



All programs will be held rain or shine!

All events are FREE. Contact the park office for information on camping fees and other recreational opportunities.

How to find us:

Cedars of Lebanon State Park is located 31 miles east of Nashville in Wilson County. It is 6 miles south of I-40 on U.S. Hwy 231



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W.P.A. DAY

THE WORKERS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

ART MUSIC CRAFTS & HISTORY OF THE 1930s

“Building A Park”

SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

CEDARS OF LEBANON STATE PARK

@ Cedar Forest Lodge

9:00 am—9:00 pm

The WPA was created in 1935 by President Franklin Roosevelt’s administration to help provide economic relief to the citizens of the United States who were suffering through the great Depression.

Cedars of Lebanon State Park and Forest was created as a reclamation project to some 9,000 acres of land in Wilson Co. in the hopes of bringing jobs and money to an area plagued with barren land previously deforested and unsuitable for crops. The land was purchased from 60 local farmers, many of whom were resettled, and jobs were given to 300 employees to replant and develop the park for recreation and conservation.

The W.P.A Days will feature historical and cultural programs and demonstrations about the beginnings of the park and portraying life during the period in which Cedars of Lebanon was established

Events

Crosscut Saw Competition and Demonstration

10:00 am, outside Cedar Forest Lodge

Judge Jeremiah Barnes

Depression Soup Line- Plenty of pinto beans!

Lunch, Cedar Forest Lodge.

Presenters and Exhibits

Cedar Forest Lodge

WPA and L.U.Worker Reenactors

Blacksmithing, Rail Splitting, Shingle Making, Cedar Curling

Foreman Brent Higgins and company demonstrating skills taught to WPA workers.

General George Patton's 3rd Army Maneuvers Reenactors

The 3rd camped and practiced war games at the close of WPA time period here at Cedars of Lebanon.

Headed by General John Justice

Early Single Cylinder Engines -Wayne Thompson

Display on simple single cylinder engines in use at the time of the Depression.

Trapping -Bruce Carr and the Tennessee Fur Trappers' Association-

Before and during the Depression, fur trapping was a common practice to make supplemental income.

Spinning -Jennifer Folsom-

Jennifer will be demonstrating a great spinning wheel, used in making thread and yarn for weaving and stitching.

Fixin' Wild Edibles -Sharon Patterson-

Food gathered and prepared from wild edible plants.

Wood Stove Specialist -Tom Jackson-

Tom will demonstrate cooking with wood stoves. He is also a stone carver and fiddler, a "jack of all trades."

Traditional Southern String Band- Michael

Defosche-

An award winning fiddler focusing on traditional Tennessee string band music.

Fiddles -Lex Conaster and Chuck Linville-

Avid Fiddle collectors, representing the rich history of fiddle playing in the park.

Music Artist and Painter -Roy Harper-

Retired brakeman who received the Tennessee Heritage Artist Award and numerous other awards singing traditional folk country music.

Look out for guests of honor Andrew Young and Ware Ricketts. Mr. Young worked for the WPA as a mule teamster and Mr. Ricketts grew up during the New Deal and saw the creation of the park first hand.