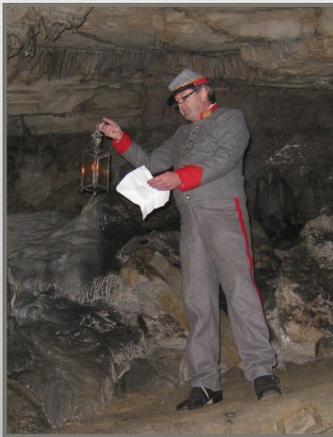




2013 Schedule of Events



Gap Cave

A two-hour adventure awaits as you explore Gap Cave with its majestic stalagmites, striking stalactites and shimmering flowstone. Step into the music room and listen for the whispers of a Civil War Soldier. Catch a glimpse of a little brown bat or a cave salamander. Reservations are recommended and can be made up to one month in advance of the trip date. Meet at the Daniel Boone parking area.

This tour involves a 1.5 mile walk; 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. Wearing of beach/flop sandals, crocs or high heeled dress shoes in the cave is not allowed.

Adults - \$8.00
 Visitors with Interagency Senior Pass - \$4.00
 Visitors with Interagency Access Pass - \$4.00
 Children five through twelve - \$4.00

January 1 - March 30

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

March 31 - May 25

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

May 26 - August 31

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

September 1 - November 30

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

December 1 - December 31

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

Hensley Settlement

Visit historic Hensley Settlement for a nostalgic look into early 20th century Appalachia. Meander down fence lined lanes, peek into the blacksmith's shop, look into the springhouse or sit in the one room school. In 1903, 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. Tour departs from the park visitor center.

Visitors must be able to walk one mile through the settlement; comfortable clothing and walking shoes are a must. Bring a light snack and drink for the 3 1/2 hour tour.

Adults - \$10.00
 Seniors with Interagency Senior Pass - \$5.00
 Visitors with Interagency Access Pass - \$5.00
 Children twelve and under - \$5.00

May 19 – October 31

Daily at 9:30 a.m.

Shuttles will not be offered June 16th or October 12th due to living history demonstrations being offered at the settlement. See program descriptions for these days.



**First Thursday of Each Month
Cumberland Mountain Photography Club**

Join fellow photo enthusiasts for an evening of photography demonstrations, techniques and tips designed to capture that perfect photo!

Photographers of all ability levels are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Visitor center at 6:30 p.m.



**April 19, 20 and 21
Spring Wildflower Weekend**



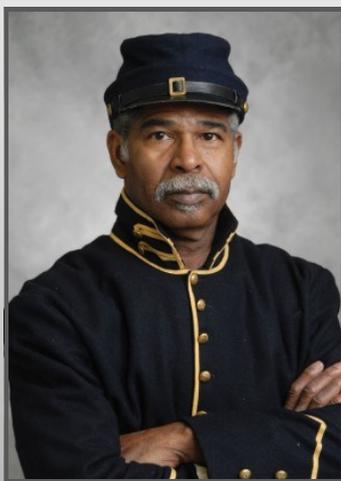
Immerse yourself in the celebration of the parade of wildflowers as this joyous weekend begins with a slide program at the park visitor center on Friday evening at 7:00

p.m. Walks, exhibits and photography workshops will showcase spring's grandeur.

Various sites throughout the park. Inquire at the visitor center for weekend schedule.



**March 21
Freedom at a Terrible Price**



Reverend Newton Bush escaped from his Kentucky owners in 1864 to enlist in Company E of the 5th Regiment United States Colored Cavalry at Camp Nelson in Nicholasville. His story comes alive as told by Kentucky Humanities Council Chautauqua presenter Robert Bell. Join us and hear of the triumphs and hardships endured by the more than 24,000 African American men who joined the Union from Kentucky, and how that impacted their

lives during and after the Civil War.

School groups are extended a special invitation.

Visitor center at 10:00 a.m.

**March 27
Worm Full Moon Hike**

As this spring moon looms, the ground begins to soften and earthworm casts reappear, inviting the return of robins. Known too as the Sap Moon, it marks the time when maple sap begins to flow and the annual tapping of maple trees begins.

Welcome the full moon and the arrival of spring during this one mile round trip hike into the historic Gap with a park ranger.



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

**April 25
Sprouting Grass Full Moon Hike**

Look closely! As this full moon shines down upon sprouting grass blades, do they appear green or blue? The answer may surprise you. During this one mile round trip hike into the historic Gap, welcome this moon with open arms, for it announces the greening of the pastures, which feed the animals, which feed us.

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

**May 11
Forced Forest March**



Majestic Cumberland Gap might not have seen as much action during the Civil War as Gettysburg or Vicksburg, but it was a key location for both North and South. For the South, the Gap was

a way to block the Union from making inroads into the heart of the Confederacy. For the Union, the Gap was literally a "Gateway" into eastern Tennessee.

Walk in the footsteps of the soldiers during this LEISURELY 5.4 mile loop (sections of the Ridge and Sugar Run Trails and the Harlan Road and Fort McCook Trails) which meanders by earthwork remains and rifle pits.

Bring plenty of water and snacks.

Pinnacle Overlook parking area at 9:00 a.m.

May 24
Flower Full Moon Hike



In the merry month of May, flowers spring forth in abundance. Nourishing soils warm, nudging us to begin our planting. This spring, nourish your souls and hearts with a one mile round trip hike into the Gap guided by the light of the Flower Moon, also

known as the Corn Planting or Milk Moon.

Thomas Walker parking area 8:00 p.m.

May 25
Wild Blue Yonder

East Tennessee's folk/Americana band "Wild Blue Yonder" kicks off the Memorial Day weekend as they take to the stage with its straight ahead bluegrass pickin', edgy pop-grass arrangements and homespun story songs. The band has been a regional favorite since its 2001 inception.



Wilderness Road Campground amphitheater at 8:00 p.m. In case of rain, the program will be in the visitor center auditorium.

June 1 - August 24
Every Saturday Night
Evening Around the Campfire

Around the glowing embers of a campfire, tales of long ago begin to emerge. Learn about the lives of the early settlers traveling the Wilderness Road. Hear intriguing stories of Civil War soldiers during Morgan's retreat. Listen to the saga of women on the frontier. Learn intriguing tidbits about animals that live in the forest.

Wilderness Road Campground amphitheater at 8:00 p.m. In case of rain, the campfire program will be cancelled.



June 6, 7, and 8
Genealogy Jamboree

An estimated 48 million Americans can trace their ancestors to the migration through the Cumberland Gap. Learn how to find your forefathers through unique venues located on both sides of the nation's first doorway to the west. Nationally renowned genealogical speakers, traditional crafts people and tradesmen will gather in the Towne of Cumberland Gap and at Cumberland Gap National Historical Park during this jamboree, now in its third year.



For additional information on workshop locations and times, connect with www.genealogyjamboree.us.

June 16
Father's Day at Hensley Settlement

Pack a picnic lunch, gather up the family and travel the rugged Shillalah Creek Road in your own front- or four-wheel drive vehicle to the remote settlement. Living history demonstrations will reveal backbreaking chores, especially those of fathers, required to raise a family.

The Shillalah Creek Road will be open only to "up" traffic from 9 a.m. to noon. The road will be open only to "down" traffic from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Passengers are not allowed to ride in truckbeds.

Cost is \$10.00 per vehicle. Fee must be paid beforehand at park visitor center.



July 6
Working on the Railroad



The pulse of the eerie train whistle amid lonely musical strains of the octogenarian railroad brakeman will flow through the mountains as Roy Harper takes to the stage. Since the 1860's, the railroad has impacted the history of the Gap. Legendary stories of the railroad will be remembered in song by this retired railroad brakeman from Manchester, Tennessee.

Wilderness Road Campground amphitheater at 8:00 p.m. In case of rain, the program will be in the visitor center auditorium.

July 27
The Archaeology of Trash

One man's trash is another man's story! What's so important about "old" trash? Items discarded by historic and prehistoric people help us understand the stories of people who lived here before the park was established. Junior Rangers – join the park's historian and through a mock archaeological dig, help uncover these stories of old.



Visitor center at 10:00 a.m.

August 3
Within the Shadows of Cumberland Gap Heritage Walk



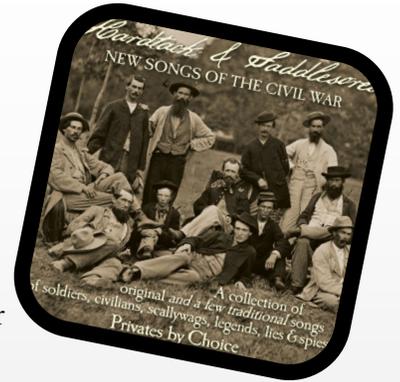
Cumberland Gap's history is filled to the brim with chapters of the Cherokee and Shawnee, longhunters and pioneers, Civil War soldiers, industrialists and

park visitors! Walk the Wilderness Road Trail through the historic Gap and meet the figures in each riveting chapter. After the 1.5 mile long walk a shuttle service will be provided from the Thomas Walker parking area back to the Daniel Boone parking area. Returning visitors, new characters await you!

Daniel Boone parking area at 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. Each tour is limited to 30 visitors. Reservations required and can be made up to one month in advance.

August 31
Privates by Choice

Close your eyes, smell the gunpowder and wipe the mist from your eyes as "Privates By Choice," a group of six writers and musicians from Kentucky and Missouri, commemorate the Civil War Sesquicentennial. Listen to the mournful plucking of the mandolin, the crying of the violin and the steady drumbeat of the dulcimer as they evoke the tragedy of war.



Wilderness Road Campground amphitheater at 8:00 p.m. In case of rain, the program will be in the visitor center auditorium.

October 4, 5 and 6
Invisible Souls: Behind the Veil of the Civil War

When 11 states severed ties with the U.S. government in spring 1861, military commanders both north and south of the Appalachian Mountains began to calculate how to use the Cumberland Gap. To Federal commanders, the Gap was a way to cut the Confederacy in half. Confederate generals saw the Gap as a defense against Union forces trying to cripple southern salt works, mines and railroads.

As we reflect back 150 years, the war seems a giant chess game played by men named Lee, Grant and Sherman. But behind the veil of never-ending battle maneuvers were thousands of seemingly invisible souls who bet their lives as they wagered upon the Union or Confederate cause.



Explore the forgotten faces and hidden stories of the Civil War including poor mountain people staying loyal to the Union, African Americans fighting for a freedom they had never known and Cherokee warriors, fighting alongside the children and grandchildren of some of their most ardent enemies of the past. This event will paint an unforgettable tapestry of this place, bringing to life the **invisible souls** who suffered through the days of uncertainty, who lost much that was familiar about their homes and their past...and even gave their lives for a future that would soon forget them...**Behind the Veil of the Civil War.**

Visitor center and grounds
Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

October 12
Autumn Splendor at Hensley

This day offers splendid vibrant autumn colors with mountain heritage living history demonstrations! Be sure to bring your camera, plenty of film, painting supplies if you're an artist and a picnic lunch.



The Shillalah Creek Road will be open only to "up" traffic from 9 a.m. to noon. The road will be open only to "down" traffic from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Passengers are not allowed to ride in truckbeds.

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October 18
Hunter's Full Moon Hike

Many moons ago, Native Americans followed the Athawominee, or the Path of the Armed ones, to their hunting grounds where deer, bear and other animals had fattened on summer and autumn foods. Guided by the light of the Hunter's Moon, also known as the Harvest, Blood or Sanguine Moon, we will walk the one mile round trip into the historic Gap in the footsteps of these early people, remembering how nature guided their daily lives.



A badge next to a program description indicates we are extending a warm invitation to all Junior Rangers, for special activities have been designed for you!

November 9
Owl Prowl

First, intrepid prowlers will be armed with information on the tri-state's local owls through a program at the park visitor center. Then, with a ranger, head out into the woods and search for these winged nighttime wonders that throughout the ages have fascinated and awed but which also have been feared and venerated. Wear warm clothing!



Visitor center auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

December 7
A Taste of Christmas Past

Each year, deep in Appalachia, the holiday season is ushered in as Christmas-red cardinals decorate snow covered hemlocks. Icicles become nature's diamonds frosting rocky mountainsides. The brisk air makes one's skin tingle. Christmas bells treat ears to a medley of jingles. Thrill in the magic of mountain holidays of old. Share old time delectable favorites like Christmas cookies, hot chocolate, eggnog and Twelfth Night Cake. Take home a handmade craft and your decorated gingerbread cookie, as well as a warm memory of Christmas past!

Visitor center at 10:00 a.m.

Additional programs may be added throughout the year.

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