



CARTER CAVES 2017 EVENTS



Winter Adventure Weekend 2017— January 26 - 29 Get back outside in eastern Kentucky at Carter Caves State Resort Park's weekend of hiking, canoeing, wild and commercial cave tours, kayaking, rappelling, winter survival, zip-lining, and other adventures. Participants will select from a list of trips that range from beginner to advanced skill levels. All of the trips and events are led by guides. To get familiar with the event you can see past event offerings, trip level descriptions and photos at www.winteradventureweekend.com. The website will be updated with 2016 information this coming December. Online Registration will start shortly after the website goes live. The minimum age to participate is 6 years-old. What kid doesn't want to technical tree climb, rappel rock formations and crawl in a cave?

FEBRUARY 10 & 11: Valentines Day Murder Mystery Theater Carter Caves will explode with laughter, murder and mayhem with our Valentine's Murder Mystery Theater. You and your partner will enjoy a delicious dinner buffet, featuring several of our chef's specialties. Then, test your sleuth skills as you help solve the fiendishly funny live performance by the company Murder and Merriment. Join us for a night of romance and terror! Show times are Friday and Saturday evening at 7:00pm. Seating will begin at 6:45pm. The cost for the dinner and show is \$34.95 (plus tax) per person. We are also offering a package that includes the dinner, show and an overnight stay in Lewis Caveland Lodge for just \$131.95 + tax for two people.

MARCH 25 - 26: Backpacking Workshop and Overnight Trip Outdoor Adventure Connection offers this one night, spring backpacking trip for first time backpackers and beginning backpackers. It includes six workshops on backpacking essentials that every backpacker should know. This trip is designed for those with little or no backpacking experience who have always wanted to try backpacking under the guidance of professional guides. Experienced backpackers needing a refresher are welcome too! Limit 12 participants. Workshop fee \$95. Includes Saturday supper. Rental gear is available. Register at www.outdooradventureconnection.com.

APRIL 1: Eastern Mining Collectors Association 6th Annual Spring Meet and Show The Eastern Mining Collectors Association is a group dedicated to the preservation and understanding of America's rich mining heritage through collection and preservation of mining artifacts. Mining artifact collectors from all around the country will be meeting to buy, sell, trade and horse trade various mining artifacts from both the coal mining and hard rock mining (gold, silver, copper) regions of the USA. Artifacts will include not only mine lighting (oil wicks, carbide lamps, miner's candle sticks/candles) but will run the gamut to items related to blasting, testing, marketing, photographs, etc. The event is free and open to the public. We wish to stress that anyone that has the slightest interest in a rich yet sometimes misunderstood part of American history to please stop by and see what it really takes to light/heat your house when you come home and flip the switch. For more information visit us on the web at www.guysdropper.com or call 937-367-6295.

APRIL 15 - 16: Easter Weekend Getaway We will have family oriented recreation programs throughout the weekend. We will offer some egg coloring, scavenger hunting and other fun recreational program opportunities. On Easter Day we will be serving our Easter Buffet and will have our annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Friends of Carter Caves with over 1,000 eggs for children 12 and under. The egg hunt will start promptly at 2pm at the Welcome Center. Tours of Cascade and X-cave will be on a regular schedule.

APRIL 21 - 23: Carter Caves Wildflower Pilgrimage The hills come alive every spring at Carter Caves with immersing blooms of many shapes and colors decorating the forest floor. You will be able to experience the beauty of the area during wildflower walks, canoe trips and van tours throughout the weekend. Other programs and walks that could be offered include landscaping with native plants, beginner plant identification, invasive plant species, tree identification, archeological walks and tracking. Evening programs will be held each day. Whether you are an experienced wildflower enthusiast, a beginner bloomer, or just enjoy being in the woods, this is the perfect weekend for you to get outside and experience the natural beauty of spring. There is a registration fee of \$25 for adults and \$10 for children for the weekend's activities. An overnight lodging package including 2 nights lodging and registration fees for two is \$189.95 (plus tax). Call the park at 1-800-325-0059 to register.

APRIL 28 - 30: Campers Appreciation Weekend This weekend has been set aside as a special weekend for campers. Those camping this weekend will get two nights camping for the price of one. Special rates will apply to campers for mini-golf and cave tours. Some of the possible recreation programs include a nature hike, Smoky Lake canoe trip, glowing mini golf, tie-dye t-shirt program, home-made ice cream social and much more. To help show our appreciation, campers can enjoy a free hot dog lunch on Saturday at the Recreation Shelter.

MAY 6: Smoky Bridge High Line Ride A zip-line over 200 feet long will be stretched across the gorge down behind the lodge. We will strap you in for a ride to remember as you drop 40 feet in elevation and cruise by the park's largest natural arch, Smoky Bridge. Make sure you bring your cameras for there will be some great photo opportunities. For your safety and comfort, there is a weight limit of 250 lbs, however, you must also fit in the harness per manufacturers' safety guidelines. Tickets cost \$15/person (*One ride per ticket*). NEW FOR 2017!! Purchase our 2 for \$20 ride**. Tickets go on sale Monday April 24th at the front desk of the LODGE or by calling 1-800-325-0059. Follow signs from the lobby to the attraction site after you pick up your tickets from the front desk of Lewis Caveland Lodge. **LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE PER HOUR, SIGN UP EARLY.**

***(2 for \$20 is 2 CONSECUTIVE rides on zipline for same participant in the same hour. NO EXCEPTIONS) (LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE PER HOUR)*

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JULY 24 – 30: Pioneer Life Week During a week dedicated to the Revolutionary War, The War of 1812 and the settlement of lands around the Ohio River, re-enactors, musical entertainment and many historical programs bring this rich heritage back to life. The pioneer camp is open from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Saturday and 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Historical programs are scheduled daily throughout the week including tomahawk throwing, black powder rifle demonstrations, spinning and weaving demonstrations, 18th century poultry care, primitive fire making, atlatl demonstrations, pioneer clothing interpretation and other living history skill demonstrations. County Fair Day is on Saturday, which includes displays of flint knapping, old time machinery, woodcarving, 18th Century Naturalist and Pioneer food. We will also have a pie auction, pioneer games, tomahawk throwing and finish off with a homemade ice cream social.

SEPTEMBER 6 - 9: Fraley Festival of Traditional Music Traditional musical instruments such as the dulcimer, fiddle and guitar are used to tell stories about a life long ago along the foothills of Eastern Kentucky. The music at the Fraley Festival has not been confined to any one type. Folk, old-time, western, western swing, early country, and others are played on a regular basis at the festival. There are all sorts of musical configurations, from family bands or husband and wife duets, to people playing on stage who just met each other a few minutes ago in the parking lot. Wednesday night is a free “jamming in the round” session at the Recreation Shelter House in the campground. Concerts will be held in the Park Amphitheatre on Thursday evening, Friday afternoon & evening, and Saturday afternoon & evening. Concert fees range from \$4-\$10. A \$25 weekend pass is available which admits you to all the concerts and jam sessions. For more information visit the event website at www.fraleyfestival.com.

OCTOBER 6-7, 13-14, 20-21: Carter Caves Haunted Trail If you dare, come and take the walk through our 1/4 mile wooded trail, and experience thrilling scenes and haunts that will have you shivering with fear! Our past trail survivors consider Carter Caves Haunted Trail one of the best Haunted Attractions in the region. Admission is \$10 per person. Concessions will be available at the beginning of the trail. The trail is not recommended for young children. Transportation to and from the trailhead will be provided by the park. Tickets are sold each night of the event 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Carter Caves Public Pool.

OCTOBER 27 - 28: Halloween Campout Celebration Campers come join us for our 14th annual Halloween Campout Celebration! Some of the special activities include site-to-site trick or treating, pumpkin carving contest, costume contest, and a campsite decorating contest. It's a spooktacular time so we hope to see you lurking around the campground on this fun filled weekend!

OCTOBER 28: Spooky Cave-in Movie Join us at Cascade Cave for an evening of fun and entertainment as we show you a family friendly spooky flick INSIDE THE CAVE! Movie Title has not been selected. The price is \$5 per person at the door (**cash only**) and seating is not provided, so it is BYOC (Bring your own chairs). We hope to see you there! Popcorn and drink concessions will be available at the cave on a cash only basis. Call the park for more details.

NOVEMBER 3 & 4: Murder Mystery Theater Come on out for yet another mind bending Murder Mystery Performance. Guests will enjoy a great buffet style meal and then become sleuths as they collect clues to find out who committed the murder. The cost for the dinner and show is \$34.95 (plus tax) per person and \$24.95 per child 12yrs and under. More information will follow on the title of the show. We are also offering a package that includes the dinner, show and an overnight stay in Lewis Caveland Lodge for just \$131.95 (plus tax) for two people. Dinner starts at 7pm and we begin seating for dinner at 6:45pm.

For more information on any of these events or for reservations call us at 1-800-325-0059. Like us on Facebook or join our event e-mail list and get up to date information on Carter Caves events & news. Drop your email address off at the Lodge, Welcome Center, or Campground to get signed up today or email us at cartercaves@ky.gov

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