

INTERPRETIVE Programs

Clifty Falls State Park
October 2023

Sunday, October 1

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 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, October 7

10am Beginning Birding Walk - Meet at the **Nature Center** for a 45-minute easy hike to look and listen for our feathered friends. Bring your binoculars!

11:30am Halloween Story-time - Come to the **Nature Center** as our volunteer Marie reads some kid friendly Halloween stories. This program will take about 15 minutes.

2pm Trees in Autumn Hike - Meet at **Clifty Shelter** for this 40-minute ADA accessible walk to discover how to identify some of our common native trees and find out what colors their leaves turn.

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

7pm Campfire Sing-a-long - Come to the **Nature Center** to join us for a campfire with guest Caleb Andrews. As he plays his guitar, join in with your voices and sing along as we sing songs around the campfire during this 45-minute program.

Sunday, October 8

10am Let's Talk Turkeys - Did you know that the eastern wild turkey was once extirpated from the state? Today, this bird is commonly seen throughout Indiana and in our park. Find out more about these unique looking birds during this 30-minute program at the **Nature Center**.

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Monday, October 9

10am Whooo's There? - Discover 3 owls that call Clifty Falls home and then make a fun owl decoration you can hang at your campsite or in your window at home. This 30-minute activity will take place at the **Nature Center**.

Tuesday, October 10

10am Make a Birdfeeder - Come to the **Nature Center** to make a birdfeeder that you can put out in your backyard to observe birds at home during this 30-minute activity.

Wednesday, October 11

10am Fossil Craft - Discover some of the common types of fossils you can find here at Clifty Falls and make a fossil to take home with you during this 30-minute activity at the **Nature Center**.

Thursday, October 12

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.

Friday, October 13

2pm Water Quality Monitoring - Meet at the **Pool** to go on a short easy hike down to the creek where we will do some basic tests to check the quality of the water in our stream during this hour-long program.

Saturday, October 14

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!

11:30am Halloween Story-time - Come to the **Nature Center** as our volunteer Marie reads some kid friendly Halloween stories. This program will take about 15 minutes.

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 1 ½ hour hike is rugged. Meet at **Oak Grove Shelter**.

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

6:30pm Nocturnal Animals - Come to the **Campground Amphitheater** to discover what animals might be moving about in the woods tonight during this 45-minute program.

Sunday, October 15

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!

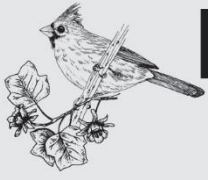
2pm Charismatic Megafauna - Discover some of the animals that once called Indiana home. Mammoths, mastodons, bear, elk, and more could all once be found here. Find out what happened to them and what animals may be found here again in the future during this 30-minute program at the **Nature Center**.

Monday, October 16

10am The Secrets of Seeds - Meet at the **Nature Center** to discover more about some common seeds that you can find here in our park and play a fun game during this 30-minute activity.

Check out our StoryWalk®

The Friends of Clifty Falls State Park and the Jefferson County Library partnered to create a StoryWalk® on the paved path that begins at Clifty Shelter. Read a book while going for a short, easy walk!



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Tuesday, October 17

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.

2pm Bark Rubbings - Make a bark rubbing of some of our native trees to help you remember how to identify them, even during the winter months. This 30-minute activity will be at **Clifty Shelter**.

Wednesday, October 18

10am Arachnid Anatomy - Many of us have a fear of spiders, with 8 legs and 8 eyes they can be intimidating! Come to the **Nature Center** to discover more about these creepy critters and make a fun spider to take home with you during this 30-minute program.

Thursday, October 19

10am Animal Track Books - Come to the **Nature Center** to explore different animal tracks you might find in the park and make an animal tracks book to take home with you to help you identify the animal tracks in your own backyard during this 30-minute activity.

Friday, October 20

7-10pm Clifty Falls of Fear Haunted House - Ready to be scared? Enter our Haunted House at **Clifty Shelter** if you dare! Admission is \$10, cash only and all proceeds benefit our Friends Group.

Saturday, October 21

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!

11:30am Halloween Story-time - Come to the **Nature Center** as our volunteer Marie reads some kid friendly Halloween stories. This program will take about 15 minutes.

2pm Reptiles Rule - It's Reptile Awareness Day! Explore the unique adaptations of some of our live reptiles during this 30-minute program at the **Nature Center**. There will be an opportunity to touch a live snake or turtle!

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Sunday, October 22

10am Tunnel Tour - 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 Beginner Tree ID Hike - Discover the basics of tree identification during this hour-long ADA Accessible walk that begins at **Clifty Shelter**.

Friday, October 27

7-10pm Clifty Falls of Fear Haunted House - Ready to be scared? Enter our Haunted House at **Clifty Shelter** if you dare! Admission is \$10, cash only and all proceeds benefit our Friends Group.

Saturday, October 28

Campsite Decorating Contest - Go all out and decorate your campsite for Halloween. Decorating must be complete by 5pm. Sites will be judged Saturday evening and awards will be personally delivered to your campsite between 7:30-8pm.

10am Pumpkin Painting - Come to **Cragmont Shelter** and paint a pumpkin. Cost is \$1/pumpkin, or you can bring your own.

11am Pumpkin Seed Spitting Contest - Test your skills and see how far you can spit a pumpkin seed for a prize. Meet at **Cragmont Shelter** for this 30-minute activity.

1pm Halloween Story-time - Come to the **Nature Center** as our volunteer Marie reads some kid friendly Halloween stories. This program will take about 15 minutes.

2-3pm Halloween Crafts - Come to the **Nature Center** to make some fun Halloween crafts to decorate with.

5pm 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! In the event of rain, we will hold this activity at Cragmont shelter.

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. This is not open to the public; it is for campers and Inn guests only.

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Sunday, October 29

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

11am 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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