



At Cumberland Gap, the first great gateway to the west, follow the buffalo, the Native American, the longhunter, the pioneer... all traveled this route through the mountains into the wilderness of Kentucky. Historic buildings and sites throughout the park provide opportunities to take a close look at the events that shaped a region and a nation. 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. 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.

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