



INTERPRETIVE Programs

Clifty Falls State Park
October 2021

Friday, October 1

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

8pm-9pm Moth Mania - Stop by the **Nature Center** anytime between 8pm-9pm to discover some of the unique moths that inhabit Clifty Falls. We'll have our black light and moth sheet set up and see what visits!

Saturday, October 2

10am Girl Scouts: Outdoor Art - Meet at the **Nature Center** to explore the outdoors using your five senses. Then create your own art piece using leaf rubbings during this 30-minute program. This program will meet some of the requirements for the Outdoor Art Creator badge for Brownies.

1pm-2pm Live Reptiles and Amphibians on Display! - Come to the **Inn Lobby** just outside the dining room, anytime from 1pm-2pm to discover the scaly, slimy, and slithery creatures that inhabit Clifty Falls.

Sunday, October 3

10am-noon Color Matching Scavenger Hunt - Stop by the **Nature Center** to pick-up a small collection of paint swatches and then take them out on the trail to see if you can match them up with colors you find in nature. Take pictures of your color matches and bring them back to show the naturalist and earn a prize!

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

Saturday, October 9

10am Railroad Hike - Hike Brough's Folly in its entirety during this 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**. This hike is roughly **2 hours** in length. Suitable for children 8 years and older. Please bring drinking water, a flashlight and be prepared to get your feet wet as we will be going through the tunnel.

2pm Create Your Own Fall Color Tree - Come to the **Nature Center** to fingerpaint your very own tree in your favorite fall colors during this 30-minute activity.

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

7:30pm Nighttime Amphibian Search - Meet in the **Pool** parking lot to go on an hour-long moderate hike, in search of frogs and salamanders. Bring a flashlight and be prepared to get your feet wet.



Sunday, October 10

10am 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!

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!

Monday, October 11

11am Tissue Paper Suncatchers - Create your own colorful suncatcher using tissue paper during this 30-minute activity at the **Nature Center**!

Thursday, October 14

6-7pm Friends Group Meeting - Join our parks Friends Group! Meet us at **Clifty Shelter** to find out how you can become more involved in volunteering to better our park for current and future generations. Meet new people, while having the opportunity to learn and grow!

Saturday, October 16

10am Women's Hiking Group Meet-Up - Ladies! Join us for our monthly group hike where you can get outdoors and meet like-minded women. This 2-hour hike is moderately rugged. Meet at the **Trail 8 Trailhead** near the North entrance.

1-3pm Mushrooms of Indiana - Explore the world of fungi during this 2-hour program that begins in the Clifty Room at the **Clifty Inn**. Registration is required for this free event, that will be presented by our guests from the Hoosier Mushroom Society. The program will begin with an hour-long inside presentation and be followed by an optional, easy hour long walk to look for mushrooms. Space is limited, register at:

<https://cliftyfallsmushrooms.eventbrite.com>

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10am 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!

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!

Monday, October 18

10am Acorn Squirrel Craft - Stop by the **Nature Center** to make your own squirrel to take home with you using acorns and pipe cleaners. This is a 30-minute activity.





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Tuesday, October 19

10am Owl Pellet Dissection - Join the naturalist to dissect owl pellets to find out what kind of animals they have been eating. Meet at the **Nature Center** for this 1-hour program. There is a small fee of \$1/person for this program.

Wednesday, October 20

10am Scat and Tracks 101 - Join the naturalist at the **Nature Center** to discover how to identify various animal tracks and poo. Then we'll venture out on an easy hike to look for what our wildlife has left behind on the trail during this hour-long program.

Thursday, October 21

10am Fallen Leaves Luminaries - Meet at the **Nature Center** to make a mason jar luminary and decorate it with your favorite fall colors. This is a 30-minute activity with a \$5 fee per luminary.

5-7pm Nature Center Open House - Celebrate the 40th anniversary of our Nature Center opening at our Nature Center Open House. We'll have light refreshments, live reptiles & amphibians, backyard birdwatching, and more!

Friday, October 22

9am Canyon Rim Hike - Meet at **Clifty Shelter** to join us on a 7-mile hike around the entire canyon! This hike is very rugged and only for experienced hikers! Please bring snacks and water and wear good hiking shoes as this hike will likely take around 4 hours to complete. For ages 13 and older.

Saturday, October 23

10am Backyard Birdwatching - Come to the **Nature Center** and help us put out some birdseed in our wildlife observation area, and then see what comes to the feeders. We'll help you identify what you see and share tips and tricks with you for creating your own backyard bird watching habitat at home during this 30-minute program.

2pm Fall Colors Photo Walk - Gather at the **Trail 8 trailhead** near the north entrance for this 2 hour moderately rugged hike to explore the changing of the leaves, take photos, learn a few photography techniques, and more.

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

7:30pm Owl Prowl - Meet at the **Pool** to discover our owls of the night and their various calls. We'll even try to call some in using our own voices on this moderate 45-minute hike.

Sunday, October 24

10am 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!

2pm Trail Clean-up - Meet a naturalist at **Oak Grove Shelter** to help pick up trash around the parking areas, and along Trail 5. The clean-up will last about 1 hour. Trash bags and gloves provided.

Friday, October 29

5-6pm Roving Naturalist - The naturalist will be roving through the **Campground** to share details on all of our fun Halloween activities with you!

6-7pm Halloween Crafts - Come to the **Campground Amphitheater** to make some fun Halloween crafts to decorate your campsite with. We would appreciate a \$1/donation per person to help cover the cost of supplies.

Saturday, October 30

Campsite Decorating Contest - Go all out and decorate your campsite for Halloween!

11am-1pm Fire Department Chili Cookoff - Come to **Clifty Shelter** and taste chili cooked by our local fire departments and vote for your favorite. Each chili will be 1 ticket/cup or 3 tickets/bowl, and tickets are \$1 each. Proceeds benefit both the park and the fire departments.

2-3pm Pumpkin Painting - Come to **Clifty Shelter** and paint a pumpkin to set out at your campsite. Cost is \$1/pumpkin or you can bring your own!

4pm Costume Contest - Put on your costume and come to the **Campground Amphitheater**. Costumes will be judged by age groups and winners announced immediately following the contest. There's even a contest for pets so bring them too!

6-7:30pm Trick-or-Treat - Go trick-or-treating in the **campground!** The campground roads will be closed for everyone's safety during this time.

8-9pm Jack O'Lantern Walk - Come to **Clifty Shelter** for this easy walk along a paved trail lit with Jack O'Lanterns. Staff will be stationed along the way to share fun facts about some creepy critters.

Sunday, October 31

10am-3pm Fall Photo Scavenger Hunt - Stop by the **Nature Center** to pick up your list and then head out onto the trails to see if you can get a picture of everything. Return to the Nature Center and show us your photos to win a prize!

2pm Tunnel Tour - Join the naturalist for the final guided hike through Brough's tunnel for this season. 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!

Nature Center Hours Open Daily: 10am-3:30pm

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