Directions to Robinson Forest
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To start with, here are a couple of maps to get you oriented to where you're going:
From Lexington, take I-64 East about 16 miles and turn off on to the Mountain Parkway. Drive 42.5 miles to Exit 43 (the KY 15/Campton/Hazard exit); the road turns toward Campton from the right-hand lane and Campton itself is 1.1 miles further along on Route 15. (The only rest stop on the Mountain Parkway is at the Slade rest stop near Natural Bridge, so plan accordingly.) Don’t stop at Campton, this is just an intermediate landmark.

From the stop light in Campton, drive about 28.1 miles on Route 15 until you reach State Highway 476. You will pass through Jackson and then past Quicksand before you reach this turn. There are a couple of landmarks you will pass along the way:

You will pass the Jackson Village Shopping Center at 19.9 miles from Campton, and UK’s Robinson Experiment Station at Quicksand is 1.2 miles further along on your right. The entrance to Quicksand is distinctive because of the Robinson Center sign located off of Hwy 15. Keep driving – you have another 7 miles to go before you reach route 476!

Entrance to the Robinson Experiment Station at Quicksand – Don’t turn off here!
When you reach the community of Lost Creek, you will see this (closed) gas station on your right. You’ll be turning left onto KY-476 just after you pass this:

Here’s a photograph taken just past the gas station. Notice the string of flashing yellow lights strung across the road where you turn left. Also, there are small brown signs for the Paul Van Booven and Robinson Forest WMA (Wildlife Management Areas) just below the signs for the Marie Roberts School and the Home Place Clinic – follow the signs and turn left onto State Highway 476 here!

Turn left at this intersection
When you have driven 11.2 miles look for a small brick house on the far side of the intersection (also on the left hand side). There’s another small brown sign for the Robinson Forest WMA on the left; turn left at this intersection.

You will then be crossing a concrete bridge that goes over Troublesome Creek. (If you haven’t been here since about 2002, this used to be a wooden bridge.) The roadway follows Little Buckhorn Creek.
The concrete bridge onto Little Buckhorn Rd.

From this point on the roads are narrow and windy, so please drive carefully. This road will continue for about 4.2 miles. Near the end, you will see a brown sign on the right-hand side announcing that you are entering the Robinson Forest Wildlife Management area, and the road (paved until now) will turn into a dirt/gravel road. Drive past the gate for just another 0.5 mile and you will see the Robinson Forest camp buildings on your left. Parking will be past the camp buildings in the gravel lot marked “visitor parking” adjacent to a garbage dumpster.

Entrance to Robinson Forest, continue 0.5 miles.

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