

Vocabulary List:

The following vocabulary words are those most likely to be used when students visit Wind Cave National Park. They are included here for use by teachers and/or students. You may use them for dictionary work before visiting the park. Students should leave Wind Cave National Park with a good understanding of these words and concepts.

adapt - to change or adjust to new surroundings or conditions.

carnivore – a meat-eating animal.

cave - a hollow space inside the earth large enough for a person to enter.

community - a group of plants and animals in a given area or region that depend on each other.

different - not alike, not the same.

effect - something brought about by a cause; or a result.

environment - surroundings; all of the things which surround and influence the development of an organism.

extinct - a plant or animal that is no longer found, for example: dinosaurs.

forest - a thick growth of trees and underbrush covering a large area.

habitat - the place where a plant or animal lives.

herbivore – a plant-eating animal.

home - a place where a person, plant, or animal lives.

limestone - a rock made of the shells or skeletons of sea animals.

omnivore – an animal that will eat plants or meat.

prairie - a large treeless area covered with grasses.

predator - an animal that catches and kills another animal for food.

prey - an animal that is caught by a predator.

protect - to keep from injury or danger.

similar - nearly the same; almost alike.

web - a series of connecting strands, for example: a spider web.