

CARTER CAVES
STATE RESORT PARK
CAVE TOURS

WINTER SCHEDULE

November 1 - March 31, 2012

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

Dress appropriately for the weather conditions and wear shoes or boots with tread soles.

NOTE: Some trail surfaces may be wet and slick.

ALL CAVE TICKETS ARE SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER.

ADMISSION FEES:

CASCADE CAVE TOURS

\$9 - 13 YEARS & ABOVE

\$5 - 3-12 YEARS

**UNDER 3YRS FREE
WITH A GUARDIAN**

X CAVE TOURS

\$7 - 13 YEARS & ABOVE

\$4 - 3-12 YEARS

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. Therefore, Carter Caves State Resort Park, like many other commercial caves and parks have done, are requiring all cave visitors to attend a **White-Nose Station** at the Welcome Center prior to cave tours and every person on the tour must comply with decontamination procedures.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Do not wear any shoes, clothing, or carry any 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 5-10 minute 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 (suitcases, duffel bags, etc.)
- Pets
- BAGS of any 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 in your party to walk across the length of a nylon mat saturated with Lysol IC™ solution compared to that used in home cleaning. The solution cleans the soles of your shoes. 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.**



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CASCADE CAVE

- **CASCADE CAVE TICKET SALES STOP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE TOUR.**
- **CASCADE CAVE TOURS STARTS PROMPTLY FROM CASCADE CAVE AREA PARKING LOT.**
- **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. Highlights of the tour include the reflecting pool in the Lake Room, the unique cave formations in the Cathedral Room, and an underground waterfall over 30 feet high.

A short drive is required. Tour meets at Cascade area parking lot.
Tickets must be purchased at least 15 minutes prior to the tour. Tours available year-round.

-SCHEDULE-

DAILY: 10:30AM, 2:30PM

WALKING DISTANCE: about 3/4 mile **DURATION:** about 1 hour, 15 minutes
TEMPERATURE: 50-60 degrees (variable)
DIFFICULTY: Includes 225 stair steps through the cave; easy walking; electrically lit.

DIRECTIONS TO CASCADE CAVE



Cascade Cave is 3.4 miles from the Welcome Center. 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.

X-CAVE

**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 which puts you up-close to many beautiful cave formations. Some of the highlighted 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."

Tour meets in front of the Welcome Center. Tours available year-round.

-SCHEDULE-

DAILY: 1:00PM, 4:30PM

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.

TOUR SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE