

Cumberland Caverns Discovery Walking Tour & Apple Brandy Trail Forest Hike

On Saturday, October 26, one of our TTA Annual Conference outings combines two treats in one: a Discovery Walking Tour inside Cumberland Caverns and a hike on the nearby Apple Brandy Trail on Caldwell Mountain, a 50-minute drive from the Lodge at Fall Creek Falls.

The guided 90-minute, 1.5-mile Discovery Walk focuses on the Natural Science of Cumberland Caverns including cave animals, the “Never-ending Waterfall” and impressive geologic formations. The tour also features the “Hall of the Mountain King Light Show” that tells the story of cave discovery and exploration. The Historic Volcano Room features the famous chandelier from Loews Metropolitan Theater in New York; today this space hosts concerts and events for up to 600 attendees! ***Note that there are some uneven rock steps and an uneven and sometimes slippery walking surface (but lots of handrails!).***

After the cave tour, we will eat our sack lunch on outdoor picnic tables and then take a short walk to the trailhead of the Apple Brandy Trail. This well-maintained moderate 2.5-mile loop will take us through a forested landscape with dry streams, karst features, and wildflowers. There are also views of the surrounding valley and mountains.

There is a group discount fee of **\$22 per person** for the Cavern tour. ***This outing is limited to the first 20 people who sign up.*** If you are interested and want to reserve your spot early, please contact Joan Hartvigsen at jhartvigs@comcast.net. Pay for the outing at Registration on Friday when you check in; cash/check/debit/credit.

