CASCADE CAVE

TICKET SALES STOP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO EACH TOUR TIME

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

Cascade Cave 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.

SUNDAY- FRIDAY: 10 AM, 11:30 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM, 4:30 PM

SATURDAY : 10 AM, 11:30 AM, 1 PM, 2:30 PM, 3:30 PM , 5 PM

WALKING DISTANCE: 3/4 mile with 225 stair steps

DURATION: About 75 minutes

TEMPERATURE: 50-60 degrees (variable)

ADMISSION: $10.00—age 13 & up
$5.00—age 3-12
FREE—age 2 & under

X-CAVE

THE TOUR WILL MEET IN FRONT 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."

MONDAY- FRIDAY: 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM

SATURDAY: 10 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 3:30 PM, 4:30 PM, 5:30 PM

SUNDAY: 10:30 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM

WALKING DISTANCE: About 1/4 mile

DURATION: About 45 minutes

TEMPERATURE: 45-60 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

SALTPETRE CAVE

THE TOUR WILL MEET IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER

Saltpeter Cave is considered by many historians to be the site of the earliest industry in the area. The cave was used during the War of 1812 as a source of the major ingredient in making gunpowder and is currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Discover a fascinating segment of Kentucky's history as you take a step back in time over 200 years ago.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY: 11 AM, 3:30 PM

TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 11 AM, 1PM, 3:30 PM

SATURDAY: 11 AM, 12:30 PM, 4 PM

SUNDAY: 11 AM, 2:30 PM, 4:30 PM

WALKING DISTANCE: 1/2 mile

DURATION: About 60 minutes

TEMPERATURE: 47-49 degrees (jacket recommended)

DIFFICULTY: 30 stairs leading into the cave, flat walking, some stooping. The cave is dry and dusty, electrically lit.

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

SALTPETRE LANTERN TOUR

THE TOUR WILL MEET IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER

This tour transports you back in time as you see the cave the way the miners did over 200 years ago. Regular admission rates in effect.
This tour is not recommended for young children.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY: 1 PM

SATURDAY: 2:30 PM

DURATION: About 90 minutes

TEMPERATURE: 47-49 degrees (jacket recommended)

DIFFICULTY: 30 stairs leading into the cave, flat walking, some stooping. The cave is dry and dusty, electrically lit.

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

SALTPETRE KID'S CRAWL

THE TOUR WILL MEET IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER

The Saltpeter Kid's Crawl is a great way to introduce your child to the wonderful and adventurous sport of caving. You're child WILL be crawling on their hands and knees in small dark passages that will be lit by only the flashlight we provide. The kids WILL be getting very dirty as the passages are rocky and dusty. To participate in the tour your **child must be between 6-12 years old** and wear long pants and closed toe shoes. Guardians will need to sign waivers for the children.

SUNDAY, MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY: 10:30 AM

DURATION: About 90 minutes

TEMPERATURE: 47-49 degrees

DIFFICULTY: 30 stairs leading into the cave. You will be crawling on your hands and knees.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT: Long Pants and closed toe shoes with good tread. WE WILL PROVIDE HELMETS, KNEE PADS AND HEADLAMPS.

ADMISSION: $10.00

SALTPETRE CRAWLING TOUR

THE TOUR WILL MEET IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER

This tour will be both on the commercial routes of the cave and many of the wild unlit passages of the cave. You will be crawling both on your hands and knees and even doing some belly crawls during this tour. The cave is really cold, rocky and dusty. This is considered a strenuous and rugged caving trip and may not be a good choice for some folks. You **must** pass a squeeze test before you purchase your tickets. You should be wearing short and a T-shirt for under the coveralls and closed toes shoes with good tread. You **must** be at least 12 years old and an adult **must** accompany those under 15 years old. Guardians will need to sign waivers for children under 18yrs of age.

TUESDAY & SATURDAY: 10:30 AM

DURATION: About 3 hours

TEMPERATURE: 47-49 degrees

DIFFICULTY: 30 stairs leading into the cave. You will be crawling on your hands and knees.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT: Shorts and T-shirt (for under coveralls) and closed toed shoes with good tread. WE WILL PROVIDE HELMETS, KNEE PADS, HEADLAMPS, AND COVERALLS.

ADMISSION: $30.00

BAT CAVE

THE TOUR WILL MEET IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER

Bat Cave is the longest cave found within the park. The Bat Cave Walking Tour is a wild cave, so the trip is considered rugged and strenuous. The cave is completely undeveloped, it is not electrically lit, and there are no handrails or steps. Plan to get wet and muddy on this tour. You **must** pass a squeeze test before you purchase your tickets. You **must** be at least 6 years old and an adult must accompany those under 15 years old. Guardians will need to sign waivers for children under 18yrs of age.

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY: 2PM

WALKING DISTANCE: 2 miles

DURATION: About 2.5 hours

TEMPERATURE: 50-60 degrees (variable)

DIFFICULTY: You will be required to "duck-walk" for 40 yards and walk bent at the waist for some distance. You will be walking through slick mud and, at times, ankle to knee deep water. You must be able to climb over slick rock and have good footing.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT: Closed Toed shoes with good tread. WE WILL PROVIDE HELMETS AND FLASHLIGHTS.

ADMISSION: $12.00

BAT CAVE CRAWLING TOUR

THE TOUR WILL MEET IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER

The Bat Cave Crawling Tour can be considered the **most strenuous** and **most adventurous** tour offered here at Carter Caves. You **will** be crawling and walking through a lot of muddy and wet passages. **YOU WILL GET VERY WET, MUDDY & SLOPPY ON THIS TOUR, NO DOUBT!** You **must** be at least 12 years old and an adult must accompany those under 15 years old. Guardians will need to sign waivers for children under 18yrs of age.

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY: 1:30 PM

DURATION: About 3 hours

TEMPERATURE: 50-60 degrees (variable)

DIFFICULTY: You will be crawling on your hands and knees, and your belly.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT: Shorts and T-shirt (for under coveralls) and closed toed shoes with good tread. WE WILL PROVIDE HELMETS, KNEE PADS, HEADLAMPS, AND COVERALLS.

ADMISSION: $30.00

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 found February 2013 in some of the Park Caves.

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.

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, PETS, BAGS of any type, including purses, fanny packs, diaper bags, camera cases, etc. Sandals/flip-flops, etc. Please wear appropriate shoes that cover the entire foot for safety.
- Bags containing necessary medical supplies are permitted.

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 possibly Lysol IC mixture. This process has been proven to help prevent the spread of spores. **NOTE: Please review these procedures before you purchase any cave tour tickets as refunds cannot be issued at the Welcome Center.** Thank you for your assistance with these procedures.

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.

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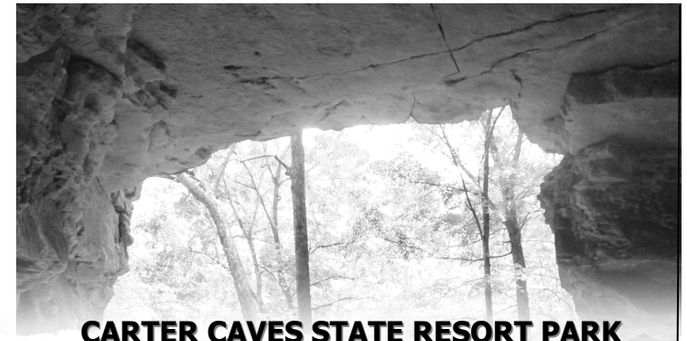

CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK

CAVE TOURS

June 13 – August 9, 2015

(SUMMER SCHEDULE)

TICKETS ARE SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER

- Tours are led by trained guides
- Questions are encouraged from tour participants
- Comfortable walking shoes with tread soles
- are encouraged. Some surfaces may be wet/slick

Large groups can also call ahead of time and schedule private tours of the commercial walking cave tours. Private Wild Cave Tours are available for groups of 10+ or for a minimum of $300. We need several weeks notice to make arrangements for any private tours.

TOUR SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

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