

Wilderness Road State Park

Home of historic
Martin's Station

“All America lies at the end of the Wilderness Road, and our past is not a dead past, but still lives in us. Our forefathers had civilization inside themselves, the wild outside. We live in the civilization they created, but within us the wilderness still lingers. What they dreamed, we live, and what they lived, we dream.”

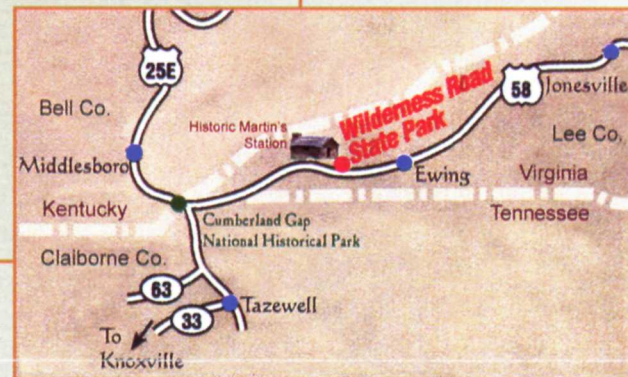
– T.K. Whipple, Author



Nestled at the base of the Cumberland Mountains in the southwest corner of Virginia, Wilderness Road State Park is home to this unique outdoor living history museum. The 200-acre state park has a new state-of-the-art visitor center featuring interpretive exhibits, a gift shop, and a theater showing the film “Wilderness Road; Spirit of a Nation.”

Other park facilities include a beautiful picnic area, three picnic shelters, a comfort station, a playground and the self-guided Indian Ridge Trail. The 1877 Karlan mansion, sitting majestically on the park grounds, is available for group functions.

The park also includes the Wilderness Road Trail, which roughly follows the route carved by Daniel Boone in April of 1775. The 10-mile hiking, biking and equestrian trail connects Wilderness Road State Park to Cumberland Gap National Historic Park.



Visitor Center

Wilderness Road State Park is on US Highway 58, five miles west of Ewing, Va., and seven miles east of Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, Middlesboro, Ky.

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*A living
history museum*

“Martin’s Fort was on Martin’s Creek. The fort was located on the north side of the creek. There were some five or six cabins; these built some 20 feet apart with strong stockades between. In these stockades there were port holes. The station contained about half an acre of ground. The shape was a parallelogram. There were two fine springs near the station on its north side.”

– Capt. John Redd, 1775

Established in the spring of 1775 by Captain Joseph Martin of Albemarle County, Virginia, Martin’s Station played a key role in the settlement of the American West.

Historic Martin’s Station lives on today in the nation’s most authentically re-created frontier fort. The hand-hewn structures were painstakingly built by historical interpreters using native materials and historically accurate tools.

Virginia’s frontier comes alive during the summer as costumed interpreters depict the lives of colonial frontiersmen.

