

# Department of Parks

## Salt Festival At Big Bone Lick State Park Set For Oct. 16-18

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UNION, Ky. – Big Bone Lick State Park will be hosting the annual Salt Festival during the weekend of Oct. 16-18 at the park in Boone County.

The weekend will feature demonstrations of pioneer and Native American life, salt making, spear throwing, storytelling, music, crafts and more.

Visitors can also see the park's bison herd and newly-renovated nature center. Friday, Oct. 16, is set aside for school group field trips from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. School groups should pre-register by calling (859) 384-3522.

The admission for Saturday and Sunday is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children. The Salt Festival is open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Big Bone Lick State Park is recognized as the birthplace of American vertebrate paleontology. The area played a significant role in the development of scientific thought regarding extinction and the relationship of geology and paleontology the world over.

The U.S. Department of the Interior announced in January that the park in Boone County had been selected as one of 582 National Natural Landmarks in the country.

The 512-acre park features a bison herd, a campground, a museum and gift shop, and a lake for bank fishing. The park is located 22 miles southwest of Covington on KY 338, off U.S. 42-127 and Interstate 71/75.

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