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**Gladie Visitor Center Offers Private Tours of Historic Cabin**

**Red River Gorge, KY** – FIND Outdoors and the managers of the Gladie Visitor Center deep in the heart of the Red River Gorge, is proud to offer visitors free private tours of the historic Ledford cabin every Saturday and Sunday during the month of June to showcase the amazing history of the Red River Gorge.

FIND Outdoors, a nonprofit based in Pisgah Forest, NC, began operations of Gladie in partnership with the US Forest Service in early 2022. FIND worked closely with the Daniel Boone Ranger District to update the center, which features exhibits, trail and forest information, and a spacious gift shop filled with Red River Gorge memorabilia. Also, in the area are picnic sites, several short hiking opportunities and access to numerous Recreation and Wilderness Areas with miles of outdoor activity at your fingertips.

With everything that Gladie has to offer, Managers Joey and Brittney Santiago see the Ledford cabin on the Gladie property, designated as a cultural and environmental learning center, a true gem of history and Kentucky culture that they are excited to share with the public.

“We came to Gladie knowing what a special and unique site this is,” Brittney Santiago commented, “the cabin is a living, breathing piece of history whose story is ready to be told again. We hope to be able to do justice to the legacy of the Ledford family and their connection to the Red River Gorge.”

The cabin, built around the 1880’s, is reminiscent of the pioneer days of old and is currently the oldest structure in the Red River Gorge. The area was farmed by the Ledford family, and went on to become a post office for the community that surrounded the Gladie Creek area. The Forest Service repaired the structure and decorated the cabin with period pieces of furniture and wares to accurately represent an Early-American settler’s home.

Tours will take place every Saturday and Sunday in June beginning at 3:00pm, where visitors simply take a short walk to the cabin and meet Joey Santiago on the front porch to talk about the fascinating history of the structure. From there, you’ll be invited to cross the threshold and imagine the life of a pioneer



family by exploring the interior of the cabin, hearing stories about life on a farm, and meandering around the property that held so many stories for generations. Participants are asked to wear close-toed shoes, and to leave pups at home for this particular experience to ensure the integrity of the site and cabin.

For more information about Gladie Visitor Center and upcoming tours and programs, please visit [www.gofindoutdoors.org/gladie](http://www.gofindoutdoors.org/gladie). Registration for Gladie Cabin tours is not required.

To learn more about FIND Outdoors, managed sites, our retail department, or how to start your adventure in the outdoors, please visit [www.gofindoutdoors.org](http://www.gofindoutdoors.org) and get...out there!

### **About FIND Outdoors**

FIND Outdoors, formerly the Cradle of Forestry in America Interpretive Association, is a 50-year old 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Pisgah Forest, NC. We serve over 900,000 visitors annually with a mission that promotes educational, recreational and interpretive opportunities about forest and water resources, natural history and the Cradle of Forestry in America. FIND Outdoors proudly manages campgrounds, visitor centers, sales outlets and educational facilities on five National Forests in North Carolina, Georgia, Indiana, and Kentucky, along with the Northwest Trading Post on the Blue Ridge Parkway. FIND accomplishes its mission by providing exceptional outdoor experiences through partnership opportunities for the health, safety and education of all visitors to local and regional public and private lands.