 7:00AM-7:30PM

Thursday 7:00AM-7:00PM

Friday 7:00AM-7:30PM

Saturday 7:30AM-7:30PM

Sunday 7:30AM-7:00PM

2023 Holiday Schedule:

Thursday / Friday, Nov. 23, 24 - Thanksgiving

Monday / Tuesday, Dec. 25, 26 - Christmas

Friday / Monday, Dec. 29, Jan. 1 - New Year's

Admission Fees/Fishing License Requirement:

Children under 12 admitted free

\$3 per person for all day entry permit. Pass available online and at gate

\$30 per person for annual entry permit

KY Fishing License and \$10 Trout Stamp Required to fish at Otter Creek

Three Stocking Locations:

Garrettsville Picnic Area:

100% of the time this location is stocked

Directions: Enter the park , pay the fee at cabin, and proceed to the first Right-Hand Turn. Drive to the bottom of the long hill and look for large white stocking tube. Plenty of parking. You have the opportunity to fish upstream to the bridge but anything past this is Ft. Knox Property and is restricted. Downstream is very wadable when the creek is not flooded. Multiple locations to cross back and forth with general ease but a wading stick can be helpful.

Shooting Range (Pipeline):

50% of the time this location is stocked. Stocking depends on condition of dirt road from Shooting Range to Otter Creek.

Directions: From Muldraugh turn right at light onto Hwy 1638. Proceed 1 mile or less and take a right at the Otter Creek Shooting Range Sign, (Camp Sky Hi Road). Proceed 1 mile or so to the range. As you enter the range on the left-hand side of the road look for the gate and the start of a new dirt road. This road is the start of your half mile walk back to Otter Creek. Once at the creek you have reached the second stocking location. Fishing up or downstream is productive, but my best luck has always been downstream for the first 200 yards.

Blue Hole:

50% of the time this location is stocked. Like the Shooting Range location, stocking at Blue Hole can be cancelled due to poor dirt road conditions.

Directions: Follow park maps for directions once inside the park. Once the car is parked at the Blue Hole Parking lot you will see a dirt path/ road. Proceed on this road for a quarter of a mile. The road will bend to the left. Follow that to Otter Creek. If you were to stay straight the road turns into a trail which also takes you to the creek. The entire walk from the parking lot to creek is 0.5 miles. The best fishing is up stream.

Rod Size:

3wt-5wt Rod

Leader:

9-foot 5x/6x tippet

Flies:

Nymph fishing is the most successful style of fishing done at Otter Creek.

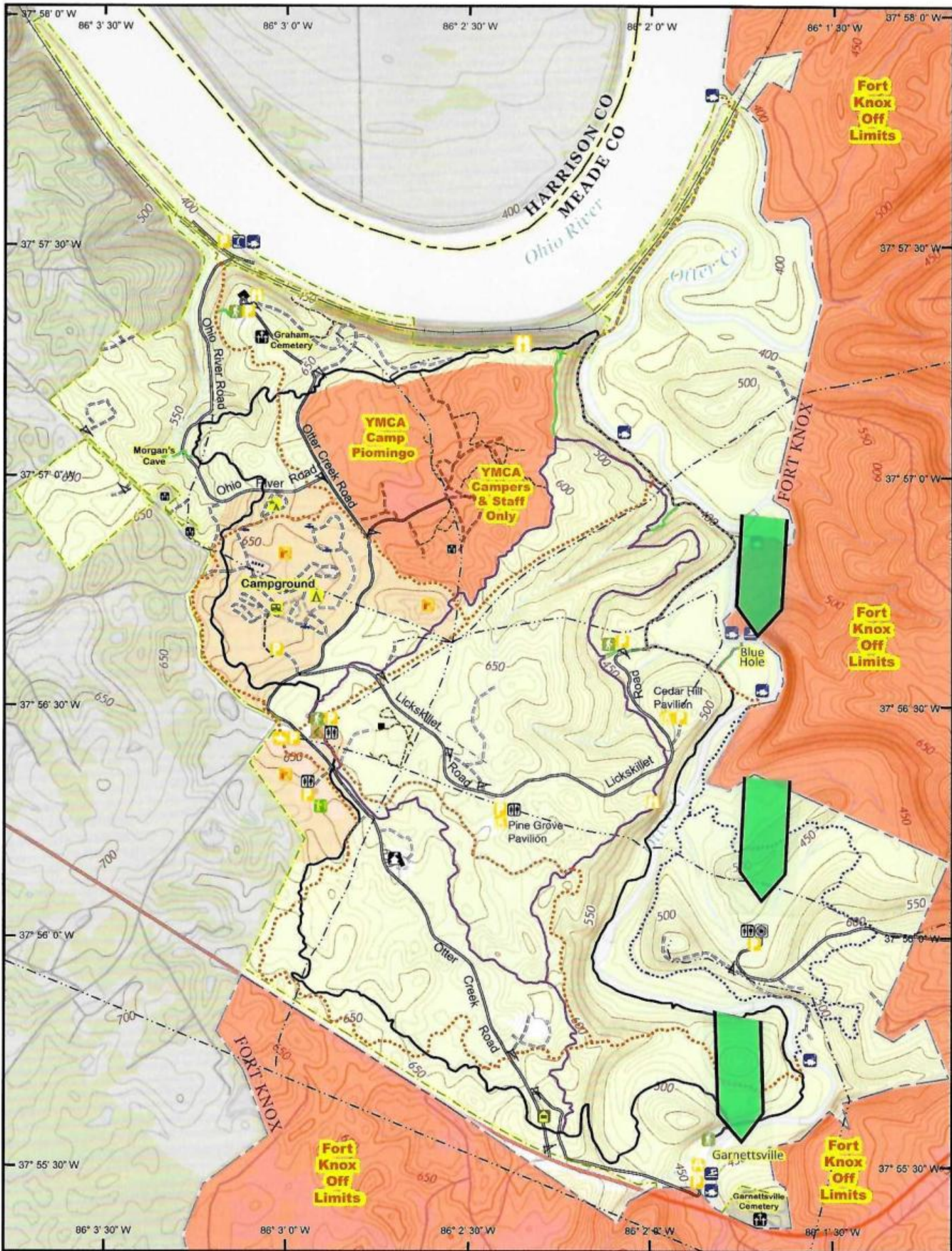
- San Juan Worms
- Black , Red Purple, Zebra midge
- Squirmy Worm
- Weighted/Non-Weighted Egg Pattern

Trout Stocking Schedule**October-April (Catch and Release only)**

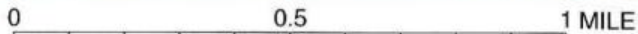
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- Otter Creek-ORA, Meade County – 1,000
- Otter Creek-Fort Knox, Meade County – 500
- Otter Creek-Fort Knox, Meade County – 500 Brown Trout
- Floyds Fork Creek, Jefferson County – 2,000 (Spread over 5 sites between North Beckley Bridge and Seaton Valley Paddling Access) [See Map](#)

<https://fw.ky.gov/Fish/Pages/Monthly-Trout-Stocking.aspx>



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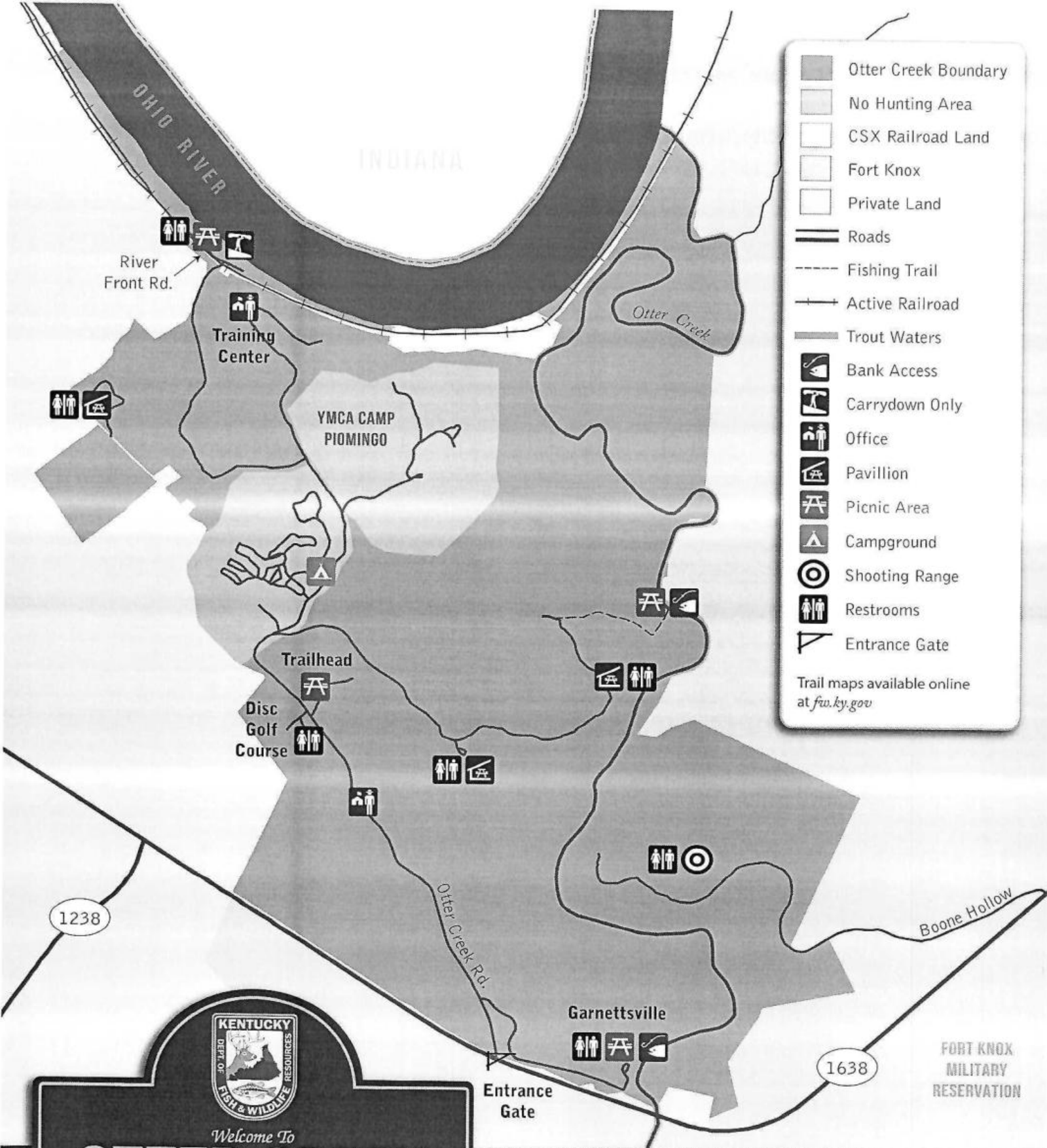
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1 inch = .225 miles

- Otter Creek Trail (hike & bike)
- Valley Overlook Trail (hike & bike)
- Connector Trails (hike & bike)
- Red Cedar Trail (horse & hike)
- Boone Hollow Trail (horse & hike)
- Otter Creek Trail, Red Cedar Trail and unimproved road (hike, bike, and horse)
- Red Cedar Trail and unimproved road to Ohio River (hike, bike, and horse)
- Red Cedar Trail Pine Grove section (hike, bike, and horse)
- Undesignated Trails (hike)




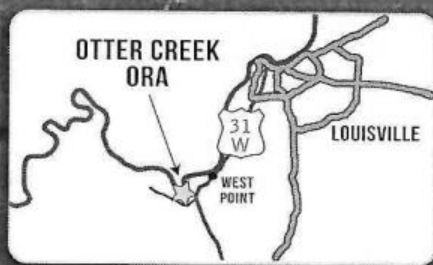
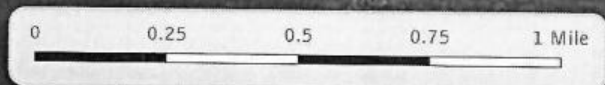
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- Otter Creek Boundary
 - No Hunting Area
 - CSX Railroad Land
 - Fort Knox
 - Private Land
 - Roads
 - Fishing Trail
 - Active Railroad
 - Trout Waters
 - Bank Access
 - Carrydown Only
 - Office
 - Pavillion
 - Picnic Area
 - Campground
 - Shooting Range
 - Restrooms
 - Entrance Gate
- Trail maps available online at fw.ky.gov


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CURRENT RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Fishing, hunting, hiking, horseback riding, wildlife watching, mountain bike riding, archery range, disc golf, geocaching and picnicking.
- Carry-down launch ramp at Ohio River for canoes, kayaks and small boats.
- Groups holding events of 30 people or more must apply in advance for an event permit.
- Motorized off-roading is not allowed on the area.

PLANNED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Campground for either primitive or RV camping; additional fees will apply.
- Rifle range.
- Check online at fw.ky.gov before your visit for current information.

FISHING

- Area includes five miles of Otter Creek and frontage along the Ohio River.
- Trout will be stocked in Otter Creek three times in the spring and a fourth time in October. State permit required to keep trout.
- A seasonal catch-and-release season for trout planned from October through the end of March.
- Anglers must possess a valid entry permit and have an appropriate fishing license and permit, if applicable.

HUNTING

- Spring squirrel hunting available under statewide season; see map for hunting locations.
- Hunters must possess a valid entry permit and have valid hunting licenses and permits, if applicable.
- Opportunities planned in fall for small game, furbearer, deer and turkey hunting.
- Quota firearm hunts planned for deer, in addition to separate archery and crossbow seasons.
- See the fall 2011 Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide (available in July) for more information.

ABOUT THE AREA

Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, located in Meade County just 30 minutes from downtown Louisville, offers spectacular vistas of the Ohio River and hunting, fishing and numerous other outdoor recreational opportunities. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources operates this 2,261-acre area for public use.

The area is open for general use Wednesday through Sunday from daylight to dark. Some facilities are under development. Visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov for the latest information about Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area.

ADMISSION FEES

- Children under 12 admitted free
- \$3 per person for daily entry permit
- \$30 per person for annual entry permit, available online

SPECIAL ACTIVITY FEES

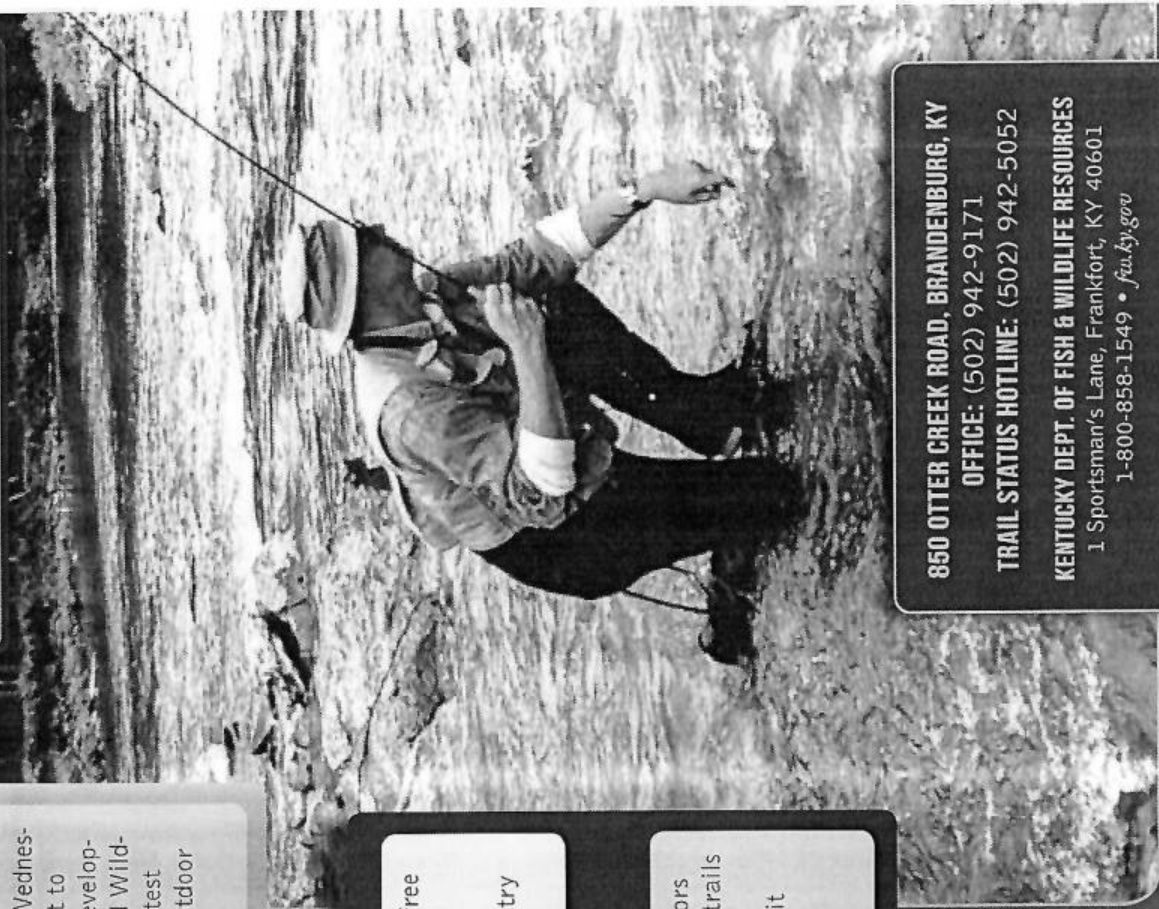
- Additional charge to all visitors for horse and mountain bike trails and shooting range
- \$7 per person for daily permit
- \$70 per person for annual permit, available online



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