



INTERPRETIVE Programs

Clifty Falls State Park
August 2020

Saturday, August 1

10am Fossil Hike - Meet at the **Nature Center** to embark on a fossil hike back into deep time, to see for yourself the animals that existed during one of the biggest explosions of life on our planet. This is a 2 hour program, and the hike is rugged.

2pm Insect Investigation - Join the naturalist at the **Nature Center** to discover the lives of various insects that call Clifty Falls home during this 30 minute program. We'll explore outdoors and see what 6-legged creatures are spending the afternoon in our garden.

Sunday, August 2

2pm Live Reptiles and Amphibians! - Discover the scaly, slimy, and slithery creatures that inhabit Clifty Falls State Park during this 30 minute program on the **Nature Center Porch!**

Wednesday, August 5

10am Bluebird Walk - Join the naturalist at **Clifty Shelter** to check our bluebird boxes for nests, eggs, and babies on this 45 minute easy walk.

Thursday, August 6

11am Waterfall Hike - Meet at **Clifty Shelter** for a 1 hour moderately rugged hike through one of the most scenic sections of Clifty Canyon. There's a chance to see 5 waterfalls along the way!

Friday, August 7

2pm Tunnel Tour - Join the naturalist on a guided hike through Brough's tunnel. Discover its unique history and the wildlife that lives there. Meet at **Oak Grove Shelter** for this rugged 45 minute hike. Bring a flashlight and be prepared to get your feet wet!

Saturday, August 8

10am Centennial Hiking Series: Railroad Hike - Hike Brough's Folly in its entirety in this extended guided history hike. Meet at the **Nature Center**. For **experienced hikers**. Please dress appropriately for the weather, and wear good hiking boots, as this hike is **very rugged**. It is also strongly recommended to bring plenty of water, and snacks. This hike is roughly **2 hours** in length. Bring a flashlight! Ages 8 and older.

2pm On The Wings of a Butterfly - Explore the unique life cycle of our native butterflies. We'll search for these winged jewels during this 45 minute program that begins at the **Pool**.

7-8pm Roving Naturalist - The naturalist will be roving through the **Campground** with an interesting item. Can you guess what it is?

9:30pm Nighttime Senses Hike - Meet at the **Campground Gatehouse** to go on a 1 hour moderate hike and see if your 5 senses match up to those of our nighttime critters.



Sunday, August 9

2pm The Buzz about Solitary Bees - Meet on the **Nature Center Porch** to find out about our bees that don't build hives, the solitary bees! Discover these unique pollinators and how you can help them during this 1 hour program. We'll even provide you with just what you need to make a home for them!

Thursday, August 13

10am Bluebird Walk - Join the naturalist at **Clifty Shelter** to check our bluebird boxes for nests, eggs, and babies. 45 minute easy walk.

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Friday, August 14

2pm Waterfall Hike - Meet at **Clifty Shelter** for a 1 hour moderately rugged hike through one of the most scenic sections of Clifty Canyon. There's a chance to see 5 waterfalls along the way!

Saturday, August 15

10am Nature Journals - Join the naturalist on the **Nature Center Porch** to create your very own nature journal so you'll never forget the memories you have made here at Clifty Falls State Park. This is a 30 minute program with a \$1/person fee.

2pm Tracks and Scat 101 - Join the naturalist at the **Nature Center** to discover how to identify various animal tracks and poo, and make an animal tracks book. Then we'll venture out for a short easy hike to look for what our wildlife has left behind on the trail. 1 hour program.

6-7pm Roving Naturalist - The naturalist will be roving through the **Campground** with an interesting item. Can you guess what it is?

7:30pm Stream Safari - Gather at the **Trail 9 trailhead** in the **Campground** to take a short easy hike down the trail to explore one of the many streams in our park. We'll search for insects, salamanders and more! Be sure to wear your water shoes, and be prepared to get wet! 1 hour program.

Sunday, August 16

2pm Hellbender Happenings - Snot otter, old lasagna sides, and devil dog are all names that have been given to our Eastern Hellbender. So what exactly is a hellbender? Come to this 30 minute program at the **Nature Center** to discover these very unique salamanders and what's being done to protect them. There will be a slime making activity as well!





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10am Bluebird Walk - Join the naturalist at **Clifty Shelter** to check our bluebird boxes for nests, eggs, and babies. 45 minute easy walk.

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10pm A Night Under the Stars - Discover tricks for locating constellations and hear the stories behind them during this 1 1/2 hour program starting at the **Nature Center**. Bring a blanket or chair with you! We will be walking a short, easy distance to a great stargazing location.

Saturday, August 22

9am Centennial Hiking Series: Four Falls Challenge Hike - Meet at the **Poplar Grove Shelter** to go on this 3.5 mile very rugged hike to see all 4 of the park's waterfalls and earn your Four Falls Challenge Sticker. This hike will take 2-2.5 hours. We will conclude our hike at Clifty Shelter where you will have the opportunity to take a shuttle van back to Poplar Grove.

2pm Turtle Time! - Discover the turtles that call Clifty Falls home and discover the differences between our terrestrial turtle and aquatic turtles during this 30 minute program on the **Nature Center Porch**.

7-8pm Roving Naturalist - The naturalist will be roving through the **Campground** with an interesting item. Can you guess what it is?

9pm Going Batty - Discover the crazy world of bats during this 30 minute program at **Poplar Grove Shelter**. Find out what kinds of bats you might see here in the park and explore ways that you can help them.

Sunday, August 23

10am Much Ado About Mosses - Some of the oldest plants in our park are mosses. Find out about the benefits of these ancient plants, how they have been used historically, and gain some ID tips during this hour long moderate hike starting at **Poplar Grove Shelter**.

Thursday, August 27

2pm Tunnel Tour - Join the naturalist on a guided hike through Brough's tunnel. Discover its unique history and the wildlife that lives there. Meet at **Oak Grove Shelter** for this rugged 45 minute hike. Bring a flashlight and be prepared to get your feet wet!

Friday, August 28

10am Bluebird Walk - Join the naturalist at **Clifty Shelter** to check our bluebird boxes for nests, eggs, and babies. 45 minute easy walk.

2pm Waterfall Hike - Meet at **Clifty Shelter** for a 1 hour moderately rugged hike through one of the most scenic sections of Clifty Canyon. There's a chance to see 5 waterfalls along the way!

5pm-8pm The Great Natural Resources Treasure Hunt - Meet on the lawn behind the **Inn** to test your skills at finding nature's treasures. Meet with the naturalist to get your map and clues to start following the trail on your adventure of discovery. See if you have what it takes to make it to 'X' marks the spot and collect your own treasure.

9pm The Goonies - Park-Inn Movies at **Clifty Inn** presents The Goonies! Bring your blanket or lawn chair to the lawn overlooking the Ohio River. Admission is free to Inn Guests, Campground Guests, and with paid admission to Clifty Falls State Park. The event is weather permitting. This movie is rated PG.

Saturday, August 29

10am-11am Live Reptiles and Amphibians on Display! - Come to the Inn Lobby just outside the dining room, anytime from 10am-11am to discover the scaly, slimy, and slithery creatures that inhabit Clifty Falls State Park.

7pm Centennial Bike Parade - This one is for the kids! Decorate your bikes to help us celebrate our centennial and we will make a parade lap through the campground. We will begin near the visitor parking lot close to the **campground gatehouse**.

Sunday, August 30

2pm Geocaching 101 - Have you ever wanted to try out geocaching, but don't know where to begin? Come to the **Nature Center** to discover some basic tips and tricks and we'll take an easy walk to see if we can find some geocaches hidden nearby during this 45 minute program.

Nature Center Hours: 10am-3:30pm Every Day!

For Questions, Contact our Naturalists:

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