

2008 Schedule of Events

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Cumberland Gap



Gap Cave

Join park rangers on a two-hour adventure exploring Gap Cave with its glistening stalagmites, sparkling stalactites and magnificent flowstone. Step into the music room and listen for the whispers of a Civil War Soldier. Maybe ... catch a glimpse of a bat. Reservations are recommended and can be made up to one month in advance of the trip date. All tours meet at the Daniel Boone parking area.

Comfortable walking shoes and clothing are a must. This tour involves a 1.5 mile walk, and 183 steps must be negotiated within the cave. For the safety of all, no children under the age of five are permitted on the cave tour.

Adults - \$8.00

Seniors with Interagency Senior Pass - \$4.00

Children five through twelve - \$4.00

January 1 - March 29

Weekends only at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

March 30 - May 24

Weekdays at 10:00 a.m.

Weekends at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

May 25 - September 1

Daily at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

September 2 - November 30

Weekdays at 10:00 a.m.

Weekends at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

December 1 - December 31

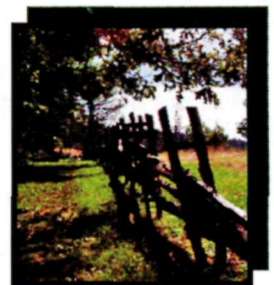
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Hensley Settlement

Nostalgic moments become reality when visiting Hensley Settlement. Stroll down fence-lined lanes, step into a blacksmith's shop, look into the springhouse or sit in the one-room schoolhouse. In 1904, Sherman Hensley and Willie Gibbons joined forces to establish a homestead on the mountaintop. Using hand tools to split chestnut logs, the settlers began to build homes. Fences surrounded the cleared land creating pastures and garden plots. A thriving community soon emerged. The land, suitable for raising sheep and growing crops for liquid spirits, supported the community of twelve farmsteads for more than forty years.

Reservations are recommended and can be made up to one month in advance of the trip date. All tours depart from the park visitor center.



For the one mile walk through the settlement, comfortable clothing and walking shoes are a must. Bring a light snack and drink.

Adults - \$10.00

Seniors with Interagency Senior Pass - \$5.00

Children twelve and under - \$5.00

May 11 - October 31

Daily at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

July 18

Hensley Settlement At Eventide

Discover Hensley Settlement by lantern light. Walk along the fence lined lanes. Peek into the windows of the homesteads. Sit inside the log schoolhouse and listen to stories of a by-gone era. Who knows what secrets will be uncovered.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED; can be made up to one month in advance

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Seniors with Interagency Senior Pass - \$5.00

Children twelve and under - \$5.00

Meet the rangers at the park visitor center at 7:00 p.m

July 26

Appalachia: Play, Sing and Work

Hear the sounds of *John Henry's* hammer, the call of *Timber* or the baying of *Old Bangum* on the trail of a raccoon. Listen to **Ted Olson** sing traditional songs about making a living in the mountains.

Program begins at the Wilderness Road Campground amphitheater at 8:00 p.m.

August 2

The Saga of John Findley

Come... listen to the story of John Findley. Did Daniel Boone trust this man? What led to his demise? Learn about the adventures of this striking Irishman. Hear the saga of one of America's great early explorers as told by descendent **William Earl Finley**.

Program begins at the Wilderness Road Campground amphitheater at 8:00 p.m.

August 9

Junior Ranger Back to School Bike Peddle-Thon

Why not one more adventure before the school bells toll? With your helmets on your head, join the fun for a bike excursion along the Boone Trail to the first turn-around point on the Wilderness Road State Park's Rails to Trails.

Meet at the Daniel Boone Parking area at 10:00 a.m.

Bike helmets are required.

August 12

Shooting Star Extravaganza

As darkness falls upon Brush Mountain, witness a display of nature's most spectacular events. Gaze upward as meteors at the rate of 90 per hour streak across the moonless sky. Caravan with park rangers to Hensley Settlement and observe the extraordinary Perseid meteor showers. Perhaps ... catch a falling star. Vehicles must be front- or 4-wheel drive.

Meet at the visitor center at 5:30 p.m.

August 23

Hometown Bluegrass

Who can resist an evening of pickin' and grinnin' that makes the heart sing, the feet stomp and the hands clap with delight! Join rangers for an evening of fun with the bluegrass style of **Shadow Ridge**.

Program begins at the Wilderness Road campground amphitheater at 8:00 p.m.

Sept 27

Junior Ranger History-Making Day

Help make history come alive! Be part of the team! Learn new skills! Help build new props for "The Lincolns Move West!" Have fun assisting park rangers as they prepare for history in the making.

Meet at the visitor center at 10:00 a.m.

October 14

Hunter's Moon Hike

Stroll along the Wilderness Road under the Hunter's Moon. Listen to the night sounds along the way. Stand in the footsteps of the Native Americans and imagine their trek to their hunting grounds along the Warrior's Path.

Meet at the Thomas Walker parking area at 7:00 p.m.

October 24 - 26

Pioneer Roots of Our Nation's Destiny:

The Lincoln Family Moves West Through Cumberland Gap

Dream the dream ... step into the shoes of the mighty American pioneer whose heritage was linked to the Cumberland Gap. Abraham Lincoln, Daniel Boone, and others will come back to life and share what they had in common that changed this land from "Colonies" to a "Nation." Experience your heritage through pioneer demonstrations, music and a colonial trade faire.



Program begins at 10:00 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

November 13

By The Light of the Harvest Moon

Autumn skies beckon the harvest moon. Walk with a ranger along the Wilderness Road under the cover of darkness and listen as the nocturnal creatures emerge. Watch as the Harvest moon illuminates the night sky creating beauty all around.

Meet at the Thomas Walker parking area at 8:00 p.m.

Additional programs may be added throughout the year.

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