

# CASCADE CAVE

( MUST PURCHASE TICKETS > 15 MINS BEFORE TOUR STARTS )

TICKETS SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER,  
SALES STOP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO TOUR TIME.

ALL TOURS BEGIN AT CASCADE CAVE.  
LOCATED 3.6 MILES FROM THE WELCOME CENTER.  
(Driving directions below.)  
TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED.

Cascade Cave is one of the largest caves to be found in Carter County. Visitors often remark on its large passageways and on the grandeur of its formations. The walking tour will bring visitors through the “heart” of the cave – Cascade Cave, through a cave collapse valley into North Cave, and before departing – over to a 30+ ft. underground waterfall. While on a tour visitors can hope to learn about the cave’s geologic formations, cave ecology, and some local history.

## Cascade Cave tours available year-round.

(Dress according to weather conditions outdoors.)

Monday—Friday: 10:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m.

Saturday—Sunday: 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.  
2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.

### WALKING DISTANCE

& DIFFICULTY: 3/4 mile, 225 stair steps, some stooping

DURATION: About 75 minutes

TEMPERATURE: 30-50 degrees (variable)

ADMISSION: Adults (13+ yrs.) - \$10.00

Children (3 - 12 yrs.) - \$6.00

2 yrs. & under - FREE

### DIRECTIONS TO CASCADE CAVE

Cascade Cave is appx. 3.6 miles from the Welcome Center. Leave main parking lot, turn left. At the park entrance turn right onto Rt. 182. In appx. 1.6 miles you will turn right onto Rt. 209. Cascade Cave parking lot will be located appx. 0.6 miles on the left.

# X CAVE

( SUGGEST PURCHASING TICKETS > 15 MINS BEFORE TOUR STARTS )

TICKETS SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER.

ALL TOURS BEGIN IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER.

X Cave is comprised of two narrow, vertical joint-passageways. These passageways differ so that it seems as if you are walking through two separate geologic creations rather than a singular cave. While inside visitors will learn of the cave’s geologic formations, cave ecology, and some local history.

## X Cave tours available year-round.

(Dress according to weather conditions outdoors.)

Monday—Friday: 1:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.

Saturday—Sunday: 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.

### WALKING DISTANCE

& DIFFICULTY: 1/4 mile, 75 stair steps, some stooping

DURATION: About 45 minutes

TEMPERATURE: 30-50 degrees (variable)

ADMISSION: Adults (13+ yrs.) - \$8.00

Children (3 - 12 yrs.) - \$5.00

2 yrs. & under - FREE

# HORN HOLLOW CAVE

( SELF-GUIDED CAVE EXPLORATION )

PERMIT REQUIRED - PERMITS GIVEN OUT AT THE WELCOME CENTER

Horn Hollow Cave is one of two self-guided cave exploration opportunities available at Carter Caves. To enter this cave visitors must first obtain a permit (free) from the Welcome Center. Permits for Horn Hollow are available year-round, however, issuance is weather dependent. **REQUIREMENTS:** visitors must have at least one other person in their group, wear closed toe shoes, and provide their own working flashlight (cell phones cannot be used as a light source). More information available at the Welcome Center. —Laurel Cave will open in May.

# 2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

March 30 - April 1: Easter Weekend Getaway

April 21: Wildflower Pilgrimage

April 27 - 29: Campers Appreciation Weekend

May 5: Smoky Bridge On-Rope Adventure

July 23 - 29: Pioneer Life Week

September 5 - 8: Fraley Festival

October 5-6, 12-13, 19-20: Haunted Trail

October 26-27: Halloween Campout

November 2 & 3: Murder Mystery Weekend

## Cave-In Movie Dates (2018):

May 27 - June 23 - July 14,  
August 11 - September 2 - October 26

## Tygart’s Creek Paddle Excursions (2018):

April: 14th - 21st - 29th  
May: 2nd - 6th - 12th

For information about cave tours or events please call:

OFFICE OF INTERPRETATION  
(606) 286-7009

For lodging and additional park info. please call:

LEWIS CAVELAND LODGE  
(606) 286-4411



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# White-Nose Syndrome & Cave Tours

White-Nose Syndrome (WNS) is a disease that is killing 70-100% of hibernating bats in infected caves. WNS does not have any effect on humans, livestock, or, pets. WNS was first noted in some caves across the park in February 2013.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Do not wear the shoes, clothing, or carry objects that you had with you while on a cave tour at Carter Caves into another cave system outside of Carter Caves area. This may prevent spreading the disease to a new location.

## PROHIBITED ON CAVE TOURS

Because of the possibility of WNS contamination, the following are *prohibited on cave tours*:

- ⇒ **Pets** (service animals allowed)
- ⇒ **Bags** of ANY type - including purses, fanny packs, diaper bags, camera cases, backpacks etc.  
Bags containing necessary medical supplies ARE permitted.

## REQUIRED POST-TOUR DECONTAMINATION PROTOCOL


All CCSRP cave tour participants will be *required* to participate in a post-tour WNS decontamination procedure. This procedure will insure that the bottom of both shoes of each participant are treated with a mixture of Lysol and water. This process has been proven to help prevent the spread of the spores which cause WNS.

**NOTE:** Please review these *required* post-tour procedures before the purchase of any cave tour tickets.

**NO REFUNDS** are issued for cave tour tickets.

## CAVER'S CREED

TAKE NOTHING BUT PICTURES  
KILL NOTHING BUT TIME  
LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(cave tours)

- ◆ Guided cave tours are led by trained Interpretive Staff Members.
- ◆ Cave tours are unscripted, varying from one tour guide to the next. Topics generally covered include history, geology, cave ecology, etc.
- ◆ Conditions within each cave vary daily. To be best prepared visitors should dress according to the weather conditions outside. Most visitors prefer wearing a light jacket while on tours.
- ◆ Comfortable walking shoes with good tread are recommended. Avoid flip-flops and other low-tread shoes as some surfaces may be wet/slick.
- ◆ The following are prohibited on ALL CAVE TOURS:
  - ◆ - food, drinks, snacks, etc.
  - ◆ - strollers, wagons, etc.
  - ◆ - bags of any type (including camera bags, backpacks, purses, luggage, etc.)
  - ◆ - the use of tobacco products (including smoking, smokeless, and vapor)
  - ◆ - pets (service animals allowed)

## GROUP SCHEDULING

Organizations with large groups of people (20+ individuals) may schedule privately led cave tours or activities through the Office of Interpretation. Call us today at (606) 286-7009 to find out what activities we offer that will best suite the needs of your group.

Rates and availability will vary.

**\$100 minimum for all private programming.**

Lodging, dining, venue reservations, and other group scheduling needs can be met by our Group Sales Coordinator. Ph. (606) 286-7004

## CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK

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## CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK

## CAVE TOUR SCHEDULE

March 26 — May 25, 2018

(Spring)



Founded in 1946, Carter Caves State Resort Park is home to an expansive system of natural caves. Some of these caves are open to the public for viewing and exploration at various times throughout the year.

Look inside this schedule for tour descriptions, tour times, and prices!

Visitors may purchase cave tour tickets inside of the Gift Shop at the Welcome Center. Tickets are sold by day—there are no reservations or advance sales.

Cave tour tickets are non-refundable.

### Carter Caves - Important Phone Numbers

Front Desk:	(606) 286-4411
Welcome Center:	(606) 286-7010
Office of Interpretation:	(606) 286-7009

TOUR SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE