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 geo-logic diversity of the Cathedral Room. Finally entice yourself with our majestic 30-feet high underground waterfall.

Tours available year-round.

Thursday - Sunday: 10:30AM, 2:30PM

Monday - Wednesday (closed)

Change 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.

Thursday - Sunday: 1:00PM, 4:30PM

Monday - Wednesday (closed)

Change 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 pas-sages; some stooping, electrically lit.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 25-27: Winter Adventure Weekend
Www.winteradventureweekend.com

February 15 & 16: Valentine Dinner Theater "Storyteller Bil Lepp"

March 1 –3: Tracking and Woodslore Weekend

March 23 & May 11: "BYOK" Tygart Creek Float Trip

March 29-31: Easter Getaway Weekend

April 6: Eastern Mining Collectors Association Spring Meet and Show

April 13 & 14 & May 12: Tygart Creek Canoe Excursion.

April 19-21: Wildflower Weekend

April 26-28: Campers Appreciation Weekend

May 4-5: Smoky Bridge High Line Ride

White-Nose Syndrome & Cave Tours

All Caves are closed except for park-led tours of X-Cave & Cascade Cave until further notice!

White-Nose Syndrome (WNS) is a disease that is killing 90-100% of hibernating bats in infected caves. In 2010, WNS was found in southern Ohio, which is only 90 miles from Carter Caves. WNS was found in Western Kentucky in 2011 and is slowly spreading throughout the state. Therefore, Carter Caves State Resort Park, like many other commercial caves and parks have done, is requiring all cave visitors to visit the White-Nose Station at the Welcome Center prior to cave tours and to comply with decontamination procedures.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Do not wear any shoes, clothing, or carry objects into X or Cascade Cave that you wore or carried into a previous cave or mine since 2005. Please leave any potentially contaminated objects at home, in your room, or in your vehicle. If you cannot change shoes after a tour in another cave or mine outside of Carter Caves Park, be prepared to sanitize your shoes before the tour begins. Arrive 30 minutes early for decontamination. This only involves a short 5-10minute process.

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 medicinal 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. 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 3.4 miles from here.
Turn left out of the Welcome Center parking lot;
turn right at the first stop sign onto Route 182;
travel 1.6 miles on Route 182,
turn right onto Route 209 at the top of the hill.
Cascade Cave parking lot is 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

January 1, 2012 – March 10, 2013
WINTER SCHEDULE

TICKETS ARE SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER.

PUBLIC NOTICE

All Caves are closed except for park-led tours of X-Cave & Cascade Cave until further notice!

White Nose Syndrome, a disease that is killing 90-100% of hibernating bats in infected caves, is getting closer to Carter Caves and has recently been found in Kentucky. The Dept. of Parks closed all the caves within Carter Caves SRP except for guided tours of X-Cave & Cascade Cave. This measure was taken to help prevent the introduction of White Nose Syndrome. For additional information on the White Nose Syndrome you can visit the following website: http://www.fws.gov/WhiteNoseSyndrome/

TOUR SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

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