CASCADE CAVE

(TICKET SALES STOP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO EACH TOUR TIME.)

ALL CASCADE CAVE TOUR TICKET SALES STOP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO TOUR AT WELCOME CENTER.

ALL CASCADE CAVE TOURS STARTS PROMPTLY FROM CASCADE CAVE AREA PARKING LOT.

ALL CASCADE CAVE TOURS REQUIRE A SHORT DRIVE. TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED.

Cascade Cave is one of the largest of over 200 caves in Carter County and is noted for its large chambers and numerous cave formations. Set your sights on the reflecting pool in the Lake Room, and the geologic diversity of the Cathedral Room. Finally entice yourself with our majestic 30-feet high underground waterfall.

Tours available year-round.

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 10:30am, 2:30pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 10:30am, 1:00pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm

Dress For Weather Elements Outside

WALKING DISTANCE: 3/4 mile w/225 stair steps

DURATION: About 75 minutes

TEMPERATURE: 30-50 degrees (variable)

ADMISSION: $9.00—age 13 & up
$5.00—age 3 - 12
FREE—age 2 & under

X-CAVE

(WE RECOMMEND PURCHASING TICKETS AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO TOUR TIMES.)

X-CAVE STARTS PROMPTLY IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER AND IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE WELCOME CENTER.

X-Cave has two vertical joint passages that meander through a large layer of limestone, putting you up-close to beautiful cave formations. Features include turkey rock, the pipe organ, and the giant column which is the largest cave formation found at the park. Be aware of your surroundings and you will discover how this cave became known as "X-Cave."

Tours available year-round.

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 1:00pm, 4:30pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 10:00am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3:00pm, 4:30pm

Dress For Weather Elements Outside

WALKING DISTANCE: About 1/4 mile

DURATION: About 45 minutes

TEMPERATURE: 30 - 50 degrees (variable)

DIFFICULTY: Includes 75 stair steps through narrow passages; some stooping, electrically lit.

ADMISSION: $7.00—age 13 & up
$4.00—age 3 - 12
FREE—age 2 & under

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bi-Monthly: Pickin' at the Caves

September 4-7: Fraley Festival of Traditional Music

September 28th: Tygart Gorge and Arches Hike

Oct 4-5: Bluegrass at "The Caves" Festival

Oct 11,12,18 &19: Carter Caves Haunted Trail

Oct 25-26: Halloween Campout Celebration

November 1 & 2: Murder Mystery Theater

January 24-26, 2014: Winter Adventure Weekend

July 21-27, 2014: Pioneer Life Week

For more information on any of these events or for reservations, call us at 1-800-325-0059.

Join our event e-mail list and get up to date information on Carter Caves State Resort Park events & news by dropping your email address off at the Lodge, Welcome Center, or Campground to get signed up today!

White-nose Syndrome & Cave Tours

All Caves are closed except for park-led tours of Cascade, Saltpetre, and X-Caves until further notice. 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, only hibernating bats. WNS was found February 2013 in some of the parks caves. Therefore, Carter Caves State Resort Park, like many other commercial caves and parks are requiring all cave tour visitors to go through a decontamination station upon exit of the cave tours. These measures could help slow down the spread of White-nose Syndrome into unaffected caves in other states.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Do not wear shoes, clothing, or carry objects that you had on a cave tour at Carter Caves into another cave system outside of Carter Caves area. This will possibly prevent any unintentional spread of the disease to unaffected areas.

PROHIBITED ON CAVE TOURS

Because of the possibility of White-nose Syndrome contamination, the following are ***prohibited on cave tours:***

- Camera bags, tripods, strollers, backpacks, luggage, etc.
- Pets
- BAGS of <u>any</u> type, including purses, fanny packs, diaper bags, camera cases, etc. Bags containing necessary medical supplies are permitted.
- Sandals/flip-flops, etc. Please wear appropriate shoes that cover the entire foot for safety.

REQUIRED PARTICIPANT DECONTAMINATION PROTOCOL

All cave touring participants at Carter Caves State Resort Park will be required to walk on bio-mats after exiting the cave tour. This process will require each individual to walk across the length of an outdoor carpet and across a bio mat containing water and Lysol IC mixture. This process has been proven to help prevent the spread of spores. This process will assist bat ecologists and will be a precaution to what WE CAN DO for the betterment of bat species. Thank you for your assistance with these procedures. **NOTE: Please review these procedures before you purchase any cave tour tickets as refunds cannot be issued at the Welcome Center.**

DIRECTIONS TO CASCADE CAVE

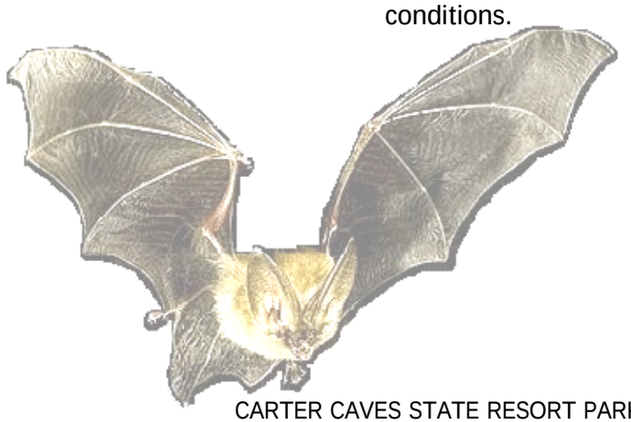
Cascade Cave is approximately 3.4 miles from the Welcome Center. Turn left out of the main Welcome Center parking lot and head back to the entrance of the park; turn right at the first stop sign onto Route 182; travel approximately 1.6 miles on Route 182, turn right onto Route 209 at the top of the hill. Cascade Cave parking lot is approximately 0.6 miles on the left.

Tours are led by trained guides and are conducted at a leisurely pace.

Questions are encouraged from tour participants.

Comfortable walking shoes with tread soles are encouraged (some surfaces may be wet and slick).

Dress accordingly to the current weather conditions.



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CAVE TOURS

September 3 - October 31, 2013

(FALL SCHEDULE)

TICKETS ARE SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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White-nose Syndrome (WNS), a disease that is killing 70-100% of hibernating bats in infected caves, was found in February 2013 at Carter Caves SRP within some of the parks caves. In 2009, the Department of Parks closed all the caves within Carter Caves SRP except for guided tours of X-Cave & Cascade Cave. The park has been implementing decontamination procedures for all cave tour participants since Fall of 2011.

For additional information on the WNS, you can visit the following website:

TOUR SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

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