

# FALL CREEK FALLS STATE PARK

## MAY 2019 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

*Programs range from entry to professional level, and will be offered in the Recreation Hall. Professional and amateur astronomers will be giving free presentations. Dark sky field viewing will be Friday and Saturday night with alternate “bad weather” programs.*

### Tennessee Spring Star Party 2019 May 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

**Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>                      Night time Astronomy Viewing                      7:00 pm-10:00 pm**

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>                      Astronomy Weekend Welcome                      10:00 am**  
Come to the Recreation Hall in the meeting room for an intro to astronomy clubs and short talks of interest.

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>                      Astronomy Weekend Guest Talk                      11:00 am**  
Come listen as Rocky Alvey, Director of Dyer Observatory at University of Vanderbilt talks about outreach programs at the Dyer Observatory.

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>                      Astronomy Weekend Guest Talk                      1:00 pm**  
Come hear Paul Lewis, Director of Astronomy Outreach at University of Tennessee, give talks about, “What’s Going on Up There?”

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>                      Solar Viewing                      2:00 pm**  
Meet at the Observation Field above the Recreation Hall to do some solar telescope viewing! This will give you an opportunity to gain a new light on the universe.

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>                      Night Time Astronomy Viewing                      7:00 pm – 10:00 pm**  
Join us starting at 7:00 pm in the field above the Recreation Hall to view the dark sky and learn about the universe. Please use only red lights at this event, as bright lights will not allow people to see the stars as well. Also, take part in another activity at 8:00 pm, where you can learn to use a star wheel and a simple telescope.

**Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>                      Pontoon Boat Tour                      1:00 pm**  
Meet Ranger Ronnie at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$10.00 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Boat Dock for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.

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**Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>                      Hike to the Base of the Falls                      9:00 am**  
Come meet Park Ranger Cara at the main Fall Creek Falls overlook for a short (0.8-mile) but moderately strenuous hike down to the base of the waterfall. Along the way you will see some unique geological features and learn about the history of the park. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather and bring your hiking shoes! There is a fee of \$5.00 per person. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Office Headquarters for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.

**Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> Cable Trail 1:00 pm**  
Meet Ranger Sean 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 some water. There is a fee of \$5.00 per person. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Office Headquarters for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.

**Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> Tie Dye 2:00 pm-4:00 pm**  
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.

**Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> Pontoon Boat Tour 9:00 am**  
Meet Ranger Sean at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$10.00 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Boat Dock for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.

**Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> Pontoon Boat Tour 10:00 am**  
Meet Ranger Sean at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$10.00 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Boat Dock for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.

**Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> Friendship Bracelets 1:00 pm**  
Join Ranger Cara in the Recreation Hall to learn some basic macramé techniques you can then use to create friendship bracelets out of hemp thread. There is a fee of \$5.00 per person. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Office Headquarters for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellation

**Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> Fall Creek Educational Video 9:00 am - All Day**  
Meet at the Nature Center for a showing of our park introduction video.

**Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> Ultimate Frisbee 1:00 pm**  
Meet Ranger Sean at the Softball Field for a fantastic game of Ultimate Frisbee. This exciting game features many principles of Tennessee State Parks Healthy Parks Healthy Person initiative!

**Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> Pontoon Boat Tour 9:00 am**  
Meet Ranger Sean at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$10.00 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Boat Dock for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.

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**Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> Campfire 7:30 pm**  
Meet Derek at the Campfire Ring in Campground A to learn folklore and park stories while sitting around the campfire. Be sure to bring your roasting sticks and marshmallows

**Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> Cable Trail Hike 10:00 am**  
Meet Gavin 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 some water.

**Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> Leaf Prints 1:00 pm**  
Meet Samuel to learn how to make a leaf imprint with paper and crayons in this neat nature activity.

**Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> Snake Show 3:30 pm**  
Meet Clay at the Nature Center to learn about some of our more elusive park creatures.

**Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> Night Hike 7:30 pm**  
Meet Clay 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.

**Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> Hike To the Base of the Falls 9:00 am**  
Meet Gavin at the main Fall Creek Falls overlook for a short (0.8-mile) but moderately strenuous hike down to the base of the waterfall. Along the way you will see some unique geological features and learn about the history of the park. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather and bring your hiking shoes! There is a fee of \$5.00 per person. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Office Headquarters for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.

**Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> Birds Of Prey 11:00 am**  
Meet Clay at the Nature Center to learn about birds of prey and to meet Delta the red tailed hawk.

**Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> Tie Dye 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**  
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**Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> Pontoon Tour 3:30 pm**  
Meet Randy at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$10.00 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Boat Dock for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.

**Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> Pontoon Tour 4:30 pm**  
Meet Randy at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$10.00 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Boat Dock for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.

**Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> Bluegrass Music 7:00 pm**  
End your day's adventures with some bluegrass favorites performed by local bands! Be sure to stop by the snack bar and get some Ice Cream.

**Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> Paw Paw Trail Hike 9:00 am**  
Meet Samuel at the Nature Center parking lot for a moderate hike along the Paw Paw trail. This will be a good time to view some trees, birds, and other interesting sights. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring along some water!

**Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Pelts 11:00 am**  
Meet Clay at the Nature Center to look at the pelts of some of our native wildlife and learn some of their historical significance.

**Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> Pontoon Boat Tour 1:30 pm**  
Meet Clay at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$10.00 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Boat Dock for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.

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**Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> Softball 6:30 pm**  
Meet Gavin up at the Softball Field for a game of softball. Kid's game begins at 6:30pm. Adult's game starts at 7:30pm.

**Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> Gilbert Gaul Hike 9:00 am**  
Meet Samuel at the Youth Camp 2 gate for a hike along the Gilbert Gaul Trail. This moderate lakeside hike is about 4 miles in length and will acquaint you with the park history, wildlife and beautiful scenery.

**Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> Kickball 11:00 am**  
Join Clay us at the Softball Field for a fun filled game of kickball!

**Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> Animal Masks 1:30 pm**  
Meet Gavin at the Rec. Hall to make a mask of your favorite animal.

**Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> Creek Stomp 3:30 pm**  
Meet Gavin at the Nature Center parking lot 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!

**Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> Pontoon 4:30 pm**  
Meet Clay at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$10.00 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Boat Dock for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations

**Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> Pontoon 5:30 pm**  
Meet Clay at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$10.00 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Boat Dock for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.

**Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> Wheeler Farm Hike 9:00 am**  
Meet Clay at the Nature Center parking lot 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 and bring along some water.

**Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> Pontoon Tour 2:30 pm**  
Meet Clay at the Boat Dock for a pontoon boat tour around the lake. There is a limit of 11 and a fee of \$10.00 per seat. Register online by clicking the Upcoming Events tab on the Fall Creek Falls State Park webpage or visit the Boat Dock for assistance. No refunds will be given for cash transactions or customer cancellations.

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**Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> Paw Paw Trail Hike 3:00 pm**  
Meet Ranger Brent at the Nature Center parking lot for a moderate hike along the Paw Paw trail. This will be a good time to view some trees, birds, and other interesting sights. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring along some water!

**Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> Cascades Exploration 9:00 am**

Meet at the Nature Center Parking lot for a short excursion around the Cascades area.

**Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> Pelts with Samuel 11:00 am**

Meet at the Nature Center to look at the pelts of some of our native wildlife and learn some of their historical significance

**Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> Snakes with Gavin 1:00 pm**

Meet Gavin at the Nature Center to learn about some of our more elusive park creatures.

**Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> Campfire 7:00 pm**

Meet Samuel at the Campfire Ring in Campground A to learn folklore and park stories while sitting around the campfire. Be sure to bring your roasting sticks and marshmallows.

**Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> Gilbert Gaul Hike 9:00 am**

Meet Samuel at the Youth Camp 2 gate for a hike along the Gilbert Gaul Trail. This moderate lakeside hike is about 4 miles in length and will acquaint you with the park history, wildlife and beautiful scenery.

**Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> Birds Of Prey 1:30 pm**

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**Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> Night Hike w/Matt 8:00 pm**

Meet 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.



**Nature Is Neat... Did you know?**

- **Why do hummingbirds hum?**



Hummingbirds are capable of beating their wings up to 80 beats per second, producing a buzz that can be heard by human ears.

**Cool Nature Fact!**

These tiny colorful birds also have the unique ability to fly in any direction, even backward!

In May, enjoy new life by attracting hummingbirds to your garden!

