

Caverns Stargazing Campout

On Friday, September 1st, Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park will again host “Star Gazing Under the Caverns Sky” with Tom Satterly. Satterly is one of our favorite presenters and we are happy to have him back for our 11th annual stargazing campout. He will have a large reflecting telescope on hand to give everyone a chance to gaze upon some unique features of the night sky. Besides star gazing Satterly will offer some wonderful interpretation on how people enjoy the night sky.

The program is \$6 per vehicle for non residents. Camping in the group use area is \$4 per person with advanced registration (5 and under free) and includes a breakfast at the campground’s pavilion the morning of Saturday September 3rd. Campsites are limited for this wonderful family opportunity so sign up as soon as possible. The programs begin at 8:30 pm and campers can start setting up their site at 6:30 PM.

Reservations are required for the special event campout & breakfast for more information call (406) 287-3541

Standard Cave Tour:

May 6 to September 30
Tour Times Vary, Ticket Sale Times Below:
May 6 to June 14: 9:00AM to 4:30PM
June 15 to Aug 19: 9:00AM to 6:30PM
Aug 20 to Sept 30: 9:00AM to 4:30PM
Tour Fees: Adults: \$12
Children 6-11: \$5 Children 5 or less: free

Paradise Tour (Call ahead!)

May to September 30
Tour Times:
May to June 14: 2:30 pm
June 15 to Sept 30: 10:45 am and 2:30 pm
Tour Fees: Adults: \$12
Children 6-11: \$5 Children 5 or less: free

Wild Cave Tour (By Reservation Only!)

June 18 to August 20
Sundays and Tuesdays only at 5:30 PM
Tour Fee: \$30
Must be 12 or older to participate.
Call us: (406) 287-3541 to book your Wild Cave Tour today!

Non residents are required to pay a \$6 day use fee, or be registered campers at the park to enjoy our programs or take a cave tour



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2017 Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park Summer Events



Cave Tours offered daily

The park now offers 3 tour types:

Standard Cave Tour:

2 hour moderately rigorous tour

Paradise Tour:

70 minute easy cave tour

Wild Cave Tour:

3 hour difficult cave tour



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Friday Evening Programs

Our 2017 guest speaker lineup.
All programs at 8pm unless otherwise noted.

May 26 Local Plant Ecology

Matt Lavin, Plant Ecologist

June 2 Montana's Grayling

Emma Cayer, Grayling Habitat Specialist

June 9 Granite Mountain Mine Fire

Tom Satterly, Historic Presenter

June 16 The Life of Bats

Diana Kelly, Bat Reseacher

June 23 Plants and Us!

Robyn Klein, Herbalist/Botanist

June 30 Sapphires!

Richard Berg, Retired Montana Tech Professor

July 7 Montana Ghost Stories

Ellen Baumler, Author/Historian

July 14 The Resurgent Wild

Chris Preston, Humanities Montana

July 21 Sgt Ordway of Lewis & Clark Fame

Arch Ellwein, Humanities Montana

July 28 Native American Music

Scott Prinzing, Humanities Montana

Aug 4 Montana's Amazing Raptors!

Montana Raptor Center

Aug 11 Geology of the Caverns

Alan English, Hydrogeologist

Aug 18 Bat Week! Aug 25 TBD

Other Special Programs

Special Owling Walk

Sunday April 23 at 8pm. This is an easy night walk to search for the park owls. There is a \$4 charge per participant, please call ahead.

National Trails Day

This year we are offering a special hiking program to celebrate our trails in the park. Come join us and go for a hike! June 3, 9:00 AM

Backcountry Hike

On June 10th at 9:00 AM join us for an adventurous hike into the untrailed portion of the park.

"Things that go Bump"

We return our special night sounds walk on Saturday June 17. 9:00 PM

Music by the Caverns

For a fourth straight year this popular event is back. The Park will again be hosting 3 full days of music this summer. Music by the Caverns days are June 10, July 23, and August 26. These music events will feature a diverse collection of local talent performing a variety of different musical styles suitable for all ages. These performances are free to Montana residents and registered campers.

Birding Days

This summer Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park will host our 8th annual birding day on Sunday June 4th meeting at 7:30 AM and a **Beginner's Birding Day** on Saturday July 1 at 8 AM. On both days we will be visiting the park's different bird habitats throughout the morning on several short hikes. The two days offer great experiences for birders of all levels. Both meet at the Main (lower) Visitor Center.

Saturday Naturalist Programs

Our naturalist led walks and interactive talks feature the flora, fauna, history and geology of the park. The walks will be held at different times, so please check times on our facebook page or call Derrick Rathe@ (406) 287-3541

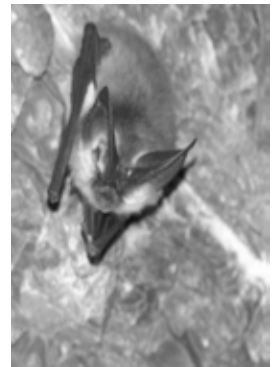
All walks/hikes will meet at the park's Main Visitor Center east of the campground.

Ranger Talks

We are once again offering weekly Ranger Presentations in 2017 on Tuesday evenings. These will typically be offered at 8 pm. During Holidays the time may vary so please call ahead! **(See Page Three for a full list of our Saturday Programs and Tuesday Ranger Talks.)**

Bat Week

Due to the success we had the last few years, August 13 to August 19 will be our Seventh annual Bat Week at Lewis & Clark Caverns. There will be two special tours, **"The Misunderstood Bat"** on Monday the 14th and Wednesday the 16th at 6:45. \$12 for adults kids 6-11 \$5. Call to reserve a spot for these limited engagement tours!



Bat programs will be given daily by park staff-with featured programs each night presented by both park staff and special guest speakers. Each night will feature either a bat walk, or talk and sometimes both. Please call us in early August to get an up to date schedule for all of our Bat Week activities.

Tuesday Evening Ranger Talks

Join Park Ranger Derrick Rathe every Tuesday Night for different presentations about Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park and beyond! Talks are free to Montana Residents and registered campers.

June 13th/Tuesday, 8:00 PM, **Bats of MT**

June 20th/Tuesday, 8:00 PM, **Bears of MT**

June 27th/Tuesday, 8:00 PM, **Cave Formations in a new light**

July 4th/Tuesday, 7:00 PM, **The Heat of Fire:** making fire starter, campfire stories of MT, fire cooked meals

July 11th/Tuesday, 8:00 PM, **Snakes of the Park & Southwest Montana**

July 18th/Tuesday, 8:00 PM, **The Challenges of Caving & Cave Safety**

July 25th/Tuesday, 8:00 PM, **The Spotted Bat**

August 1st/Tuesday, 8:00 PM, **The Predators of the Sky**

August 8th/Tuesday, 8:00 PM, **Cave Formations in a New Light**

Saturday Ranger Programs

Each Saturday Park Ranger Derrick Rathe and other park staff will lead walks and present interactive talks on a variety of subjects that aim to expand our visitors interests beyond the Caverns!

June 17th/Saturday, 8:00 PM, Things that go Bump! Hike/ To look for the creatures of the night at LCC

June 24th/Saturday, 9:00 AM, State Symbols Hike, Greer Gulch Loop Hike (2Miles) to help visitors identify flowers and plants of LCC

July 1st/Saturday, 8AM Birding for Beginners Showing why birds are Awesome and some tips on how to start down the path of being a birder!

7:00 PM The Amazing Atlatl. A hands on Activity bringing us back to the early days of Hunting

July 8th/Saturday, 7:30 PM, SNAKES!, Program/Live Snake program with Hike on the road!



Saturday Ranger Programs (cont.)

July 22nd/Saturday, 8:30 PM, Bat Walk, Hike/ Drive to Fishing Access and walk along the river

July 29th/Saturday, 8:00 PM, Atlatl, Activity/ Going back to the early days of Hunting



Aug 5th/Saturday, 8:00 PM, Bats and Blooms Walk, Bats and the Giant Evening Star walk at the exit trail!

Please inquire about other programs as the park sometimes has offerings not listed below. And others may become available late in the season.

Unless stated otherwise campground programs and naturalist walks are free to Montana Residents and registered campers. Non-residents are required to pay a \$6 park entry fee. For more information on our interpretive programs contact Derrick Rathe @ (406) 287-3541 or drathe.fwp@gmail.com