

# Cumberland Mountain State Park Celebrates 75 Years

## Events Schedule

### January 2, 2012 - "1<sup>st</sup> Hike"

10:00 a.m. Meet Ranger Johnson at the park restaurant terrace for a 3 mile hike along Byrd Creek. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for appropriate weather, & bring water.

### January 8, 2012 - Identifying Winter Birds

1:30-2:30 p.m. Meet at the Restaurant. DVD author Joe LaFleur will provide an audiovisual program about common winter birds. The program will help you identify birds by sight and sound and will also review preferred habitats where each species is likely to be encountered. After the program, we will check the feeders outside the Restaurant to practice some hands-on identification. For more information call 931-484-6138 or 888-414-2837.

### February 18, 2012 - CCC Hike

1:00 p.m. Meet at the park office for a hike along Byrd Creek a trail built by the CCC. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for appropriate weather, & bring water.

### March - Birds of Prey Show

Contact our park office for date and time at 931-484-6138.

### March 3, 2012 - Volunteer Trail Day

8:00 a.m. Meet the park ranger at the park office to help clear the Byrd Creek Trail Run route for the upcoming 15K run May 12th. Volunteers are needed to help re-blaze the trail, trim back limbs and briars, and move other obstructions on the trail (down trees and branches). Our main focus will be the overnight trail which is 6 miles long. We will cover sections of this trail each day. Bring plenty of water, snacks, and a lunch. Wear sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing.

### March 17, 2012 - Volunteer Trail Day

8:00 a.m. Meet the park ranger at the park office to help clear the Byrd Creek Trail Run route for the upcoming 15K run May 12th. Volunteers are needed to help re-blaze the trail, trim back limbs and briars, and move other obstructions on the trail (down trees and branches). Our main focus will be the overnight trail which is 6 miles long. We will cover sections of this trail each day. Bring plenty of water, snacks, and a lunch. Wear sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing.

### March 31, 2012 - Kite Day

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Join our Friends of Cumberland Mountain in their Kite Day extravaganza!! Event is FREE, kites will be available to the first 100 kids, Lunch at noon for the kite flyers!!

### April 7, 2012 - Volunteer Trail Day

8:00 a.m. Meet the park ranger at the park office to help clear the Byrd Creek Trail Run route for the upcoming 15K run May 12th. Volunteers are needed to help re-blaze the trail, trim back limbs and briars, and move other obstructions on the trail (down trees and branches). Our main focus will be the overnight trail which is 6 miles long. We will cover sections of this trail each day. Bring plenty of water, snacks, and a lunch. Wear sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing.

## April 21, 2012 - Volunteer for Earth Day

8:00 a.m. Meet the park ranger at the park office to help clear the Byrd Creek Trail Run route for the upcoming 15K run May 12th. Volunteers are needed to help re-blaze the trail, trim back limbs and briars, and move other obstructions on the trail (down trees and branches). Our main focus will be the overnight trail which is 6 miles long. We will cover sections of this trail each day. Bring plenty of water, snacks, and a lunch. Wear sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing.

## May 5, 2012 - Wildflower Photography Workshop

9:00 a.m. Meet at the park restaurant terrace. Join Ranger Johnson and Photographer Anthony Ladd as they take you on a fantastical journey through the forest of Cumberland Mountain State Park in search of that perfect wildflower photo and other picturesque vistas! Workshop will include photography tips, innovative ways of capturing dramatic images of wildflowers, wildflower identification and hike.

## May 12, 2012 - Byrd Creek 15K Trail Run

15k Run & 3.6 mile Run will start at 7:30 a.m. CST

1.8 mi Fun Run will start at 8:00 a.m. CST.

For more info call 931-484-6138.

## May 19, 2012 - Solar & Star Gazing Party

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Solar viewing will begin at the upper softball field.

1 hour before sunset - A 40 minute pre dusk basic astronomy program will begin with planet and deep sky night observing following! Location Upper Softball Field

## Memorial Day thru Labor Day - Summer programs

Join your Seasonal Interpretive Rangers for a variety of park programs. Program schedule is put out weekly and can be picked up at the park office or printed from our Facebook page! Groups with specific interests can call the

park to arrange special programs. Park rangers are available for programs on a year round basis.

### June 9, 2012 – FREE Fishing Day

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Meet the Naturalist, Park Rangers, & Friends Group members in front of the park restaurant for food, fun, and prizes!!

### June 11-15, 2012 – Junior Ranger Day Camp

Camp is for ages 8-12. The cost is \$25. There is a limit of 30 kids for the camp so sign up fast! For more info call 931-484-6138.

### July 4, 2012 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

9:30 a.m. Meet at Park Office to decorate your bike, car, dog, etc.

10:00 a.m. Parade will begin.

\*Decorate your bike, vehicle, dog, & yourself and show off your Independence Pride!! Family games, watermelon seed spitting contest, and much more will follow the parade at the baseball field beside Shelter 1. This activity is FREE to the public.

### July 18, 2012 – CCC Day & Cumberland Mtn.'s Birthday!

10:00 a.m. 12:00p.m. Meet at the Recreation Hall. Honoring of the CCC and celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we will have a history display set up, Rangers dressed in CCC attire telling the story of the CCC days, a CCC slideshow of old photos, and much more! Members of the CCC Company 3464 will also be honored for their hard work constructing the park.

11:00 a.m. Meet at the Rec. Hall to celebrate CMSP's birthday! On July 18, 1940, CMSP opened its doors to the public! Come enjoy cake and ice cream, interpretive programs, and learn some park history!!

### August 11, 2012 – CCC Hike

10:00 a.m. Meet at the park office for a hike along Byrd Creek a trail built by the CCC. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for appropriate weather, & bring water.

## August 25, 2012 ~ CCC Hike

10:00 a.m. Meet at the boat dock for a hike along the Pioneer Trail a trail built by the CCC. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for appropriate weather, & bring water.

## September 1, 2012 ~ FoxFire Newgrass Band

2:00 p.m. Meet at the restaurant terrace for some Newgrass music!! Event is FREE to the public!

## October 20, 2012 ~ Solar and Night Sky Program

1:00 ~ 3:00 p.m. Solar viewing will begin at the upper softball field. 1 hour before sunset ~ A 40 minute pre dusk basic astronomy program will begin with planet and deep sky night observing following! Location Upper Softball Field

## October 27, 2012 ~ Trunk or Treat

6:00 ~ 8:00 p.m. Meet at the Recreation Hall for a Hayride over to the campground to begin your trunk or treat adventure!! Other events will be scheduled. For more info contact Ranger Johnson at 931-484-6138.

## November ~ Birds of Prey Show

Contact our park office for date and time at 931-484-6138.

## December 15, 2012 ~ Christmas on the Plateau

Cumberland Mountain will be doing a toy drive to help kids have a very Merry Christmas! Toys will be taken up when Christmas on the Plateau begins!

5:00-7:00 p.m. Meet at the Recreation Lodge for great music, interpretive programs, A Christmas Story reading, ornament making, decorating and lighting the Christmas tree while sipping some hot chocolate, coffee, or hot cider. Don't forget to bring a toy for the toy drive!

7:00 p.m. Meet at the Recreation Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be handing out toys for all the boys and girls. Oh and don't forget to take a drive through the park and see our historical CCC bridge decorated with lights!