



Fall Creek Falls Activities

June 18th - 25th

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 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.

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 19th

10:00am **Water Pollution, Runoff, and Erosion** – Meet David at the Rec. Hall to learn all about prevention of pollution, runoff, and erosion.

11:00am **The Cherokee and Their Plants** – Meet Tyler at the Nature Center to learn about the Cherokee, plants, and what they used them for.

1:30pm **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.

1:45pm **Nature Station** – Stop by the Nature Center between 1:45pm and 2:45pm to see what Lane has on his table! This is a great opportunity to ask questions about the park and familiarize yourself with some of the things you could encounter during your stay at Fall Creek Falls!

2:00pm **Paracord Creations** – Meet David at the Rec. Hall to exercise your creative skills with paracord.

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.

3:45pm **Checkers Tourney** – Meet David at the Rec. Hall to compete in a checkers 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.

Tuesday, June 20th

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 **Hike to the Base of Fall Creek Falls** – Meet Jonathan at the Nature Center for a 3-mile roundtrip hike to the bottom of Fall Creek Falls, the park's namesake. This is a moderately strenuous hike which you will view the area's varying forests and geology and learn a little about the park's history. Bring along plenty of water and wear sturdy shoes.

10:00am **Ping-Pong Tournament** – Meet Gillian at the Rec. Hall to try your hand at a game of ping-pong.

1:45pm **The Life of a Long Hunter** – Meet Gillian at the Rec. Hall to learn about the life of a long hunter.

2:00pm **Pontoon Boat Tour** – Meet Jonathan 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 **Corn Husk Dolls** – Meet Gillian at the Rec. Hall to make your very own corn husk doll.

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 21st

9:00am **Gilbert Gaul Homestead Hike** – Meet Gillian at the Youth Camp 2 gate to hike to the site of Gilbert Gaul's homestead and learn a little about the history of this famous Civil War era painter.

9:45am **Bottle Cap Lures** – Meet Jonathan at the Rec. Hall to learn how to turn old bottle caps into cool fishing lures.

1:45pm **Frog Hoppers** – Hop on over to the Rec. Hall and meet Jonathan to play a fun game of Frog Hoppers.

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.

2:45pm **Ribbit!** – Meet Jonathan at the Rec. Hall to learn all about frogs.

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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.

Thursday, June 22nd

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 **Egg Carton Critters** – Meet Lane at the Rec. Hall to create a critter using egg cartons.

3:15pm **Cascades Ramble** – Meet Tyler at the Nature Center for a short nature excursion around the Cascades area.

3:30pm **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.

3:45pm **Creek Critters** – Meet Jonathan at the Nature Center to explore the park's underwater environment. Be sure to wear shoes that you can get wet.

4:00pm **Fiery Fireflies** – Meet Lane at the Rec. Hall to learn about the fascinating bioluminescent insect known as the firefly.

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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 David at Picnic Shelter #3 (at the George Hole) to learn about Native American myths and stories, fire building, park history, native wildlife, and more! Be sure to bring your roasting sticks and marshmallows.

Friday, June 23rd

9:00am **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.

10:00am **Critter Masks** – Meet Tyler at the Rec. Hall to make a mask of your favorite critter.

10:30am **Hike to the Base of Fall Creek Falls** – Meet David 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.

11:00am **Tomahawk Toss** – Meet Gillian at the Liberty Hill School (Andy Field Picnic Area – near the North Entrance) to learn the basics of how to throw a tomahawk. Must be 12 years old or older to participate in this program.

1:30pm **Pelts and Skulls** – Meet Tyler at the Nature Center to see the pelts and skulls of some of our native wildlife.

2:00pm **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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3:45pm **Invasive Species Game** – Meet Tyler at the Rec. Hall to play a fun game that teaches you all about invasive species.

6:00pm **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.

6:45pm **The Heavens Above!** – Would you like to learn about the night sky, the use of telescopes, star wheels, and binoculars, and why the seasons occur? Join us at the lobby of the Fall Creek Falls Inn for a short trip to the telescope viewing area to learn about all of these things and observe distant galaxies, planets, exploding stars, and beautiful star fields through several large telescopes. Thanks to the members of the "Astronomy in the Parks Society" for providing this program.

Saturday, June 24th

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.

10:00am **Daypack Essentials** – Meet Gillian at the Rec. Hall to learn what essential items you need to carry in your daypack.

- 1:00pm **Solar Viewing** – Meet at the Fall Creek Falls Inn to view Sol, our own life giving star, through a specially designed telescope. Viewing will last until 3:00pm.
- 1:30pm **Paw Paw Trail** – Meet Lane at the Nature Center for a moderate hike along the Paw Paw Trail. This will be a good time to view some trees, birds, and other interesting sights. Bring along plenty of water.
- 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.
- 3:15pm **Mountain Music** – Join Gillian at the Rec. Hall to see some of the musical instruments used by the early settlers that lived here on the park many years ago. We'll discuss the history of mountain music and maybe even play a couple of tunes.
- 3:30pm **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.
- 4:00pm **Pine Cone Owls** – Meet Gillian at the Rec. Hall to construct your favorite predator of the night out of pine cones.
- 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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7:30pm

Live Musical Entertainment - Meet at the Amphitheater by the pool for an evening filled with musical entertainment provided by Tanner Hillis. 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 25th

- 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 **Dragonfly Paperclips** – Meet Tyler at the Rec. Hall to fashion a dragonfly using a paperclip.
- 1:30pm **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.

- 1:45pm **Snake Show** – Meet Lane at the Nature Center to get up close and personal with some of the park’s more elusive residents.
- 2:00pm **Origins of the Park System** – Meet Tyler at the Rec. Hall to learn about the origins of the park system.
- 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.
- 3:45pm **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.



Cool Nature Fact

Did you know that the cool, dark, forest floor in Cane Creek Gorge is a highly specialized habitat that supports a plethora of unique flora and fauna? Millipedes, mosses, lichens, ferns, and even the elusive green salamander live in this rich environment!



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