

**September 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Tennessee Fall Star Gaze**

View the night sky, learn about viewing equipment, and engage in discussion with individuals experienced in the field of astronomy. For more information, contact Lloyd Watkins at [watkinslk@comcast.net](mailto:watkinslk@comcast.net), or visit [www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org](http://www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org). Feel free to bring your telescope if you wish!

**October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Fall Colors Spooktacular**

Enjoy a weekend filled with fall colors, boat rides, campsite decorating competitions, hayrides, campground trick-or-treating and more! Don't miss out on the most fun you can have in state parks this weekend!

**October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Wild Foods Day**

Field trips identifying edible wild plants and workshops on preparing wild meats and breads are just a few of the activities. The real treat comes in enjoying the wild feast.

**November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Backpacking Trip**

Embark on a 13-mile trek through some of the more remote portions of Fall Creek Falls State Park. This hike is for both novices and experienced backpackers and includes a 2-day guided hike with an overnight camp. There is a \$10 fee and pre-registration is required. Contact the Nature Center at (423) 881-5708.

**December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Christmas on the Mountain**

What could be better than enjoying live music, Christmas decorations, and a handmade craft fair on the plateau? How about a visit from Santa Claus and special deals for our veterans and military! Watch our website for upcoming details concerning exciting changes as we honor our military during Warrior Week at Fall Creek Falls.

**September – May**

**Environmental Education Program**

Fall Creek Falls State Park offers an environmental education program for multiple day school field trips during the school year. Food, lodging, and programs are included in the low price. Contact Ranger Matt Brown at [matthew.brown@tn.gov](mailto:matthew.brown@tn.gov) or call the Nature Center at 423-881-5708 to schedule a field trip.

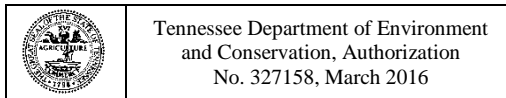
*Fall Creek Falls State Resort Park, situated on the Western Edge of the Cumberland Plateau, contains approximately 26,000 acres of rugged beauty. Inside the park are both first class recreational facilities and pristine wilderness. Resource management staff is available year round to assist park visitors. 58 miles of trails, including 30 miles of backpacking trails and 20 miles of biking trails, lead the visitor away from the roads and into the wilderness at Fall Creek Falls. Questions relating to the programs above should be addressed to:*

*Betty Dunn Nature Center  
Fall Creek Falls State Park  
10821 Park Road  
Spencer, TN, 38585  
Phone: 423-881-5708*

*Cabins and rooms can be reserved at Fall Creek State Park Inn by calling 423-881-5241 or 1-800-250-8610.*

**Fall Creek Falls State Park**

**Special Events and Programs 2017**



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**State Parks**



**Tel: 423-881-5708**

## **Fall Creek Falls State Park Special Events and Programs 2017**

*Fall Creek Falls State Park offers a wide variety of educational and recreational programs for those of all ages, interests, and abilities year round. Make plans to visit on a special event weekend and check with the Fall Creek Falls State Park Inn (1-800-250-8610) for special package deals!*

### **March 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***FCF Thaw 15km Run & Weekend Excursion***

Run the finale of the TSP Running Tour in a 15k traversing one of the most beautiful areas in the eastern United States. Entry forms are available at <http://tennesseerunningtour.com>. A special package rate has been set for those staying for the Awards Banquet Saturday night. The price includes one night lodging in Fall Creek Falls State Park Inn, the banquet meal, and breakfast on Sunday morning. Contact the Fall Creek Falls State Park Inn for reservations at 1-800-250-8610.

### **March 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Basket Weaving Workshop***

Jim and Nancy Phillips will guide you through the basics of basket making. There is a fee for this event and registration is required. For more information, contact the Nature Center at 423-881-5708. For reservations with Fall Creek Falls State Park Inn, call 1-800-250-8610 and ask about the special package deal.

### **March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Waterfalls Weekend***

Fall Creek Falls State Park is the premier waterfall destination in Tennessee. Photography seminars, hikes, and driving tours to multiple waterfalls are offered in addition to excursions to more remote areas to see the lesser visited waterfalls of the park and surrounding area. Call the Nature Center at 423-881-5708 for more details and check with the Fall Creek Falls State Park Inn about package deals at 1-800-250-8610.

### **April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***36<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage***

We will explore the wildflower rich areas of the park to see many early spring wildflowers and breathtaking views. A variety of hikes, workshops, driving tours, and slideshows will be offered. Reserve a room today to enjoy the whole weekend at Fall Creek Falls State Park.

### **April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Easter Weekend***

Meet in the Village Green for an Easter egg hunt and crafts for kids on Saturday. Stay at the inn, cabins or campground to enjoy a beautiful and fun filled weekend!

### **May 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Tennessee Spring Star Party 2017***

Programs range from entry to professional level. Professional and amateur astronomers will be giving free presentations. Dark sky field viewing will be Friday and Saturday night with alternate "bad weather" programs. The only cost for the event will be lodging and food. For more information, contact Allen Ball at [tnscoper@gmail.com](mailto:tnscoper@gmail.com) or Lloyd Watkins at [watkinslk@comcast.net](mailto:watkinslk@comcast.net), or visit [www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org](http://www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org). Contact the Fall Creek Falls State Park Inn at 1-800-250-8610 and ask about the special package deal.

### **Memorial Day through Labor Day Summer Season at Fall Creek Falls**

Softball, nature hikes, canoe floats, campfires and bluegrass music are just some of the events that mark our summer season. Interpretive and recreational events are scheduled 7 days a week.

### **June 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Astronomy Weekends***

Fall Creek Falls State Park is exceptionally well suited to night sky viewing. Make plans to attend any or all of the Astronomy Weekends to discuss constellations and spatial relationships in the solar system. Telescope viewing will also be offered, weather permitting. For more information, email Lloyd Watkins at [watkinslk@comcast.net](mailto:watkinslk@comcast.net), or visit [www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org](http://www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org).

### **July 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Fourth of July Celebration***

Dress up your car, your bike, or yourself for the traditional parade to Campground "A". After watermelon and cake, field events such a sack race, the egg toss, tug-o-war, and other family favorites will be held in the Campground "A" field.

### **August 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### ***Eclipse in the Park***

Spend the weekend at Fall Creek Falls State Park to experience 2 minutes and 24 seconds of the first total solar eclipse to occur in the continental U.S. since 1979. We'll have programs and activities all weekend to celebrate this historic event!

### **September 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***39<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountaineer Folk Festival***

The Mountaineer Folk Festival's jam-packed schedule includes handmade crafts, 2 stages of traditional mountain music, demonstrations of pioneer skills, country cooking, and much more. Don't miss this event!