

Caverns Stargazing Campout

On Friday, August 30, Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park will again host **Stargazing Under the Caverns Sky** with Tom Satterly. Satterly is one of our favorite presenters, and we are happy to have him back for our 13th 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 universe. Besides stargazing, Satterly will offer interpretation on how people enjoy the night sky.

Reservations are required. For more information or to reserve a spot, call (406) 287-3541.

- Cost is \$6 per vehicle for nonresidents.
- Camping in the group use area is \$4 per person with advanced registration (kids 5 and under free) and includes a breakfast at the campground pavilion the morning of Saturday, August 31.
- Campsites are limited for this wonderful family opportunity, so sign up as soon as possible.
- The programs begin at 8:30pm.
- Campers may start setting up their sites at 6:30pm.

Classic Cave Tour:

May 1 – September 30

No reservations

Tour times vary. Ticket sale times below:

May 1 – June 14: 9:00am to 4:30pm

June 15 – Aug 19: 9:00am to 6:30pm

Aug 20 – Sept 30: 9:00am to 4:30pm

Tour Fees: Adults: \$12

Children 6–11: \$5 Children 5 and under: free

Paradise Tour

May 1 – September 30

No reservations

Tour Times:

May 1 – June 14: 2:00pm and 4:00pm

June 15 – Sept 30: 10:00am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm and 4:00pm

Tour Fees: Adults: \$12

Children 6–11: \$5 Children 5 and under: free

Wild Cave Tour

(By Reservation Only)

June 16 – August 18

Sundays and Tuesdays only at 5:30pm

Tour Fee: \$30 (Pay at time of booking.

Cancellation fees apply.)

Must be 12 or older to participate.

Call us at (406) 287-3541 to book your Wild Cave Tour today!

Nonresidents must pay a \$6 day use fee, or be registered campers at the park, to enjoy our programs or to take a cave tour.

Nonresidents may also purchase a \$35 annual state parks pass for camping discounts, access to interpretive programs and free entry into Montana state parks (does not include additional fees, such as cave tours).

Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park Summer Events 2019



Cave Tours offered daily

The park now offers 3 tour types:

Classic 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 Summer Speaker Series

All programs begin at 8:00pm in the campground amphitheater unless otherwise noted.

MVC = Main Visitor Center | CP = Campground Pavilion

May 24 | Where Did the Rocks in Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park Come From?

Andrew Laskowski, MSU

May 31 | Rocky Mountain Tree Species: Where Do They Grow and Why?

David Roberts, MSU

June 7 | Wilderness Caving in Montana

James Cummins, NSS Member * MVC

June 14 | What on Earth Is Biomimicry?

Jamie Dwyer, Biomimicry 3.8

June 21 | Swinging through American History

Mark Matthews, Humanities Montana *CP

June 28 | Ancient Volcanism in Southwest Montana

Jesse Mosolf, Montana Tech

July 5 | The Lewis and Clark Expedition: Wilderness Medicine in Early America

Dr. David Peck, Author

July 12 | Layers in the Rock, Guides through Time

Zack Story, University of Montana

July 19 | The Resurgent Wild

Chris Preston, Humanities Montana

July 26 | How do You Count a Mountain Lion? Very Carefully...

Jay Kolbe, Fish, Wildlife & Parks * MVC

August 2 | Geologic History of the Formation of Lewis & Clark Caverns

Alan English, Montana Tech

August 9 | Ancient Oral Traditions of the Medicine Wheel Country

Shane Doyle, Extreme History Project

August 16 | Bats of Montana

Lewis Young, Wildlife Biologist * MVC

August 23 | Patterns, Patterns Everywhere

Scott McCalla, MSU *CP

Other Special Programs

Owling Walk | May 11 | 8:30pm

Saturday, May 11 at 8:30pm. This is an easy night walk to search for the park owls. There is a \$4 charge per participant.

Birding Day | Sunday, June 9 | 7:30am

This summer Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park will host its ninth annual birding day on Sunday, June 9, meeting at 7:30am. For this event we will be visiting the park's different bird habitats throughout the morning on several short hikes. This event offers great experiences for birders of all levels. Meet at the Main (lower) Visitor Center.

Things That Go Bump | June 29 | 9:00pm

We return our special night sounds walk on Monday, June 29, at 9:00pm, after the Bataptations program in the campground amphitheater.

Music by the Caverns | July 28 & Aug 24

For a fifth straight year, this popular event is back. The park will again be hosting two full days of music this summer. 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.

Check for updates and additional programs on the park Facebook page!

Ranger Programs

Monday and Saturday ranger programs at the caverns feature the flora, fauna, history and geology of the park. Talks, walks and activities invite visitors of all ages to experience and interact with the natural world. Program times and locations vary throughout the season, so please check our Facebook page or call Park Ranger Julia Smit at (406) 287-3541 for more information.

Ranger Programs each Monday and Saturday:
May 25 - August 5

Bat Week

Due to the success we've had the last few years, August 10 to August 17 will be our ninth annual Bat Week at Lewis & Clark Caverns. There will be two special tours, **The Misunderstood Bat**, on Monday the 12th and Wednesday the 14th at 6:30pm. \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids 6-11. Call to reserve a spot for these limited-engagement tours!

Throughout the week, bat programs will be held daily, with featured programs each night.



Unless stated otherwise, campground programs and naturalist walks are free to Montana residents and registered campers. Nonresidents are required to pay a \$6 park entry fee. For more information on our interpretive programs, contact Julia Smit at (406) 287-3541 or julia.smit@mt.gov.

Ranger Programs at the Caverns

Join Park Ranger Julia Smit and other park staff every Monday and Saturday for presentations about Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park and beyond! Programs are free to Montana residents and registered campers.

May 25 | 7-8pm | Main Visitor Center

Ranger Talk | Underground History: The Story of Development in Lewis & Clark Caverns



May 27 | 7-8pm | Campground Amphitheater

Ranger Talk | How to Not Get Struck by Lightning

June 1 | 5-7pm | Meet at Main Visitor Center

Guided Walk | Caves above Ground

June 3 | 7-8pm | Main Visitor Center

Ranger Talk | Why Bats Are Cute: Psychology of the Aww Reaction

June 8 | 4-6pm | Meet at Main Visitor Center

Guided Walk | Fossils of Lewis & Clark Caverns

June 10 | 7-8pm | Campground Amphitheater

Ranger Talk | Why We Don't Call It Spelunking

June 15 | 3-5pm | Main Visitor Center

Guided Walk | Wildflower Wander

June 17 | 8-9pm | Campground Amphitheater

Ranger Talk | From Bats to Bears: A Look at Montana Mammals

June 22 | 7-9pm | Meet at Campground Kiosk

Guided Walk | A Solstice Hike through the Desert Ecosystem

June 24 | 8-9pm | Campground Amphitheater

Ranger Talk | How to Not Get Struck by Lightning

June 29 | Campground Amphitheater

Ranger Talk (8-9pm) | Bataptations
Guided Walk (9-10:30pm) | Things That Go Bump

July 1 | 8-9pm | Campground Amphitheater

Ranger Talk | Can I Eat This?

July 6 | 6:30-8:30pm | Campground Amphitheater
Activity | Not-So-Junior Ranger: An Evening of Citizen Science



July 8 | 8-9pm | Campground Amphitheater
Ranger Talk with AmeriCorps Member Tamara Beal | Upheaval in the London Hills

July 13 | 9-10:30pm | Main Visitor Center

Guided Walk | Bat Walk

July 15 | 6:30-8:30pm | Campground Lawn

Activity | Amazing Atlatl

July 20 | 8-9pm | Campground Amphitheater

Ranger Talk | Can I Eat This?

July 22 | 8-9pm | Campground Amphitheater

Ranger Talk | Why We Don't Call It Spelunking

July 27 | 8-9pm | Campground Amphitheater

Ranger Talk | Living Cave

July 29 | 8-10pm | Campground Amphitheater
Activity | Not-So-Junior Ranger: An Evening of Citizen Science

August 3 | 8-10pm | Main Visitor Center

Guided Walk | Bats and Blooms

August 5 | 8-9pm | Campground Amphitheater

Ranger Talk | Fossils of Lewis & Clark Caverns