

Park Hours

The park is open Sunday through Saturday on the following dates:

May 1 through September 18

8:00am—8:00pm

September 19 through October 31

8:00am—7:00pm

November 1 through April 30

9:00am—5:00pm

Note: Park is closed New Years Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Directions

The park is 3.4 miles off NC 150 Hwy on Boone's Cave Road.

Using I-85 North

Take I-85 to Exit 84 (NC 150 Hwy).
Turn left onto NC 150 Hwy.
Travel 5 miles on NC 150 Hwy.
Turn left onto Boone's Cave Road.

Using I-85 South

Take I-85 to Exit 84 (NC 150 Hwy).
Turn right onto NC 150 Hwy.
Travel 5 miles on NC 150 Hwy.
Turn left onto Boone's Cave Road.

Using NC 64 Hwy

Take NC 64 Hwy to NC 150 Hwy.
Travel 7.5 miles on NC 150 Hwy.
Turn right onto Boone's Cave Road.

For more information, contact:



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Boone's Cave Park

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The Story of Boone's Cave

In 1750, Squire Boone left Pennsylvania to bring his sizable family to the fertile Yadkin Valley of North Carolina. Among the group was his son, 16-year-old Daniel Boone. Local legend has long held that the Boones spent their first year in North Carolina at or near the site of the present day Boone's Cave Park. Popular local stories tell of Daniel Boone and perhaps his family using the cave above the river for various purposes.



Smaller of three caves near Yadkin River.

While no documentary evidence has yet been found supporting the contention that Daniel Boone ever lived in what is now the park, he undoubtedly roamed throughout this area during his early years in North Carolina. The legend of a Boone family presence in Davidson County is supported by several local names: Boone's Cave, Boone's Bottom, Boone's Ford, and Boone's Spring, along with later testimony of several local

people who said they had heard from their elders that the Boones had lived east of the Yadkin.

Boone's Cave Park has approximately 7.5 miles of trails which have maintained the same character from 200 years ago when backcountry settlers roamed this area—possibly Daniel Boone.

Yadkin Valley Settlers

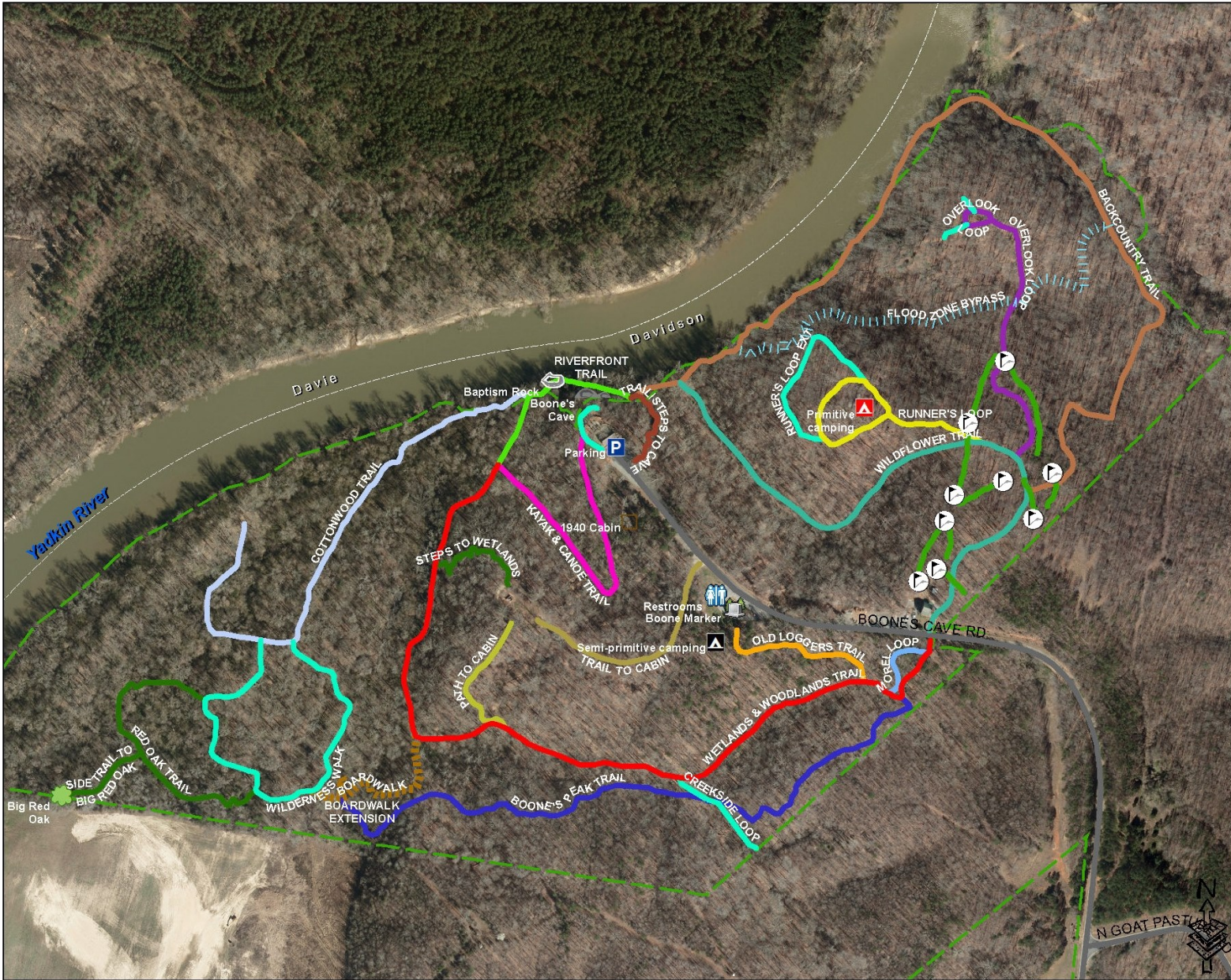
Most of North Carolina's first settlers came from a region around the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays in present day Maryland and Delaware.

The first settlers were attracted to the region by the words of writers like John Lawson, surveyor general of North Carolina, who wrote the Yadkin Valley is "a delicious country" because of its plentiful and fertile land.

When these settlers arrived they petitioned for land grants from Lord Granville and established homes. Log cabins were constructed with dirt floors and a hole in the roof for a fire pit rather than a stone floor and chimney. Of the only nails used were in the door.

Today, Boone's Cave Park provides the best example of what Boone and other first settlers found when they entered the Yadkin Valley.

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What to See

The park is over 100 acres and offers hiking trails through a secluded rolling forest of mixed hardwoods reminiscent of the North Carolina mountains. Forty-six acres of the park are designated as a Natural Heritage Site and are host to a number of wildflowers and trees normally found only in the Appalachian Mountains.

The park has a picnic shelter with a great view of the Yadkin River. Tables and grills are available. Steps provide access to the Yadkin River for fishing. A trail provides easy access to the river for kayaking or canoeing.

As you hike along the trails, be on the lookout for wildflowers and butterflies. One hundred native wildflowers and over 125 different varieties of butterflies have been identified.

Spend an afternoon playing disc golf on our new course!

Be sure to bring binoculars to catch a glimpse of our spring and fall migrant birds. These include Cedar Waxwing, Northern Parula, Yellow Rumped Warbler, and Brown Thrasher. Boone's Cave Park is also home to squirrels, raccoons, deer, wild turkeys, hawks, reptiles, and amphibians.

North Carolina's prized Eastern Cottonwood Tree (*Populus deltoids*), at 169 feet tall with a trunk circumference of 219 inches is located along the shore of the Yadkin River.

An old stone foundation and chimney still remain from a log cabin built in the 1940s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. This cabin served as a home for the park's caretaker during that time.

Should you need them, bathrooms and vending machines are located in the center of the park near the rose garden and flag pole.

Both semi-primitive and primitive campgrounds are available. Tent camping only. Prior to camping, please contact the park for availability at least two weeks prior. Camping is permitted seven days a week.

Trails

Difficulty: ■ Easy ■ Moderate ■ Advanced

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| ■ Back Country Trail — 0.60 mi. | ■ Boone's Peak Trail — 0.40 mi.
Steep, creek crossings, muddy areas. | ■ Morel Loop — 0.04 mi. | ■ Runner's Loop & Extension — 0.28 mi round trip. |
| ■ Boardwalk — 0.12 mi. | ■ Cottonwood Trail — 0.66 mi round trip. | ■ Old Logger's Trail — 0.09 mi. | ■ Wetlands & Woodlands Trail — 0.51 mi. |
| | ■ Creekside Loop — 0.12 mi round trip. | ■ Overlook Loop — 0.46 mi round trip. | ■ Wilderness Walk — 0.27 mi. |
| | ■ Kayak & Canoe Trail — 0.19 mi. | ■ Red Oak Trail — 0.23 mi. | ■ Wildflower Trail — 0.37 mi. |
| | | ■ Riverfront Trail — 0.10 mi. | Easy from top (main entrance). Moderate from river's edge. |