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## 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.**

(Driving directions below.)

**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 to 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.

### DAILY

**Monday–Sunday: 10:30 | 2:30**

#### **ADMISSION PRICES:**

\$12 —age 13 & up

\$ 7 —age 3-12

FREE—age 2 & under

#### **WALKING DISTANCE & DIFFICULTY:**

3/4 mile with 225 stair steps, some stooping

**DURATION:** About 75 minutes

**TEMPERATURE:** 40-60 degrees (variable)

#### DIRECTIONS TO CASCADE

Cascade Cave is appx. 3.6 miles from the Welcome Center. Leave main parking lot, turn left. At the park entrance turn right onto Rt. 182. In appx. 1.6 miles you will turn right onto Rt. 209. Cascade Cave parking lot will be located appx. 0.6 miles on the left.

## 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.

### DAILY

**Monday–Sunday: 1:00 | 4:30**

#### **ADMISSION PRICES:**

\$ 10 —age 13 & up

\$ 6 —age 3-12

FREE—age 2 & under

#### **WALKING DISTANCE & DIFFICULTY:**

About 1/4 mile with 75 stair steps, some stooping, narrow passage

**DURATION:** About 45 minutes

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

#### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Cave tours are unscripted, varying from one tour guide to the next. Topics generally covered include history, geology, cave ecology, etc.

#### **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**

# FALL / WINTER UPCOMING EVENTS

**JANUARY - WINTER ADVENTURE WEEKEND**

**FEBRUARY - VALENTINES MURDER MYSTERY**

**MARCH - EASTER GETAWAY WEEKEND**

**APRIL & MAY - TYGART PADDLE TRIPS**

**APRIL - CAMPERS APPRECIATION**

**JULY - PIONEER LIFE WEEK**

**AUGUST - CRAWLATHON**

**SEPTEMBER - FRALEY FESTIVAL OF TRADITIONAL  
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**SEPTEMBER - CARTER CAVES ADVENTURE EXPERIENCE**

**OCTOBER - SPOOKY CAVE IN MOVIES**

**OCTOBER - CASCADE AFTER HOURS**

**OCTOBER - HALLOWEEN CAMPOUT CELEBRATION**

**NOVEMBER - MURDER MYSTERY**

#### GROUP SCHEDULING

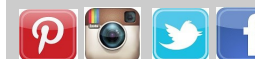
Organizations with large groups of people (20+ individuals) may be able to schedule privately led cave tours or activities through the Office of Interpretation. Call us today at (606) 286-7009 to find out what activities we may be able to offer that will best suit the needs of your group.

Rates and availability will vary.

**\$100 minimum for all private programming.**



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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Come and see our 6 natural bridges!
- Come visit the Gift Shop at the Park for souvenirs and gifts. Hours are 9-5 Daily!
- Hike on our 30 miles of trails, varying in difficulties, including four that allow horse back riding and five that allow mountain bikes.
- Have breakfast, lunch, or dinner at Tierney's Cavern restaurant located inside the lodge.
- Check out staying overnight with us in the Lodge, Cottages or at our Campground.
- Horse back riding on Saturday's and Sunday's until the end of September
- Kayak & Canoe rentals available for use on Smoky Lake from Friday-Sunday!

## OTHER CAVES

### Open Memorial day thru Labor Day.

In addition to all the cave tours mentioned, there are other caves to come explore during the summer! **Saltpetre Cave:** Offers commercial walking tours, lantern tours, ghosts and legends, and even spelunking tours! **Bat Cave:** Our longest cave on the park, completely wild and undeveloped. Offering different levels of spelunking adventures not for the faint of heart **Laurel Cave:** Self Guided cave for FREE exploration!



# SELF- GUIDED CAVING

## HORN HOLLOW CAVE

( SELF-GUIDED CAVE EXPLORATION )

### PERMIT REQUIRED - PERMITS GIVEN OUT AT THE WELCOME CENTER

Horn Hollow Cave is a self-guided cave exploration opportunity available at Carter Caves. To enter this cave, visitors must first obtain a permit (free) from the Welcome Center. Permits for Horn Hollow are available year-round, however, issuance is weather-dependent. Self-guided permits will be available day-of and from open of the Welcome Center to 2 hours prior to close. Permits must be returned to Welcome Center once groups have exited the cave(s).

**REQUIREMENTS:** Visitors must have at least one other person in their group, wear close-toed 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 bottom of both shoes of each participant are treated with a mixture of Woolite and water.

**NOTE:** Please review these *required* post-tour procedures before the purchase of any cave tour tickets.

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# CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK

## CAVE TOUR SCHEDULE



### LATE FALL SCHEDULE

November 1 - November 19, 2023

Cave tour schedules always available online at  
PARKS.KY.GOV

**Founded in 1946, Carter Caves State Resort Park is home to an expansive system of natural caves. Some of these caves are open to the public for viewing and exploration at various times throughout the year.**

**Look inside this schedule for tour descriptions, tour times, and prices!**

**Visitors may purchase cave tour tickets inside of the Gift Shop at the Welcome Center. Tickets are sold by day—there are no reservations or advance sales.**

**Cave tour tickets are non-refundable.**

### Carter Caves - Important Phone Numbers

Front Desk: (606) 286-4411

Office of Interpretation: (606) 286-7009

TOUR SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE