



## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Mammoth Cave National Park

P.O. Box 7

Mammoth Cave, Kentucky 42259-0007

IN REPLY REFER TO:

There are no fees connected with scattering cremains in Mammoth Cave National Park but it is necessary to obtain permission pursuant to 36 CFR 2.62(b).

This letter authorizes the scattering of ashes in Mammoth Cave National Park, subject to the following conditions:

- The chosen site must be no less than 300 feet from any buildings, towers, or historic sites, including historic structures, cave entrances and cemeteries.
- The chosen site must be no less than 150 feet away from other developed areas, e.g. roads, trails, campgrounds and picnic areas, as well as 150 feet from a stream or other watercourse.
- It is prohibited to scatter ashes within the cave.
- The ashes must be scattered and not deposited in any type of container. Cremains may not be buried even without the container. The identifying tags and the containers in which the ashes are packaged by the crematory must be disposed of outside the park.
- No marker or memorial of any sort may be placed or left at the site. The placement or planting of real or artificial flowers, memorial trees, brass markers, wooden crosses, etc. is prohibited.
- No birds, butterflies, or objects, either natural or artificial may be released in conjunction with the scattering of cremains within the national park.
- A copy of this letter must accompany the person performing the scattering.
- Cremation must be accomplished in accordance with state law.
- Please remember that the particular site must be the appropriate distances from developed areas, waterways, and historic structures.

For any other questions or concerns please contact the park by phone, (270) 758-2180, or email [MACA\\_Permits@nps.gov](mailto:MACA_Permits@nps.gov). We appreciate your contact with us and are happy to grant the wishes of those who have cared so much about Mammoth Cave.

Sincerely,

Barclay Trimble  
Superintendent