

40 Days of Blanchard

May 29 – July 7, 2013

Cost	Daily Description	Times
Free	<p>May 29 College Day Several area colleges will provide materials about their programs including Ozarka, ASU Beebe, Lyon College and Arkansas Tech. The USFS will have a Personnel Specialist on hand to provide materials and consult with Job seekers.</p>	Throughout the day
\$21 pp	<p>May 30 Photo Tour on Discovery Trail People interested in entering the 40 Day Forest and Caverns Photo Contest on June 27 are encouraged to attend as well as others. Tour will be led by local professional photographer Phillip Walrod along the Discovery Trail. CAMERAS MUST NOT HAVE BEEN IN ANY OTHER CAVE OR MINE – DUE TO White Nose Syndrome concerns. Reservations may be made by calling the cave at 757-2211.</p>	9:30
Free	<p>May 31 Bat Day Presentations by Jessica Wakefield, Sylamore Ranger District Biologist. Learn why bats are important and what you can do to protect them. A special Blanchard bat box will be installed at the 1:00 presentation.</p>	11:00 1:00 3:00
\$15 pp	<p>June 1 Blanchard Springs 5K Run/Walk Begins at the Blanchard Day Use Area parking lot. Fee includes t-shirt, rest stop, food and fun. Co-sponsor is the White River Medical Center. Reservations may be made ---</p>	---
Free	<p>June 2 Geocache Day Bring your own GPS and find all nine geocaches and learn about this fun outdoor activity. Geocaches will be a combination of physical and virtual caches. Meet in the amphitheater at 10:00 where a USFS guide will be give a short program on geocaching and then the search begins!!</p>	10:00-2:00
Regular tour prices apply	<p>June 3 Geology Day Learn more about the areas of geology above and below the ground. Special auditorium presentation followed by a tour on the Discovery Trail with an optional walk to VIC for additional activities.</p>	10:00 3:00

Free	June 4 Fire Safety and Smokey Meet Smokey Bear and learn how YOU can prevent wildfires. Smokey photo and hugging opportunities and other activities throughout the day. Giveaways and have your picture made with Smokey!	11:00 1:30 3:30
Regular tour prices apply	June 5 Flashlight Tours Come see what it was like for the first explorers! Tours will be by flashlights only. Flashlights will be provided or personal flashlights can be used ONLY if they have NOT been in any other cave or mine.	11:20 11:45 2:20 2:45
Regular tour prices apply	June 6 Geology Day Learn more about the areas of geology above and below the ground. Special auditorium presentation followed by a tour on the Discovery Trail with an optional walk to VIC for additional activities.	10:00 3:00
Free	June 7 Youth Organization Day Local youth organizations will have interactive presentations at the VIC bus off-loading area. 4-H, Scouts and others will be represented. Visitors can learn from these local organizations and see what the youth are doing in our county.	Throughout the day
Free	June 8 Fishing Derby Jessica Wakefield will lead this yearly activity at Mirror Lake. Bring your rods and reels and join in the fun. Watch the local paper for more info on this one!	---
Regular tour prices apply	June 9 Scavenger Hunt Join Megan Foll as she heads up the Scavenger Hunt that will include things you will find in the cave and on the forest near the Visitor Information Center. All participants will get a souvenir and enter in a larger drawing. Be sure and bring your camera for the cave only finds! Fun for all ages.	Throughout the day
Free	June 10 Border States Week – Missouri/Mississippi Welcome to our neighbors! Information about neighboring states will be on display. Let us know where YOU are from!	Throughout the day
Free	June 11 Border States Week – Texas/Louisiana Welcome to our neighbors! Information about neighboring states will be on display. Let us know where YOU are from!	Throughout the day

June 12 Border States Week - Tennessee

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Ozark Folk Center/Blanchard Springs Caverns Combo Day
Visit two great area attractions in two days, special ticket prices. Contact OFC 870-269-3851

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Throughout the day

June 14 – Flag Day

Free Presentations on flag etiquette and flag giveaways during the day. Come learn about our nation’s Old Glory!

10:30
1:30
3:30

Guide Emeritus Day

All former guides and employees are invited to tour the cave on this day. A special evening get together is also planned. Call the cave at 870-757-2211 for more information.

June 15 40th Anniversary Celebration – A Remarkable Journey

Free Special Program at the amphitheater celebrating 40 years of cave interpretation and Blanchard Fest in the recreation area to follow. Come join the fun.

10:30-2:30

June 16 Ozark Folk Center State Park 40th Anniversary Concert at the Blanchard Shelter Cave

Free Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a recreation of days gone by with a concert in front of the shelter cave in the recreation area. Hear the fantastic acoustics and learn about the locations rich musical history. This is part of a larger series by the OFC at various times in June. Contact the OFC at 870-269-3851 for more information on other concert events.

2:00-4:00

Free	June 17 Arnold Day Meet our oldest caverns guide, Arnold Hearn! You will not believe the tales he can tell about Blanchard Springs Caverns and his US Forest Service career. Let us know if your name is ARNOLD!!	Throughout the day
Regular tour prices apply	June 18 History and Tour of Blanchard Springs Caverns Presentations featuring “early” years of Blanchard. Learn what it was like to explore with lights and ropes all from the comfort of the auditorium and then take the tour with an early explorer!	11:00 1:00
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Regular tour prices apply	June 20 Living History Tours Special “living” tours offered on the Dripstone Trail. Come learn about early explorers as they explored the cave and made wondrous discoveries.	10:40 11:40 2:40
Regular tour prices apply	June 21 Living History Tours Special “living” tours offered on the Dripstone Trail and the Discovery Trail. Come learn about early explorers as they explored the cave and made wondrous discoveries.	Dripstone- 10:40 11:40 2:40 Discovery- 1:00 4:00
Regular tour prices apply	June 22 Living History Tours Special “living” tours offered on the Discovery Trail. Come learn about early explorers as they explored the cave and made wondrous discoveries.	1:00 4:00
Free	June 23 Stone County Day Learn more about what Stone County has to offer. Several local organizations such as the SC Humane Society, Pink Ladies from SCMC, SC Historical Society, SC Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists and the SC Extension Office and others will showcase their work in Stone County.	Throughout the day

Free	<p>June 24 Blanchard in Pictures Display of historic photos by professional and amateur photographers. Exhibit will also feature photos of the area prior to the development Blanchard as a show cave.</p>	Throughout the day
	<p>June 25 Kids Coloring Contest</p>	
Free	<p>Sharpen your crayons! Come on out and enter the Kids Coloring Contest. Materials will be provided at the Visitors Information Center and in local newspapers. Entries must be in by close of business on June 24. Judging will take place on June 25. Entries will be displayed in the Visitors Information Center.</p>	Throughout the day
	<p>June 26 Collared Lizard Day</p>	
Free	<p>Come join us and learn about the collared lizards in the forest. We will have a program at the VIC from 10:00-11:00 and take a field trip by bus to City Rock Bluff to explore. Registration is limited for this trip. Please call 870-757-2211 to register.</p>	10:00-1:30
	<p>June 27 Forest and Caverns Photography Contest</p>	
Free	<p>Enter your favorite photo of the caverns or the forest by close of business on June 26 to be eligible for great prizes in the Photo Contest. Please call 870-757-2211 for more information.</p>	
	<p>June 28 Flashlight Tours</p>	
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	<p>June 29</p>	
	<p>June 30 Commemorative Token Giveaway</p>	
Free	<p>Come make a token commemorating the 40 Days of Blanchard.</p>	Throughout the day
	<p>July 1 Commemorative Token Giveaway</p>	
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Regular tour prices apply	<p>July 2 40 Year old Day Be proud you have been around as long as Blanchard has welcomed visitors.</p>	Throughout the day
Free	<p>July 3 Historic Movies Come see the historic movies featuring local caverns, forests and local folks as well in the nice air conditioned environment of the auditorium.</p>	Throughout the day
Regular tour prices apply	<p>July 4 Patriotic Concert in the Cave Come enjoy some patriotic music with the wonderful acoustics of the amazing cave. Call the Caverns at 870-757-2211 to make a reservation on one of these remarkable tours.</p>	3:00 4:00
	<p>July 5 Forest Service Employee Day Bring your family and wear a t-shirt displaying your forest!</p>	Throughout the day
Free	<p>July 6 Archery and Crossbowettes Day Come learn about the early program with the world famous Crossbowettes in the Visitor Information Center</p> <p>Also, practice the sport of archery with the Arkansas Game and Fish personnel in the recreation area.</p>	Throughout the day 10:00-2:00
Regular tour prices apply	<p>July 7 Time Capsule and 40th Anniversary of Opening Day Come join us in the exciting placement of the time capsule of our 40 Years in 40 Days of Blanchard. Refreshments will be served throughout the day in celebration of the 40 years of cave interpretation.</p>	3:00