

Carlsbad Caverns

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Carlsbad Caverns National Park
New Mexico
www.nps.gov/cave



Free General Admission at Carlsbad Caverns during National Park Week

Carlsbad Caverns National Park — Carlsbad Caverns National Park will join national park units across the country in celebrating **National Park Week, April 17 to 25, by offering free general admission and a variety of special programs**, such as rope climbing demonstrations. The program schedule will be posted at the Visitor Center information desk daily. Fees for guided tours will still apply.

Park Superintendent John Benjamin said, “*National Park Week* is an opportunity to engage families and communities in fun activities that are available in America’s Great Outdoors. Carlsbad Caverns offers people a great variety of experiences from hiking in a desert canyon to bird watching at Rattlesnake Springs to walking in the cool depths of a cave. We invite everyone to come out and celebrate with us for a few hours or a few days.”

From April 18 to 24, staff will present activities especially for children every afternoon at 3:45 in the park Visitor Center, including regular visits from park mascot Carl S. Bat. Saturday April 24 is Junior Ranger Day. Aimed at children of all ages, participants who complete a free Junior Ranger activity booklet are sworn in as “Junior Rangers” and receive a special badge.

In the town of Carlsbad, on April 24, the park and its partners will host *March for Parks* from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Living Desert Zoo and Garden State Park. March for Parks is a walk event involving thousands of Americans nationwide. Every dollar raised at this event stays at the local level for projects identified by the March for Parks organizing committee. Funds raised this year will go to improvements at 8th Street Park, at the corner of 8th and Florida Streets, and to cover transportation cost for school field trips to area parks.

For more information about National Park Week and scheduled activities at Carlsbad Caverns, contact park ranger Rachel Zimmer at 575-785-3130. A listing of National Park Week activities and promotions nationwide is available at www.nps.gov/npweek.