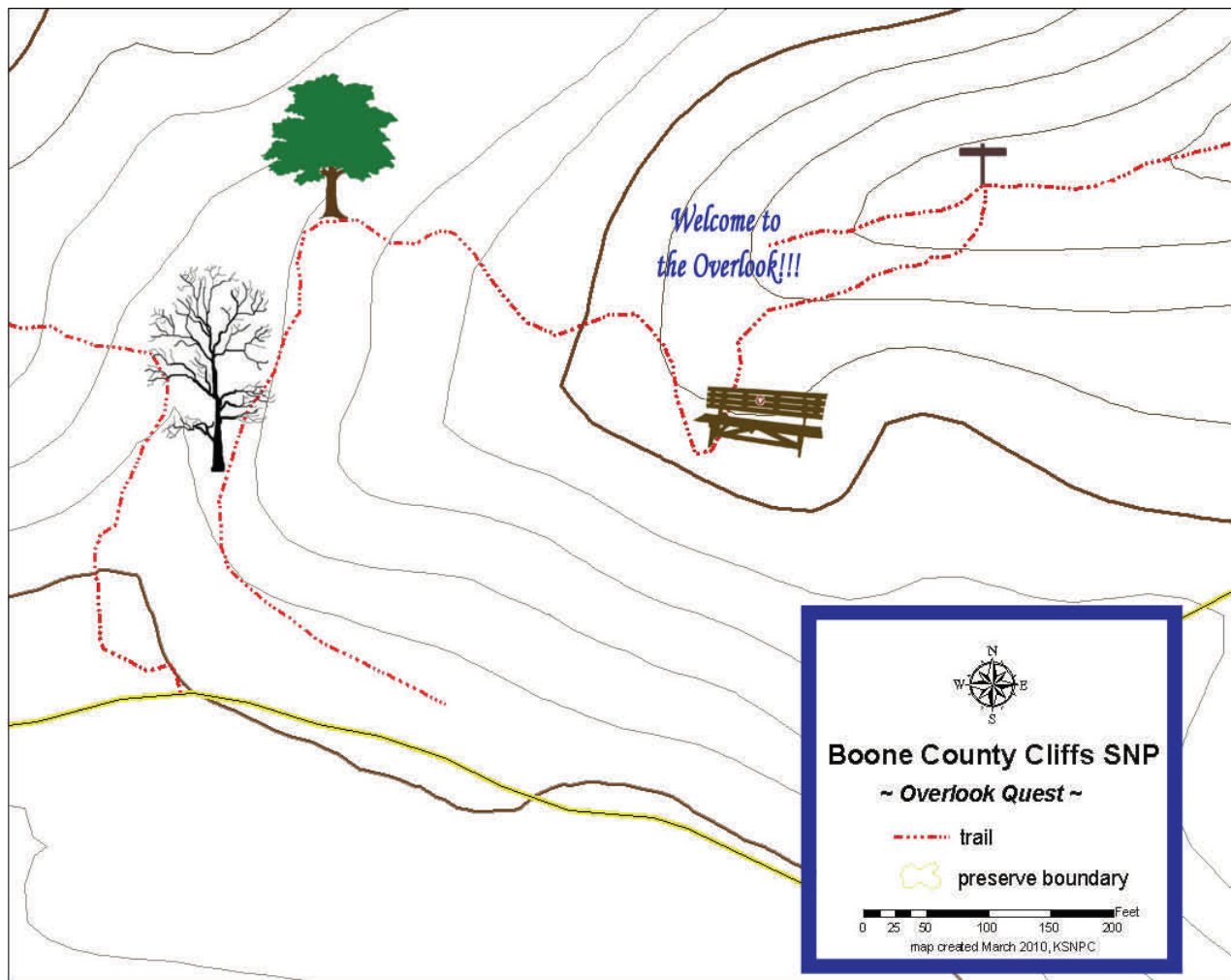


You're welcome to stay as long as you like,
Or go back to your house, or continue your hike!
The rest of the trail runs along a ridge
At the end of it you'll use the road for a bridge.
A mile and two-thirds is the distance you'll cover
if you walk the whole trail from one end to the other!



To get there: From the junction of I-75 and KY 18 near Florence, follow KY 18 west for 10.8 miles, then left on Middle Creek Road for 1.5 miles to gravel parking area on left side of road.



Kentucky Questing sites can be found across the Commonwealth. Go to <http://eeinkentucky.org> to find one near you.

Boone County Cliffs State Nature Preserve Kids Quest

Take your time
As you enjoy your Quest
The places you will see
Are some of our best!
As you begin
to walk around
Talk about the treasures
there are to be found!

Difficulty: easy to moderate
Walking Conditions: Hiking trail/Road bed
Type of Quest: nature
Ages: children

Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission
801 Schenkel Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601



Congratulations!
You've found a Quest!
We're so glad to have you here as our guest!
Set your feet upon this trail,
Follow the clues and you will not fail!

The very first thing for you to seek
Is standing tall on the left side of a creek.
You are getting close when you begin to hear
Trickling water somewhere near
Look across the bank for one, not four
It's a tree that is known as the Sycamore
It has a very distinctive mark
can you find its bright white bark?

Stop at the stairs and begin to count.
Sixteen steps you'll need to mount.
On your left you will see
A very large red oak tree!

On we go, this Quest is a cinch!
Now you're looking for a bench.
From community service good things sprout
Do you see something made by an Eagle Scout?

Up ahead on the trail you will find
A post in the ground that has a sign.
Either way you're allowed to go,
But there is something you should know.
To the left is a beautiful view.
It's not very far, the steps are quite few.
The trail itself goes on to the right
and hiking that way has some majestic sights.

Please take a left (with no buts, ands or ifs)
To see why this place is called Boone County Cliffs!

Welcome to the Overlook!!



What a great place to take a seat!
The view from here is awfully neat!
Please take your time, you're encouraged to dally.
What you're looking at is the "Enchanted Valley."

Across the way, cliffs can be seen.
They're easier to view when the leaves are not green.
The cliffs have a story told by their rocks,
And that's not just some crazy geology talk.

Look down at the rocks where you stand.
You might even want to put one in your hand.
Just be sure to leave it here when you're done,
So it can be seen by another someone.

Rocks like these are called 'conglomerate.'
Learn a big word like that, and you deserve a pat!
They are made up of pebbles concreted together,
Laid down here during some very cold weather.
Glaciers once almost reached this spot
And dumped out all the debris they had got
Mixed up with small rocks and debris that they carried.
Down here from Canada the material was ferried.

Exposed by erosion as the river cut through,
And that took an awfully long time to do!
How long, you might ask? 700 million years
And look at the beautiful cliffs that have appeared!

You've taken some time and enjoyed the view.
And perhaps even learned a thing or two.
If you are here during the spring,
We are asking for one thing
You've seen many trees standing like towers
On your way out, look down for wildflowers!

Which way you go next is quite up to you,
But as for this Quest, congrats! you are through!

