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State Nature Preserves Closings *Trails considered unsafe due to ice storm*

FRANKFORT, KY – (February 5, 2009) – The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission announced today that several nature preserves will be closed until further notice due to trail hazards caused by the recent ice storm. Storm debris has made the trails impassable or dangerous to traverse.

The following is a list of the closed state nature preserves (SNP). Some are state park nature preserves (SPNP):

<u>Carter County</u> -	Bat Cave SPNP Cascade Caverns SPNP within Carter Caves State Park
<u>Greenup County</u> -	Jesse Stuart SNP
<u>Hardin County</u> -	Vernon-Douglas SNP
<u>Harrison County</u> -	Quiet Trails SNP
<u>Henderson County</u> -	John James Audubon SPNP
<u>Jefferson County</u> -	Beargrass Creek SNP Blackacre SNP
<u>Livingston County</u> -	Bissell Bluff SNP
<u>Logan County</u> -	Logan County Glade SNP
<u>McCracken County</u> -	Metropolis Lake SNP
<u>Powell County</u> -	Natural Bridge SPNP Pilot Knob SNP
<u>Rockcastle County</u> -	John B. Stephenson Memorial Forest SNP

The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission, its partners and volunteers will be working to clear these trails, but staff numbers are limited and the task will take time to complete. Please refer to the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission's website: www.naturepreserves.ky.gov to check the status of a preserve before visiting or contact the KSNPC office at (502) 573-2886 for more information.