



Fall Creek Falls Activities

June 11th - 18th

Welcome to Fall Creek Falls State Park! Summer vacation time is here and what a great place to spend it! The park provides a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some hiking, picnicking, boating, swimming, and wildlife watching while taking in the beautiful scenery. We encourage you to take advantage of the programs we have arranged for your enjoyment and enlightenment.

***A parent or guardian must accompany youngsters 12 years old and younger.**



In an effort to save paper and our planet Earth, Fall Creek Falls State Park will not be publishing a short schedule. For a complete schedule, please visit www.tnstateparks.com/FallCreekFalls and click on Upcoming Events or visit one of our many bulletin boards scattered around the park.

Sunday, June 11th

- 9:00am **Cable Trail Hike** – Join Lane at the Nature Center for a short but strenuous hike down the Cable Trail to the bottom of Cane Creek Falls. This is a great opportunity to experience the grandeur of one of our park's most prominent geological features. Wear sturdy shoes and bring along some water.
- 10:00am **Clothes Pin Airplanes** – Meet Tyler at the Rec. Hall to create a airplane out of a clothes pin.
- 1:45pm **Tree ID** – Meet Tyler at the Rec. Hall for a short walk around the Rec. Hall to learn about some trees.
- 2:30pm **Pontoon Boat Tour** – Meet Sarah at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$9 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Nature Center for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.
- 3:00pm **Nature Bingo** – Meet Tyler at the Rec. Hall to learn about the environment while playing bingo.
- 3:15pm **Snake Show** – Meet Lane at the Nature Center to get up close and personal with some of the park's more elusive residents.

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6:30pm **Softball** – Meet at the lighted field in the Village. Kids (12 years old and younger) play the first hour. Teens and Adults (13 years old and older) play at 7:30pm. Please wear adequate footwear.

Monday, June 12th

10:00am **Layers of the Forest** – Meet David at the Rec. Hall to learn about what lives in the different canopy layers.

2:00pm **Tree Leaf Booklets** – Meet David at the Rec. Hall to learn a little about some of our native trees here at Fall Creek Falls and make a leaf rubbing ID booklet to keep.

2:30pm **Pontoon Boat Tour** – Meet Tyler at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$9 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Nature Center for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.

3:00pm **Do You See What I See?** – Meet Lane at the Nature Center to learn how our native animals see!

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4:00pm **Ping-Pong Tournament** – Meet David at the Rec. Hall to try your hand at a game of ping-pong.

5:30pm **Evening Stroll by the Lake** – Meet Tyler at the lobby of the Inn for an easy lakeside stroll where we will discuss forest ecology and wildlife.

6:30pm **Softball** – Meet at the lighted field in the Village. Kids (12 years old and younger) play the first hour. Teens and Adults (13 years old and older) play at 7:30pm. Please wear adequate footwear.

Tuesday, June 13th

7:00am **Fowl Friends** – Flock over to the lobby of the Inn to go on a bird watching adventure with Renee! This hike will be around the lake and Landside Cabins.

9:00am **Wheeler Farm Excursion** – Meet Jonathan at the Nature Center for a short drive to the Wheeler Farm to view some spectacular geologic features. Please provide your own transportation. Carpooling is recommended. This will be a moderately strenuous 2-mile roundtrip hike to a natural bridge and shallow but beautiful waterfall. Wear sturdy shoes or boots and bring along some water.

10:30am **Waterfall Watercolors** – Meet Gillian at the Rec. Hall to create your own waterfall masterpiece using watercolors.

2:00pm **Four Square Match** – Meet Gillian at the Rec. Hall to play some four square.

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- 4:00pm **Flint and Steel Demonstration** – Join Gillian at the Rec. Hall to learn about settler life here on the Cumberland Plateau many years ago and take a look at what they used for fire making!
- 6:30pm **Softball** – Meet at the lighted field in the Village. Kids (12 years old and younger) play the first hour. Teens and Adults (13 years old and older) play at 7:30pm. Please wear adequate footwear.

Wednesday, June 14th

- 9:00am **Buzzard's Roost Hike** – Meet Gillian at the Main Overlook of Fall Creek Falls for an easy hike to Millikan's Overlook and Buzzard's Roost. Learn about native wildlife and geology while taking in the breathtaking views from some of the park's most popular overlooks. Wear sturdy shoes and bring plenty of water.
- 11:00am **Nature Art** – Meet Jonathan at the Rec. Hall to create a masterpiece inspired by nature.
- 2:00pm **Insects of the Dark** – Meet Jonathan at the Rec. Hall to learn about what insects come to light in the night.
- 2:30pm **Pontoon Boat Tour** – Meet Gillian at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$9 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Nature Center for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.
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- 4:00pm **Billiards Tournament** – Meet Jonathan at the Rec. Hall to participate in a pool tourney.
- 4:30pm **Park Orientation** – Meet Renee at the Inn to become more familiar with Fall Creek Falls. This presentation is a thorough slideshow of the park's features and facilities.
- 6:30pm **Softball** – Meet at the lighted field in the Village. Kids (12 years old and younger) play the first hour. Teens and Adults (13 years old and older) play at 7:30pm. Please wear adequate footwear.

Thursday, June 15th

- 9:00am **Edible/Medicinal Plant Hike** – Meet Jonathan at the Nature Center for a short hike discussing some of the historical importance of our native plants.
- 10:00am **Popper Hoppers** – Meet Lane at the Rec. Hall to make your very own colorful frog using paper and creativity.
- 10:45am **Frog Call ID** – Meet David at the Nature Center to learn how to identify the different frog calls.
- 2:45pm **History of the Park Service** – Hike to the Falls from the lobby of the Inn with David and learn about the history of the National and State Parks.
- 3:00pm **Critter Creek Walk** – Meet Tyler at the Nature Center and take a short stroll down to one of the creeks to see what sort of critters we can find. Be sure to wear shoes and clothes that can get wet.
- 3:15pm **Corn Hole Tournament** – Meet Lane at the Rec. Hall to play a fun game of corn hole.

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- 4:15pm **Tree Rings and Tree Things** – Meet Lane at the Rec. Hall to learn about the life of a tree based on its rings.
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- 6:30pm **Softball** – Meet at the lighted field in the Village. Kids (12 years old and younger) play the first hour. Teens and Adults (13 years old and older) play at 7:30pm. Please wear adequate footwear.
- 8:00pm **Campfire** – Meet Gillian at Picnic Shelter #3 (at the George Hole) to learn about fire building, park history, native wildlife, and more! Be sure to bring your roasting sticks and marshmallows. If you play a musical instrument, feel free to bring it along.
- Friday, June 16th**
- 9:00am **Hike to the Base of Fall Creek Falls** – Meet Gillian at the Main Overlook of Fall Creek Falls for a short but strenuous hike to the bottom of the falls. Along the way, we will discuss our park's forest ecology and geology.
- 10:00am **Nature Bookmarks** – Meet Tyler at the Rec. Hall to make your own, personalized Fall Creek Falls souvenir!
- 10:15am **Lakeside Bike Ride to Fall Creek Falls** – Meet Sarah at the Inn for a 4-mile, roundtrip bike ride on a paved trail to the top of Fall Creek Falls.
- 2:00pm **Creepy Crawlies** – Meet Tyler at the Rec. Hall to learn about native spiders.
- 2:30pm **Pontoon Boat Tour** – Meet David at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$9 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Nature Center for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.
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- 4:00pm **Connect Four Tourney** – Meet Tyler at the Rec. Hall for a fun *Connect Four* tournament.
- 6:30pm **Softball** – Meet at the lighted field in the Village. Kids (12 years old and younger) play the first hour. Teens and Adults (13 years old and older) play at 7:30pm. Please wear adequate footwear.
- 8:00pm **Evening Nature Ramble** – Meet Matt at the Campers' Check-In for a nature walk around the golf course. This is the peak time to see some of the park's nightlife like deer, raccoons, frogs, etc. If it's clear, we may look at a star or two as well.

Saturday, June 17th

- 7:00am **Fowl Friends** – Flock over to the lobby of the Inn to go on a bird watching adventure with Renee! This hike will be around the lake and Landside Cabins.
- 9:00am **Rock Hop** – Meet Matt at the Nature Center for a technical and strenuous off trail hike through Cane Creek Gorge. Along the way, we will see both Fall Creek Falls and Cane Creek Falls. Be prepared to navigate steep slopes, large boulders, and slippery surfaces. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water in your day pack. We do not recommend attempting this trip unguided due to the possibility of getting lost! The minimum age is 12 years, and persons with physical infirmities should not attend. Hiking sticks are not advised; you'll need both hands! This hike may take 2-4 hours.
- 10:00am **Daypack Essentials** – Meet Gillian at the Liberty Hill School (Andy Field Picnic Area – near the North Entrance) to learn what essential items you need to carry in your daypack.
- 10:15am **Jenga** – Meet Lane at the Rec. Hall to play a round of *Jenga*.
- 11:00am **Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle** – Meet Sarah at the Nature Center for games, candy, and prizes that teach about the 3Rs.
- 2:00pm **Tie-Dye** – Meet the Friends of Fall Creek Falls at the Rec. Hall to brighten up your wardrobe! There will be a fee of \$2 per person or you can purchase a white shirt for \$5 or a printed Fall Creek Falls shirt for \$10 from the Friends. Cash only can be accepted.
- 2:30pm **Pontoon Boat Tour** – Meet Tyler at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$9 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Nature Center for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.
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- 4:00pm **Turtle Time** – Meet Lane at the Rec. Hall to learn about our native turtles.
- 4:30pm **Egg Carton Turtles** – Stick around to make your own turtle after "Turtle Time".
- 6:30pm **Softball** – Meet at the lighted field in the Village. Kids (12 years old and younger) play the first hour. Teens and Adults (13 years old and older) play at 7:30pm. Please wear adequate footwear.



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Blue Cumberland



Live Musical Entertainment - Meet at the Amphitheater by the pool for an evening filled with musical entertainment provided by Blue Cumberland. Donations will be collected by the band. Suggested donation is \$3 per person. In the event of rain, meet at the Rec. Hall.

Sunday, June 18th

- 9:00am **Hike to Fall Creek Falls Overlook** – Meet Lane at the Nature Center for a moderate 2-mile roundtrip hike to Fall Creek Falls. We will discuss various rocks, plants, and animals along the way.
- 10:00am **Leaf Creations** – Meet Tyler at the Rec. Hall to craft your own leaf!

- 1:30pm **Pontoon Boat Tour** – Meet Lane at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$9 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Nature Center for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.
- 2:00pm **Leave No Trace** – Meet Tyler at the Rec. Hall to learn how to take nothing but pictures and leave only footprints.
- 2:15pm **Bird Call ID** – Meet David at the Nature Center to learn how to identify the different calls of birds.
- 2:30pm **Pontoon Boat Tour** – Meet Lane at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$9 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Nature Center for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.
- 3:30pm **Recycling Relay** – Meet Tyler at the Rec. Hall to learn about recycling while having fun with a relay.
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Cool Nature Fact

Did you know that bird watching success requires exploring a variety of habitats? The Bike Trail, Cable Trail, and Prater Place Trail are some of our best birding areas.



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