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## **Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park presents a variety of programs this month**

*Bugs, dogs, and tenacious beasts this weekend at Lewis & Clark Caverns*

**WHITEHALL** – More exciting events are happening this weekend at Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park.

A full list of this summer's events at the Caverns can be found online at [fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/lewis-and-clark-caverns](http://fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/lewis-and-clark-caverns).

### **Aug. 19-21**

Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park's Speaker Series welcomes Christopher Preston who will speak about the remarkable adaptability of animals in his presentation "Tenacious Beasts" on Friday, Aug. 19. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the campground amphitheater.

It's "Three Dog Night" on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the campground amphitheater. Park ranger Ramona Radonich will present this tribute to three cool canines: wolves, coyotes, and foxes. Although these animals share similar traits, they each have characteristics that make them unique.

It's a jungle out there, and the best way to spend time in a jungle is on safari—insect safari, that is. While all bugs are insects, not all insects are bugs. You'll learn why this is and much more about our six-legged critters in this presentation. Participants in a previous safari found an extremely rare pink grasshopper. What will you find? Park ranger Radonich will lead the hunt on Sunday, Aug. 21, at 10 a.m. Meet at the campground at the picnic table near the restrooms.

### **Aug. 26-28**

Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park's Speaker Series will welcome Mike Jetty who will speak about "Native Americans Today" on Friday, Aug. 26. This program will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the campground amphitheater.

Join park ranger Radonich on Saturday, Aug. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the campground amphitheater for a closer look at the skins and skulls of several animals that live in the park. You'll discover what the different forms of skulls can teach us about how the animals function. You will have the opportunity to look straight up the nose of a bear, or deep into the eye orbits of a cougar,

something you should never do in the wild. You will also have the opportunity to put your hands on the furs that protect these animals.

Park ranger Radonich will present “Treerific Trees!” on Sunday, Aug. 28, 10 a.m. Trees grow everywhere in the world, but not all trees grow in every place. Meet the trees that call Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park home and learn why these particular trees and not others are growing here. We will meet at the campground picnic table near the restrooms then take a hike to collect data on the trees in the area and identify them. We’ll discover the special adaptations that make our park’s trees really ‘treerific!’

Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park is about 15 miles southeast of Whitehall, along Montana Highway 2. For more information about the park, please visit [stateparks.mt.gov/lewis-and-clark-caverns](http://stateparks.mt.gov/lewis-and-clark-caverns) or call 406-287-3541.

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