



CARTER CAVES 2018 EVENTS



Winter Adventure Weekend 2018 — January 25 - 28 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 2018 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 9 & 10: Valentines Dinner Theater Carter Caves will host an evening of fine dining & fine entertainment with our Valentine's Dinner Theater. You and your partner will enjoy a delicious dinner buffet, featuring several of our chef's specialties. Then, sit back and relax while you enjoy first class entertainment. Join us for a night of romance and laughter! Show times are Friday and Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. Seating will begin at 6:45 p.m. The cost for the dinner and show is \$39.99 (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 30—APRIL 1: 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 2 pm at the Welcome Center. Tours of Cascade and X-cave will be on a regular schedule.

APRIL 7: Eastern Mining Collectors Association 7th 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 21: Carter Caves Wildflower Pilgrimage The hills come alive every spring at Carter Caves with emerging blooms of many shapes and colors decorating the forest floor. You will be able to experience the beauty of the area during special programming focusing on the flora, fauna, and history of the Carter Caves area. Whether you are an experienced wildflower enthusiast, a beginner bloomer, or just enjoy being in the woods, this is the perfect event for you to get outside and experience the natural beauty of spring. A special thanks goes out to the Friends of Carter Caves for the 2017 event. Due to their generosity, this year's event is FREE, with no registration necessary. The Friends of Carter Caves will be offering a hotdog luncheon on Saturday April 21, 100% of all proceeds from the luncheon come back to Carter Caves State Resort Park! For additional information, Call the park at 1-800-325-0059.

APRIL 27 - 29: 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 regular mini-golf and cave tours. Some of the possible recreation programs include a Smoky Lake canoe trip, glowing mini-golf, tie-dye t-shirt program, s'more and campfire programs, and LIVE entertainment from Heath and Molly. To help show our appreciation, campers can enjoy a free hot dog lunch on Saturday at the Recreation Shelter.

MAY 5: Smoky Bridge "On Rope" Weekend 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. For your safety and comfort, there is a weight limit of 250 lbs, however, you must also fit in the harness per manufactures' safety guidelines. Tickets cost \$15/person. Participants allowed TWO consecutive rides per ticket. While you're there make even more memories by rappelling the drop in our beginner rappelling workshop: Down For Dummies. For your safety and comfort, there is a weight limit of 250 lbs, however, you must also fit in the harness per manufactures' safety guidelines. Tickets cost \$15/person. Participants allowed TWO consecutive rides per ticket. Separate tickets are sold for the Zip-Line Ride and Down For Dummies. Limited tickets available. 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.

JULY 23 – 29: 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.

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SEPTEMBER 5 - 8: 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 5-6, 12-13, 19-20: 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 26 - 27: 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 27: Spooky Cave-in Movie Join us at Cascade Cave for an evening of thrills and chills as we show you a family friendly spooky flick INSIDE THE CAVE! We provide the entertainment, the drinks, and snacks; you just bring the chairs! Cost is \$5 per person at the door (cash only - drinks and snacks sold separately). We hope to see you there! Call the park for more details.

NOVEMBER 2 & 3: 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 \$39.99 (plus tax) per person. 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.

Check out these other popular programs happening in 2018!

Tygart Creek Paddle Excursions This is a 6-mile canoe or kayak trip that navigates you down Tygart Creek which cuts Kentucky's most scenic limestone gorge. You will be on the creek for about 3.5 hours. The park will provide canoes, paddles, life vest, transportation shuttle from and back to the Welcome Center, and guides for your trip down the creek. The park does not have kayaks, although paddlers have the option to bring their own kayak for the trip. Participants should have some paddle experience before signing up for these trips. Along the way we will see high cliff sides and the natural beauty that the spring has to offer. We will also take a side trip into one of Kentucky's largest natural limestone tunnels. Required equipment includes; the correct attire for cool weather paddling, a complete change of clothes, treaded footwear, flashlight (for natural tunnel visit), sack lunch, bottled water and a dry bag for your supplies. The cost is \$50 per person using our canoes and \$35 per person using their own kayaks. Limited space available, pre-registration is required. Participants meet at the Welcome Center at 9:30am. We will load your kayaks on our trailer at the Welcome Center then head for the put-in point. This trip can be canceled due to high/low water levels and/or extreme weather conditions. Call the Recreation Department to register at 606-286-4411. **Tygart Creek Paddle Excursions are scheduled for the following dates: APRIL 14, 21, 29, MAY 2, 6, 12, 2018.**

Cave-in Movie Nights: Join us at Cascade Cave as we throw up the big screen and treat you to a movie presentation right inside the Grand Ballroom of the cave. We provide the entertainment, the drinks, and snacks; you just bring the chairs! Cost is \$5 per person at the door (cash only - drinks and snacks sold separately). Like us on Facebook to keep up with movie titles. Cave-In Movie Night dates are as follows: **MAY 27, JUNE 23, JULY 14, AUG. 11, SEPT. 2, OCT. 27 2018**

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Call 1-800-325-0059 for park information and lodging reservations

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