

Powell County, KY, USA CR1057 Sand Lick Road FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

What is CR [1057 Sand Lick Road](#)?

CR(County Road) [1057 Sand Lick Road](#) is a county road that exists in Powell County, KY. This county road has been recorded by the State Transportation Department and county road inventory as early as the 1920's.

(<http://www.uky.edu/KentuckyAtlas/maps/ghm1950/taylor-1950.tiff>)

It is presently in the county road inventory as well as on the 1999 State Transportation Department map.

(<http://www.uky.edu/KentuckyAtlas/maps/ghm1999/powell-1999.tiff>)

CR1057 Sand Lick Road is geographically the natural path to get from Sand Lick Hollow (South Fork) to Big Bend Ridge. There is no other way for safe passage due to the steep terrain, which presupposes thousands of years of travel over the course of time. CR1057 Sand Lick Road is truly a historic road.

How was CR1057 Sand Lick Road damaged and closed by the United States Forest Service?

In 2006, the USFS used heavy equipment to trench the entire Sand Lick Road from Big Bend through Pot Hollow. They did this in conjunction with the Sierra Club, the State Nature Preserves Commission, and Natural Bridge State Park. They did this without public comment and without verifying the county road status accurately. CR1057 Sand Lick Road was in the inventory then and was never removed as a county road.

Link to Sierra Club Newsletter describing the closure.

(<http://kentucky.sierraclub.org/newsroom/newsletter/pdf/news1006.pdf>)

What are the state statutes that govern county roads, particularly the ones that apply to CR1057 Sand Lick Road?

KRS 178.070 states the process the county must go through to remove a county road. Powell County has never gone through this process for CR1057 Sand Lick Rd.

<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/krs/178-00/070.PDF>

What constitutes a 'discontinued road' and how does that relate to CR1057 Sand Lick Road?

KRS178.001 states that if the county has maintained the road at any point within a three year period, it is not discontinued. Further, if the road serves a "public need", as in public passage and access, it is not discontinued. Powell County has maintained CR1057 Sand Lick Road with the last three years. The public travelled the road all the way up until the USFS illegally destroyed and closed the road.

<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/krs/178-00/116.PDF>

How was it determined that Powell County never discontinued CR [1057 Sand Lick Road](#)?

Judge Executive James Anderson reviewed each Fiscal Court meeting minutes records to ensure KRS 178.320 was followed. CR1057 Sand Lick Road was never removed or discontinued.

<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/krs/178-00/320.PDF>

Does the Nature Conservancy's tract of land nullify CR1057 Sand Lick Road?

No, per the Kentucky Chapter of the Nature Conservancy themselves, county roads remain even though the Nature Conservancy acquired the land.

(Kentucky Field Office Nature Conservancy, [642 W. Maint St. Lexington, KY 40508](#), [859-259-9655](#) or kentucky@tnc.org)

Does the fact that 'the narrows' or White's Branch Arch is along CR1057 Sand Lick Road bring about environmental concerns?

The United States Forest Service conducted environmental impact statements when they issued special use permits to past Jeep Jamboree Events and concluded that Off Highway Vehicle Use was an acceptable use of the forest roads.