



## It's Hard to Keep a Secret

### Bear Track Lake Adventures Lee County, Kentucky

Sometimes, the best-kept secrets about natural spaces are not necessarily secret—they just aren't open to the public. Fred and Janice Austin sought to reveal their 14 acres of forestland and eight acres of lake in Lee County to a wider audience when they established Bear Track Lake Adventures in April 2011.

The couple's property is close to the Red River Gorge Geological Area and contains a named and registered arch. It also includes primitive camping, hiking trails and two luxury cabins for rent, one of which was built with the help of a MACED loan.

Now, the retired couple can supplement their income while sharing the beauty of their property with as many others as possible, and it will all contribute to the local economy, something else of which the Austins can be proud.

#### Development Impact

Outdoor Tourism

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