

INTERPRETIVE Programs

Clifty Falls State Park
September 2023

Saturday, September 2

10am Vulture Venture - It's Vulture Awareness Day! Come to the **Nature Center** for a short easy hike to discover the differences in black vultures and turkey vultures. Learn about their unique habits during this 30-minute program. Bring your binoculars!

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.

5-6pm Roving Naturalist - The naturalist will be roving through the **Campground** with an interesting item. Can you guess what it is?

6:30-7:30pm Labor Day Bike Parade - Decorate your bikes to help us celebrate Labor Day and we will make a parade lap through the campground. We will begin at the **Camp store**.

Sunday, September 3

10am Talk Like the Animals - Come to the **Nature Center** to discover how our native wildlife communicates and try to talk back to them. Meet a live animal during this fun & interactive, 30-minute program.

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, September 4

10am Hike Through History - Meet at the **Nature Center** for this hour-long moderate hike to explore the history of Clifty Falls State Park.

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 is a chance to see 5 waterfalls along the way!

Saturday, September 9

10am Slithers, Hops, and Flops - Discover the unique adaptations of some of our live reptiles and amphibians during this 30-minute program at the **Nature Center**. There will be an opportunity to touch a live snake or turtle!

1pm 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 **Clifty Shelter**.

1-5pm Parks on the Air - Look for the Clifty Amateur Radio Society set up in the playfield near **Clifty Shelter**. Stop by and discover the fun of ham radio and see them demonstrate how this technology is used.

5-6pm Roving Naturalist - The naturalist will be roving through the **Campground** with an interesting item. Can you guess what it is?

7pm Sunset Stroll - Come to the **Nature Center** for this hour long, moderate walk to enjoy nature as the sun begins to set. We'll end the hike with a walk up the observation tower.

Sunday, September 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 is a chance to see 5 waterfalls along the way!

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Thursday, September 14

6-7pm Friends Group Meeting - Join our parks Friends Group! Meet us in the **Nature Center** 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, September 16

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 is a chance to see 5 waterfalls along the way!

2pm Storytime w/ Jodi Pflaumer - Meet local author and educator Jodi Pflaumer. Listen in as she reads several of her children's stories including Jasper's ABC Book at the **Nature Center**. Then make a fun craft to take home with you. Jodi has written and self-published eleven books and is excited to share her stories with you!

5-6pm Roving Naturalist - The naturalist will be roving through the **Campground** with an interesting item. Can you guess what it is?

6:30pm What Makes a Rainbow? - Come to the **Campground Amphitheater** to find out how rainbows are formed and then make a fun craft to take home with you during this 30-minute activity.

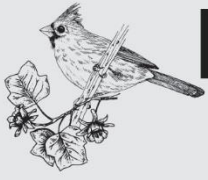
Sunday, September 17

10am Trivia Time - Test your knowledge about the plants and animals that live here in the park during this 30-minute activity at the **Nature Center**.

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Ask us about our
**Four Falls
Hiking Challenge!**





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Sunday, September 24

10am Trash to Art - Discover more about recycling and then make a fun craft using items that some people would consider trash during this 30-minute program at the **Nature Center**.

2pm National Public Lands Day History Hike and Trash Pick-Up - Meet members of our Friends Group at **Poplar Grove Shelter** to help pick-up trash while also discovering the history of our park, including that of the old railroad. See both Hoffman Falls and Tunnel Falls on this 3-mile rugged hike.

Saturday, September 30

8am Run the Falls 5K - Norton King's Daughters' Health invites you to support Norton KDH Girls on the Run by running or walking in their 25th annual 5K. Contact Heather Foy at: **812-801-0175** for more information, or visit <https://www.kdhmadison.org/calendar/events/2023-run-the-falls-5k/>

11am Fall Foraging - Discover some of the food's nature provides for us in the fall months and try a few for yourself during this 45-minute program at the **Nature Center** that will include a short, easy walk.

2pm Fossil Hike - Meet at **Oak Grove Shelter** to embark on a hike back in time to discover the animals that existed during one of the biggest explosions of life on our planet during this 1 ½ hour very rugged hike.

5:30-6:30pm Roving Naturalist - The naturalist will be roving through the **Campground** with an interesting item. Can you guess what it is?

7pm History of Campfire Stories - Come to the **Campground Amphitheater** to discover how campfire stories first came to be and then hear a fun story during this 30-minute activity.

Sunday, October 1

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Stop by the Nature Center
And find out how to earn
Your very own Explore Pin,
Challenge Patch, or
Discover Patch.



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

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