



# Carter Caves

## State Resort Park



April 17 - 19, 2015

# WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE



Nature enthusiasts step outside and enjoy the natural wonders of Carter Caves on this weekend.

The ridges and valleys around the park are known for a large diversity of tree species, birds and blooming spring wildflowers. Enjoy guided hikes, van tours, canoe trips, and workshops that will get you up close to many of these natural attractions found at Carter Caves. Sign-ups for specific field trips will be done during on-site registration on Friday evening or Saturday morning of the event weekend.

### Camping Will Be Available.



For camping reservations call 888-459-7275.

### WORKSHOP PACKAGE

Admission to field trips and workshops Friday night through Sunday morning. Sign up for individual field trips will be done onsite.

**\$15/adult 13yrs. & up**  
**\$10/child 6-12yrs.**

### WORKSHOP & LODGING PACKAGE

Admission to all workshop programs Friday night - Sunday morning and two nights lodging in Lewis Caveland Lodge.

**\$154.<sup>95</sup> + tax for one adult** (single occupancy room)

**\$169.<sup>95</sup> + tax for two adults** (double occupancy Room)



Breakfast: 7 a.m.-10 a.m.  
Lunch: 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Dinner: 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

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## **FRIDAY APRIL 17, 2015**

### **Friday Early Bird Trip 3:00 P.M.**

**(sign up at front desk of the lodge upon arrival to the park)**

**A WILDFLOWER, GEO/ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND ETHNOBOTANICAL TRIP THROUGH THE ANCIENT PAST OF CARTER CAVES - (Led by Matt Maley)** We will travel east of the lodge on the Blue Trail and see the six Carter Caves Sandstone outcrops that contain rock shelters used by Indians hundreds to thousands of years ago. A number of wildflowers are present on this trail. From there we will follow the Rockhouse Trail and see the massive sandstone cliffs and stand in the actual places where ancient people camped and marveled at the beauty and serenity of the Neolithic past. Then we will pass down into Wood Hen Hollow which is lined with ferns and a large variety of wildflowers common to Carter Caves. Many of the wildflowers are unique to this environment and soil condition. The trip will cross over and then under the largest "karst" arch in Kentucky (now called Smokey Bridge) where we will see the very unusual water resurgence channel and cave formed by the underground stream. The trip then loops back to the Lodge where we will see fossil evidence of the Mississippian Era Ocean in the rocks which make up the walls, steps and building facing (this trip is repeated on Sunday morning).

*Meets in Lodge lobby; no transportation required; limit 15; hike distance about 1 mile; duration about 1.5 hrs.*

### **Friday Early Bird Trip 4:30 P.M.**

**(sign up at front desk of the lodge upon arrival to the park)**

**SPRING TIME AND FEATHERED FRIENDS - (led by Rick Mauro)** Birds are fascinating, intriguing, and exhibit beautiful colors (especially the males). Do you love to watch birds? Do you wish you could identify some of the birds that live near you? If so, this field trip will teach basic identification along with vocal songs and calls. Spring brings many migrating warblers to Carter Caves. Join Rick Mauro, Wildlife Biologist for KY Division of Fish and Wildlife, for this excursion. It will definitely give you some basic birding techniques that will help you become a better birder. It is suggested you bring your own binoculars, a bird identification book, wear comfortable shoes, quiet clothing, a hat and sunscreen. Not recommended for young children.

*Meets in front of the Welcome Center; transportation required to Welcome Center; limit 15; hike distance 1 mile.*

### **Field Trip Registration (6:00-8:00pm) Lobby of Lodge**

### **Friday Night Program 8:00 P.M.**

**BASICS OF BOTANY - (presented by Channing Richardson)** We all enjoy seeing the flowering plants emerge from the ground in the spring of the year. Many of us know how to identify them by their flowers and their foliage. Tonight you will be introduced to how plants work and how they are put together. Join us in the FIELDS FACILITY of the lodge for this presentation that will show off some of the beautiful wildflowers you may see at Carter Caves this weekend.

## **SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2015**

### **Field Trip Registration (8:30 - 9:30 a.m.) Lobby of Lodge**

### **Saturday Morning Field Trips 9:30 A.M.**

**A VISIT TO CASCADE - (led by John Tierney)** The Cascade area, best known for its cave, also has a 3/4-mile loop trail that passes some of the most unusual geologic features in the park. Cascade Natural Bridge, Box Canyon, and the Wind Tunnel are just some of the names of features that you will see. If there is time, the group may also visit an overlook of the Tygart's Creek Gorge. The trail is steep and rough in places, but is well worth the effort. The group will meet at the Welcome Center and from there, we will motorcade 3 1/2 miles to the area.

*Meets at the Welcome Center; transportation required; limit 20; hike distance 1 mile.*

**FOLLOW AN ANCIENT ABORIGINAL PATH IN SEARCH OF WILDFLOWERS AND OTHER PLANTS USED BY NATIVE PEOPLE AND EARLY VISITORS TO THE AREA - (led by Matt Maley)** We will follow an ancient path that tracks along the Cave Branch Creek to discover the many wildflowers and other plants that offer a look back into the history of when Native peoples and pioneers traveled through this area. There are more species and numbers of wildflowers in this area than in many other parts of the park. Many of the plants we will see were used for a variety of purposes by the Indians and settlers of this region. We will be passing through an Archaeological Zone where the Indians visited and camped to obtain the numerous resources of the area. Additional evidence of the use of these local resources was discovered in 2010 during an archaeological excavation at the current location of the horse camp. We will look at some of the ancient artifacts in the Cave Branch Creek. In addition, we will look into the west (back) entrance to Bat Cave where legend indicates that Indians and pioneers met and probably camped in what is called the "bedroom" passage or section of the cave.

*Meets at lodge lobby; transportation required; limit 15; hike distance less than 1.5 mile (round trip). Allow about 2.5 hours which includes driving time.*

## **Saturday Morning Field Trips 9:30 A.M. (continued)**

**FERNS OF CARTER CAVES – (led by Alexia Callihan)** With a total of 48 fern species, Carter Caves State Resort Park has the highest fern species richness of the surrounding area. This hike will showcase some of the most common ferns of the area as well as some uncommon and possibly rare species. Join in this mild to sometimes moderate trek through Horn Hollow and other fern-rich areas of the park. A hand lens (jeweler's loop) or a strong magnifying glass is suggested for study of morphological features but is not required. Experience the beauty and diversity of unfurling fern fronds alongside blossoming spring wildflowers throughout the park.

*Meets at the Welcome Center; transportation required to Welcome Center; limit 15; hike distance approximately 2 miles.*

**TREE IDENTIFICATION - (led by Vanessa Stevens)** Trees are found almost everywhere you go, whether you live in an urban or rural area you will always be able to find different tree species. Identifying trees is fun and sometimes challenging especially during the winter when they lose their leaves. We will be identifying tree species by leaf shape, tree growth form, bark, & twig characteristics. The terrain can range from easy to difficult.

*Meets in lodge lobby; transportation required; limit 20, hike distance 1 mile.*

**VAN WILDFLOWER EXCURSION - (led by Sam Plummer)** This trip is designed to get you to some beautiful areas without much hiking or at least mainly flat land hiking which is hard to find in Eastern KY. We will load up in the van at the lodge and head to some choice locations with lots of blooms along the beautiful Tygart Creek. You might get to see some Virginia Bluebells in flower along the creek. Then we will drive you to a higher elevation above Creeks Gorge and take a walk in an area that is rich in sandstone cliff sides, rhododendron and forest woods filled with blooming wildflowers.

*Meets at the lodge; no transportation required; limit 10; hike distance 1 mile.*

**"WILDFLOWERS, LICHENS & MOSS - OH MY" – (led by Doug Wood)** Carter Caves is well known for its diversity in wildflowers and other plants. This hike is new to Wildflower Weekend! During this hike we will see many of those beautiful blooming flowers, ferns and even trees. Most folks don't pay much attention to the abundance of different mosses and lichens that can be found growing on the ground, on rocks, and on trees within the forest. Doug will point out many different species of each during this hike. You will also get a chance to see the park's largest sandstone arch, Fern Bridge. This hike will include multiple stone steps to get you above and below fern bridge and some other hilly terrain but is well worth it.

*Meets at the Lodge; limit 20; transportation to the cottage area required; hike distance approximately 1.5 miles.*

## **Saturday Afternoon Field Trips 1:30 P.M.**

**BACK COUNTRY FLOWER FORAY - (led by John Tierney)** This hike will start at the Welcome Center and cover a small section of the Carter Caves Cross Country Trail. We will jump off the trail onto the old county road and take note of the bountiful flowering plants in this valley along the roadside and back through the playground area to the Welcome Center. This is a relatively easy hike just over a mile long and we have the opportunity to see a profusion of spring wildflowers.

*Meets at the Welcome Center; transportation to Welcome Center required; limit 20; hike distance 1.25 miles.*

**MEDICINAL & EDIBLE PLANTS –18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY LORE – (led by Dianne Anestis)** Weather permitting, participants will take an easy-to-moderate walk along the Natural Bridge Trail to see some beautiful blooming flowers and to learn about native plant uses from our past. Some of these remedies are still used in various forms today, and some have been described by modern science to have undesirable effects with better alternatives available. This walk is designed for participants to gain an appreciation of early herbalists' knowledge and experimentation, but it is not a 'do it yourself' course. Distance ~1/2 mile with steps (optional) and a possible creek crossing. Frequent stops for discussion and to admire Natural Bridge, the entrance to Bat Cave, and the wildflowers.

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*Meets at the lodge; no transportation required; limit 10; hike distance 1 mile.*

## **Saturday Afternoon Field Trips 1:30 P.M. (continued)**

**SMOKY LAKE CANOE EXCURSION - (led by Coy Ainsley)** This is a leisurely-paced canoe trip on the park's 45-acre lake and a short section of Smoky Creek. We will portage and either take a walk along a section of the 4c's trail into a cove that is rich in wildflowers or we will portage at the dam and take a short walk to see Tygart Creek and an abundance of Virginia Bluebells in bloom. It is possible we will have to cross a section of Smoky Creek by foot, depending on the water levels you may get your feet wet. We provide canoes, paddles and life vests. We recommend you bring bottled water, sunscreen, sunglasses or a hat. Participants 15 & under must be accompanied by an adult. Participants must weigh at least 50 pounds to go on the trip. Assistance with loading and unloading the canoes will be required.

*Meets at the Welcome Center; Limit 14; a one mile drive to the lakefront may be required.*

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*Meets at the lodge; limit 20; transportation to the cottage area required; hike distance approximately 1.5 miles.*

## **Saturday Night Program 8:00 P.M.**

**SLIDE SHOW "CRITTERS NEED PLANTS TOO" – (led by Dianne Anestis)** Today we saw many different plants learned about their different characteristics and human uses of plants through time. This slide show will introduce you to why plants are so important to the existence of many living organisms from insects to animals found at Carter Caves.

*Meets in the fields facility of the lodge; duration 1 hour.*

## **SUNDAY APRIL 19, 2015**

### **Sunday Morning Field Trips 9:30 A.M.**

**A GEO/ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND ETHNOBOTANICAL TRIP THROUGH THE ANCIENT PAST OF CARTER CAVES - (led by Matt Maley)** We will go back to the days when Aboriginal visitors (the Indians) roamed these hills and visit many of the rock shelters where they lived on a seasonal basis. We will see the abundant wildflowers that line the Raven, Rockhouse, and Three Bridges trails and consider the geology that makes this area somewhat unique. Some of the wildflowers here are different than those observed in other parts of the park. We will stand in the actual places where ancient people camped and marveled at the beauty and serenity of the Neolithic past. The trip will cross over and then under the largest "karst" arch in Kentucky where we will see the very unusual water resurgence channel and cave formed by the underground stream. The trip then takes us back to the lodge where we will see fossil evidence of the Mississippian Era ocean in the rocks which make up the walls, steps and building facing (this trip covers some of the area covered during the Friday afternoon trip plus additional and different areas). *Meets in lodge lobby; no transportation required; limit 16; hike distance less than 1 mile. 1hr*

**A TRIP THROUGH HORN HOLLOW - (led by John Tierney)** This 2-mile trek over hilly terrain provides the opportunity to see a profusion of spring wildflowers. This remote area has beautiful streams emerging from caves and the opportunity to see an abundance of wildlife.

*Meets at the Welcome Center; transportation to Welcome Center required; limit 20; hike distance 2 miles.*

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*Meets at the Welcome Center; transportation required; limit 15; hike distance approximately 1.5 miles.*

**Mark your Calendar: APRIL 22-24, 2016: Wildflower Weekend**

## Sunday Morning Field Trips 9:30 A.M. (continued)

**MEDICINAL & EDIBLE PLANTS –18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY LORE – (led by Dianne Anestis)** Weather permitting, participants will take an easy-to-moderate walk along the Natural Bridge Trail to see some beautiful blooming flowers and to learn about native plant uses from our past. Some of these remedies are still used in various forms today, and some have been described by modern science to have undesirable effects with better alternatives available. This walk is designed for participants to gain an appreciation of early herbalists' knowledge and experimentation, but it is not a 'do it yourself' course. Distance ~1/2 mile with steps (optional) and a possible creek crossing. Frequent stops for discussion and to admire Natural Bridge, the entrance to Bat Cave, and the wildflowers. *Meet at the Welcome Center; transportation required to Welcome Center; limit 20; hike distance 1/2 mile.*

**SPRING TIME AND FEATHERED FRIENDS - (led by Scott Freidhof )** Birds are fascinating, intriguing, and exhibit beautiful colors (especially the males). Do you love to watch birds? Do you wish you could identify some of the birds that live near you? If so, this field trip will teach basic identification along with vocal songs and calls. With spring, it brings many migrating warblers to Carter Caves. Join Scott with the Kentucky Division of Fish and Wildlife for this excursion. It will definitely give you some basic birding techniques that will help you become a better birder. It is suggested you bring your own binoculars, a bird identification book, wear comfortable shoes, quiet clothing, a hat and sunscreen. Not recommended for young children. *Meets in front of the lodge; no transportation required; limit 15; hike distance 1 mile.*

**TYGART CREEK PADDLE EXCURSION (additional \$20 Fee per person) (led by Coy Ainsley & Channing Richardson)** This is a 6-mile canoe excursion that navigates you down Tygart Creek which cuts Kentucky's most scenic limestone gorge. You will be on the creek for about 4 hours. The park will provide canoes, paddles, life vest, transportation shuttle from the Welcome Center and guides for your trip down the creek. Participants should have some paddle experience before signing up for this trip. Along the way we will see high cliff sides and the natural beauty the spring has to offer. We will stop for lunch and check out the floodplain for some blooming flowers. Required equipment includes; the correct attire for cool weather paddling, a complete change of clothes, sack lunch, bottled water and a dry bag for your supplies. Limited space available, pre-registration is required. A minimum of 8 people need to sign up for the trip to be a go. This trip can be canceled due to high/low water levels and/or extreme weather conditions. *Meets at the Welcome Center; limit 14; transportation to and from the creek provided.*

**VAN WILDFLOWER EXCURSION - (led by Sam Plummer)** This trip is designed to get you to some beautiful areas without much hiking or at least mainly flat land hiking which is hard to find in Eastern KY. We will load up in the van at the lodge and head to some choice locations with lots of blooms along the beautiful Tygart Creek. You might get to see some Virginia Bluebells in flower along the creek. Then we will drive you to a higher elevation above Creeks Gorge and take a walk in an area that is rich in sandstone cliff sides, rhododendron and forest woods filled with blooming wildflowers. *Meets at the lodge; no transportation required; limit 10; hike distance 1 mile.*

# CARTER CAVES 2015 EVENTS

**APRIL 24 - 25: Campers Appreciation Weekend** This weekend has been set aside as a special weekend for campers. Those camping this weekend will get two nights camping for the price of one. Special rates will apply to campers for mini-golf and cave tours. Some of the possible recreation programs include a nature hike, Smoky Lake canoe trip, glowing mini golf, tie dye t-shirt program, homemade ice cream social, and much more. To help show our appreciation, campers can enjoy a free hot dog lunch on Saturday at the Recreation Shelter.

**MAY 2: Smoky Bridge High Line Ride** A zip-line over 200 feet long will be stretched across the gorge down behind the lodge. We will strap you in for you to take a ride to remember as you drop 40 feet in elevation and cruise by the park's largest natural arch, Smoky Bridge. Make sure you bring your cameras for there will be some great photo opportunities. For your safety and comfort, there is a weight limit of 250 lbs, however you must also fit in the harness per manufactures' safety guidelines. Tickets cost \$15/person. Riders get one ride per ticket. Limited tickets available. Tickets go on sale Monday April 20th at the front desk of the LODGE or by calling 800-325-0059. Follow signs from the lobby to the attraction site after you pick up your tickets from the front desk of lodge.

**APRIL 26, MAY 9: Tygart Creek Paddle Excursions** This is a 6-mile canoe or kayak trip that navigates you down Tygart Creek which cuts Kentucky's most scenic limestone gorge. You will be on the creek for about 3.5 hours. The park will provide canoes, paddles, life vest, transportation shuttle from the Welcome Center and guides for your trip down the creek. The park does not have kayaks, although paddlers have the option to bring their own kayak for the trip. Participants should have some paddle experience before signing up for these trips. Along the way we will see high cliff sides and the natural beauty that the spring has to offer. We will also take a side trip into one of Kentucky's largest natural limestone tunnels. Required equipment includes; the correct attire for cool weather paddling, a complete change of clothes, treaded footwear, flashlight (for natural tunnel visit), sack lunch, bottled water and a dry bag for your supplies. The cost is \$25 per person. Limited space available, pre-registration is required. Call the Recreation Department to Register. Participants meet at the Welcome Center at 9:30am. We will load your kayaks on our trailer at the Welcome Center then head for the put in point. This trip can be canceled due to high/low water levels and/or extreme weather conditions.

**MAY 10 & JUNE 13: Grayson Lake Paddle Trip** Grayson lake is a cliff-lined reservoir that is absolutely beautiful. Considered by some as the most aesthetically pleasing paddle within 75 miles of this area. This is approximately a 7-mile loop canoe or kayak trip on flat water. The park does not have kayaks, although paddlers have the option to bring their own kayak for the trip. We will meet at Carter Caves State Resort Park's Welcome Center and take about a 40-minute commute to the launch area. From there we will be on the water for about 4-5 hours. We will find a nice rock outcrop and stretch our legs and take a lunch break. Canoes, paddles, and life vests will be provided along with transportation to and from the put in and a guide or two to top it all off. If you plan to bring your own kayak please make this known when registering for the trip. This trip can be canceled due to extreme weather conditions. Equipment suggestions include sunscreen, hat, camera, lunch, water, and a dry bag to put your equipment in. The cost is \$35 per person. The trip will meet at the **Carter Caves State Resort Park Welcome Center** at 9:00 a.m. Limited space is available and you must call the park at 1-800-325-0059 to pre-register.

**MAY 15 - 16 & September 25-26: Horsin' Around at the Caves** We are inviting the horseback riding community to come out and join other riders this weekend and enjoy the spring beauty while riding trails at Carter Caves. Camp with us in the horse campground on Friday night and only pay half price for Saturday night's stay. Make your reservations for these sites at the campground or the lodge. You must be camping with horses to be a part of this event. Call [606-286-4411](tel:606-286-4411) for more information or to reserve your site.

**JULY 20 – 26: Pioneer Life Week** During a week dedicated to the Revolutionary War, The War of 1812, and the settlement of lands around the Ohio River, re-enactors, musical entertainment and many historical programs bring this rich heritage back to life. The pioneer camp is open from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Saturday and 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Historical programs are scheduled daily throughout the week including tomahawk throwing, black powder rifle demonstrations, spinning and weaving demonstrations, 18<sup>th</sup> century poultry care, primitive fire making, atlatl demonstrations, pioneer clothing interpretation and other living history skill demonstrations. County Fair Day is on Saturday, which includes displays of flint knapping, old time machinery, woodcarving, 18th Century Naturalist and Pioneer Food. We will also have a pie auction, pioneer games, tomahawk throwing and finish off with a homemade ice cream social.

**SEPTEMBER 9 - 12: Fraley Festival of Traditional Music** Traditional musical instruments such as the dulcimer, fiddle and guitar are used to tell stories about a life long ago along the foothills of Eastern Kentucky. The music at the Fraley Festival has not been confined to any one type. Folk, old-time, western, western swing, early country, and others are played on a regular basis at the festival. There are all sorts of musical configurations, from family bands or husband and wife duets, to people playing on stage who just met each other a few minutes ago in the parking lot. Wednesday night is a free "jamming in the round" session at the Recreation Shelter House in the campground. Concerts will be held in the Park Amphitheatre on Thursday evening, Friday afternoon & evening, and Saturday afternoon & evening. Concert fees range from \$4-\$10. A \$25 weekend pass is available which admits you to all the concerts and jam sessions. For more information visit the event website at [www.fraleyfestival.com](http://www.fraleyfestival.com)

**SEPTEMBER 26: Tygart Gorge and Arches Hike** After a short shuttle provided by the park, we will trek from the high elevations above down into a beautiful gorge that was created by Tygart Creek. After hiking through an old homestead that was inhabited by a well-known moonshiner we must cross Tygart Creek by foot. Then off to a swinging bridge over the cascading tail waters of Smoky Lake through the old Johnson home place and over another swinging bridge crossing the scenic Smoky Creek. But that's not all we continue on the trail that leads us through four natural bridges found around Carter Caves to our final destination the park's welcome center. This is approximately a 9-mile excursion on moderately difficult terrain. Required equipment includes a sack lunch, good hiking boots, footwear for crossing the creek, several bottles of water and a backpack to carry your equipment in. Some optional equipment items you may want are sunscreen, camera, sunglasses, binoculars, trekking poles or a hiking stick. There is a \$12 fee for this hike. Pre-registration required. Call the park at 800-325-0059 for more information and to make reservations. Registered participants can meet at the Carter Caves Welcome Center at 9:30a.m.

**OCTOBER 9 - 10, 16 - 17, 23 - 24: Carter Caves Haunted Trail** If you dare, come and take the walk through our 1/4-mile wooded trail, and experience thrilling scenes and haunts that will have you shivering with fear! Our past trail survivors consider Carter Caves Haunted Trail one of the best haunted attractions in the region. Admission is \$10 per person. Concessions will be available at the beginning of the trail. The trail is not recommended for young children. Transportation to and from the trailhead will be provided by the park. Ticket sales are each event night from 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Carter Caves Public Pool.

**OCTOBER 30 - 31: Halloween Campout Celebration** Campers come join us for our 12th annual Halloween Campout Celebration! Some of the special activities include site-to-site trick-or-treating, pumpkin carving contest, costume contest, and a campsite decorating contest. It's a spooktacular time so we hope to see you lurking around the campground on this fun-filled weekend!

**OCTOBER 31: Spooky Cave-in Movie** Join us at Cascade Cave for an evening of fun and entertainment as we show you a family-friendly spooky flick INSIDE THE CAVE! Movie title has not been selected. The price is \$5 per person at the door and seating is not provided, so it is BYOC (bring your own chairs). We hope to see you there! Popcorn and drink concessions will be available at the cave on a cash only basis. Call the park for more details.

**NOVEMBER 6 & 7: Murder Mystery Theater** The ever so popular group, Fantastical Theatricals, will be back to perform another mind bending Murder Mystery Performance. Guests will enjoy a great buffet-style meal and then become sleuths as they collect clues to find out who committed the murder. The cost for the dinner and show is \$34.95<sup>+tax</sup> per person and \$24.95 per child 12yrs and under. More information will follow on the title of the show. We are also offering a package that includes the dinner, show, and an overnight stay in Lewis Caveland Lodge for just \$131.95<sup>+tax</sup> for two people. Dinner starts at 7pm and we begin seating for dinner at 6:45 p.m.