## Commercial Walking Tours

**CASCADE CAVE**

(MUST PURCHASE TICKETS > 15+ MINS BEFORE TOUR STARTS)

TICKETS SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER, SALES STOP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO TOUR TIME.

ALL TOURS BEGIN AT CASCADE CAVE. LOCATED 3.6 MILES FROM THE WELCOME CENTER.

TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED.

Cascade Cave is one of the largest caves to be found in Carter County. Visitors often remark on its large passageways and on the grandeur of its formations. The walking tour will bring visitors through the “heart” of the cave—Cascade Cave, through a cave collapse valley into North Cave, and before departing over a 30+ ft. underground waterfall. While on a tour visitors can hope to learn about the cave’s geologic formations, cave ecology, and some local history.

**Flashlight Tours**: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 PM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 4 PM

- **Monday-Friday**: 10 AM, 11:30 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM
- **Saturday**: 10 AM, 11:30 AM, 12 PM, 1:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 3:30 PM, 4:30 PM
- **Sunday**: 10 AM, 11:30 AM, 1 PM, 2:30 PM, 4 PM

**WALKING DISTANCE**

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**DIFFICULTY**: About 75 minutes

**TEMPERATURE**: 47–49 degrees (jacket recommended)

**ADMISSION**: $8—age 13 & up

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**GROUP SCHEDULING**

Organizations with large groups of people (20+ individuals) may be able to schedule privately led cave tours or activities (Pending CDC guidelines) through the Office of Interpretation. Call us today at (606) 286-7009 to find out what activities we may be able to offer that will best suit the needs of your group.

Rates and availability will vary. $100 minimum for all private programming.

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## X CAVE

(SUGGEST PURCHASING TICKETS > 15 MINS BEFORE TOUR STARTS)

TICKETS SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER.

ALL TOURS BEGIN IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER.

X Cave is comprised of two narrow, vertical joint-passageways. These passageways differ so that it seems as if you are walking through two separate geologic creations rather than a singular cave. While inside visitors will learn of the cave’s geologic formations, cave ecology, and some local history.

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**DIFFICULTY**: About 45 minutes

**TEMPERATURE**: 40-65 degrees (variable)

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## SALTPETRE CAVE

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Saltpetre 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. The site 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.

**Flashlight Tours**: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 2 PM

- **Monday-Friday**: 11 AM, 2 PM, 3:30 PM
- **Saturday**: 11 AM, 12 PM, 1:30 PM, 2 PM, 4 PM
- **Sunday**: 11 AM, 1:30 PM, 3:30 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**: $8—age 13 & up

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## Frequently Asked Questions

- Guided cave tours are led by trained Interpretive Staff Members.
- Cave tours are unscripted, varying from one tour guide to the next. Topics generally covered include history, geology, cave ecology, etc.
- Conditions within each cave vary daily. To be best prepared visitors should dress according to the weather conditions outside. Most visitors prefer wearing a light jacket while on tours.
- Comfortable walking shoes with good tread are recommended. Avoid flip-flops, crocs and other low-tread shoes as some surfaces may be wet/dlick.
- The following are prohibited on ALL CAVE TOURS: - food, drinks, snacks, etc.
Self-Guided Caving

LAUREL & HORN HOLLOW CAVES

PERMIT REQUIRED - PERMITS GIVEN OUT AT THE WELCOME CENTER

Laurel & Horn Hollow Cave systems are self-guided cave exploration opportunities available at Carter Caves. To enter these caves, visitors must first obtain a permit (free) from the Welcome Center. Permits for Horn Hollow are available year-round, however, issuance is weather-dependent. Laurel Cave is also available as a self-guided cave from Memorial Day to Labor Day, the same rules apply for both.

REQUIREMENTS: Visitors must have at least one other person in their group, wear closed-toe shoes, and provide their own working flashlight (cell phones cannot be used as a light source). More information available at the Welcome Center.

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, only hibernating bats. WNS was first noted in some caves across the park in February 2013.

REQUIRED POST-TOUR DECONTAMINATION PROTOCOL

All CCSRP cave tour participants will be required to participate in a post-tour WNS decontamination procedure. This procedure will ensure that the bottoms of both shoes of each participant are treated with a mixture of Woolite and water. This process has been proven to help prevent the spread of the spores which cause WNS. NOTE: Please review these required post-tour procedures before the purchase of any cave tour tickets.

PROHIBITED ON CAVE TOURS

⇒ Pets (service animals, as recognized by the ADA, are permitted)
⇒ Use of any tobacco products and/or vaping
⇒ Strollers (due to narrow passages and stairs)
⇒ Removing anything from the cave
⇒ Touching formations

NO REFUNDS are issued for cave tour tickets.

PICTURE TAKING IS PERMITTED ON CAVE TOURS AT CCSRP (no flash photography on bats)