



With more than 392 miles of cave passageways, Mammoth Cave ranks as the longest known cave in the world. Mammoth Cave National Park was established in 1941. In 1981, the park was designated a World Heritage Site, and became the core area of an International Biosphere Reserve in 1990. The park merits this extra protection and special status for its spectacular features on the surface and in the cave, and the way these features illustrate the connection between humans and their environment.

Ranger-Led Activity Schedule • Fall/Winter 2011

	Fall	Winter
	September 6 - November 6, 2011	November 7, 2011 - March 17, 2012
Cave Tours	Departures	Departures
Mammoth Passage Tour*	4:30	9:45
Frozen Niagara Tour*	9:00, 4:15	9:30, 3:45
Historic Tour	9:00, 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, (2:45 Fri-Sat), 3:30	11:00, 1:00, 3:00
New Entrance Tour	9:45, 11:15, 1:30, 2:45	10:00, 12:00, 2:00
Grand Avenue Tour	10:15, (11:45 Sat only)	10:30 (November 25-26 only)
Snowball Tour	10:30	10:45 (November 25-26 only)
Violet City Lantern Tour	(9:15 Sat only), 2:30	
Star Chamber Tour	6:00 pm (Fri-Sat)	
Gothic Avenue Tour		9:15 (Sat only)
Introduction to Caving	9:00 (Sat only)	1:00 (Sat only)
Wild Cave Tour	10:00 (Sat-Sun)	9:30 (Sat-Sun)
Surface Walks & Programs—Free!	Departures	Departures
Sand Cave Almanac	2:30 (Fri-Sat)	1:30 (Saturdays, Jan 21-Feb 19 only)
Slavery at Mammoth Cave Walk	3:00 (Sat only)	
Evening Program	7:30 pm (Fri-Sat)	
Echo River Springs Walk	1:30 (Sat only)	
Porch Talk	10:00, (1:45 Fri-Sat)	
Visitor Center Hours	8:00a.m. – 5:55p.m. Central Time	8:45a.m. – 5:10p.m. Central Time

*Not available by reservation. Tickets may be purchased at the Visitor Center on day of tour only.

Note—Certain tours have age limits! Please review the tour descriptions on the reverse side of this brochure before selecting your tour.

For full park information, go online to www.nps.gov/macaca or call 270.758.2180.

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Sign language interpreters may be provided on cave tours by calling 270.758.2180 at least two weeks prior to the reserved tour(s).

Prices

Cave Tour	Adults	Youth*	Special Access**	Educational***
Mammoth Passage Tour†	\$5.00	\$3.50	\$2.50	
Frozen Niagara Tour†	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$5.00	
Historic Tour	\$12.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00
New Entrance Tour	\$12.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	
Grand Avenue Tour	\$24.00	\$18.00	\$12.00	
Snowball Tour	\$14.00	\$9.00	\$7.00	
Violet City Lantern Tour	\$15.00	\$11.00	\$7.50	
Star Chamber Tour	\$12.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00
Gothic Avenue Tour	\$11.00	\$8.00	\$5.50	\$5.00
Introduction to Caving	\$23.00	\$18.00	\$11.50	
Wild Cave Tour	\$48.00		\$24.00	

*Youth is 6 -12 years of age. **Special access prices are for visitors presenting Golden Age, Golden Access, and America The Beautiful Senior and Access Passes. ***Educational prices apply to Kindergarten-College groups. Please call the park at 270.758.2180 to schedule your educational group. †Box office only—not available by reservation.

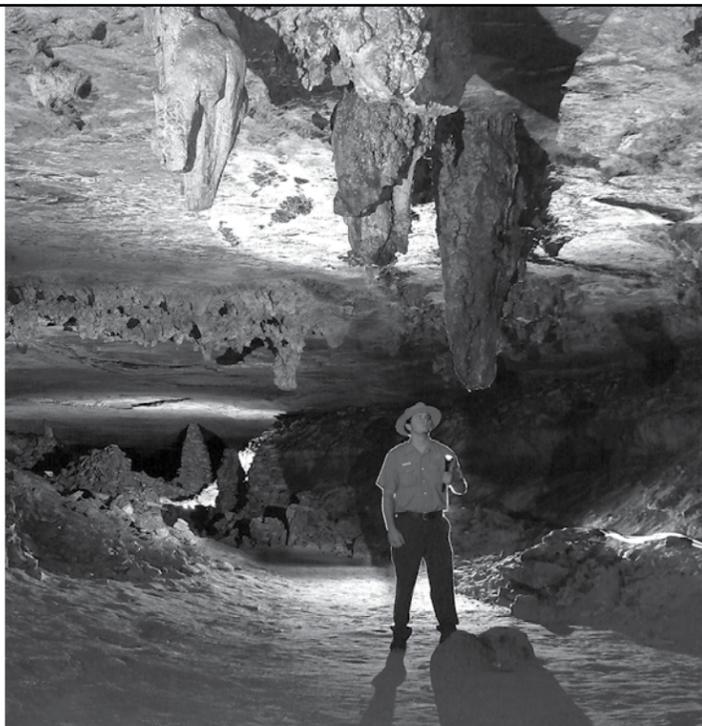
Interested in a second cave tour?

A \$3 second-tour discount may apply to Historic, New Entrance, Frozen Niagara, and Mammoth Passage tours if purchased in person at the park for tours on the same day only. Note: The entire Frozen Niagara Tour route is seen on the New Entrance Tour. Parts of Mammoth Passage Tour are seen on the Historic Tour.

Getting Here

Mammoth Cave National Park is located near Interstate 65 in southcentral Kentucky, about 90 miles from both Louisville, KY and Nashville, TN. From the north, take exit 53 (Cave City); from the south, take Exit 48 (Park City). Signs will direct you to the park Visitor Center. Our address is 1 Mammoth Cave Parkway, Mammoth Cave, KY 42259

We're in the Central Time Zone!



►The following items are not permitted on Cave Tours: Camera bags and tripods, strollers, luggage (suitcases, duffel bags, etc.), backpacks, bags of any type (including purses and diaper bags). Bags containing necessary medicinal supplies are permitted, but must be inspected and tagged as approved at the Visitor Center. ►The following items are not permitted on cave tours or in the visitor center: Any type of weapon (clubs, batons, brass knuckles, etc.), pepper spray/mace, sharp instruments (box cutters, scissors, etc.), knives, firearms. Secure these items in your vehicle, or in one of the lockers provided at the bus loading area.

►White-Nose Syndrome Alert: In order to minimize the spread of White-Nose Syndrome, a fungus that has resulted in the death of more than one million bats in the eastern United States, Mammoth Cave National Park has instituted stringent decontamination procedures for all off-trail spelunking tours this summer.

►Participants on standard on-trail walking tours may be required to undergo minor decontamination measures upon exiting the cave. ►Clothing, footwear, and handheld items that have previously been worn or carried into caves or mines may not be brought into Mammoth Cave on any tour. For more information, call 270.758.2180, look for the latest information on the park website at www.nps.gov/macaca/whitenose.htm, or inquire at the Information Desk upon arrival at the park Visitor Center.

Reservations

Please note that Mammoth Cave National Park offers a number of guided tours, both on the surface and underground. Demand is high for these popular activities—tours can, and do, sell out. You may reserve tickets in advance for cave tours by calling (877)444-6777. Campground reservations are also available through this service. You may also make your reservations via internet using the address:

www.recreation.gov

For Reservations...

By Phone: (877)444-6777
TDD (hearing impaired): (877)833-6777

Payment...

Cancellation...

Cancellation fees apply. Call (888)448-1474 for more information.

Call Center Hours...

9:00 am–9:00 pm Central Time, 7 days a week.

►As of February 22, 2010, a new federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under applicable federal, state, and local laws, to legally possess firearms in this Park. It is the responsibility of visitors to understand and comply with all applicable state, local and federal laws before entering this park. As a starting point, please visit the Kentucky State Police website at: www.kentuckystatepolice.org/conceal.htm. Federal law also prohibits firearms in certain facilities in this park; those places are marked with signs at all public entrances. Simply put, this means that visitors will be able to openly carry firearms on trails, in campgrounds, in the camp store or any other area in which carrying is not specifically prohibited. Persons with valid concealed weapons permits may carry concealed weapons in these areas also. All firearms are Strictly Prohibited from the following areas, regardless of whether the visitor has a valid concealed weapons permit: ►ALL government buildings that are classified as a federal facility; ►ALL cave tours; ►ALL buses used to carry visitors for cave tours; ►The Mammoth Cave Hotel Lobby, Rotunda Room, gift shops and dining areas. All of these areas will be identified with an NPS-approved "No Firearms Allowed" decal or placard.



Camping & Picnic Shelter Fees

Location	Site Type	Regular	Special Access
Mammoth Cave CG	Regular	\$17.00	\$8.50
Mammoth Cave CG	VIP Public	\$40.00	\$20.00
Mammoth Cave CG	Group	\$20.00	
Maple Springs CG	Group	\$30.00	
Maple Springs CG	Horse-Hookups	\$30.00	
Maple Springs CG	Horse-Primitive	\$22.00	
Houchin Ferry CG	Primitive	\$12.00	\$6.00
Picnic Shelter	Open Air	\$25.00	

Limited availability.

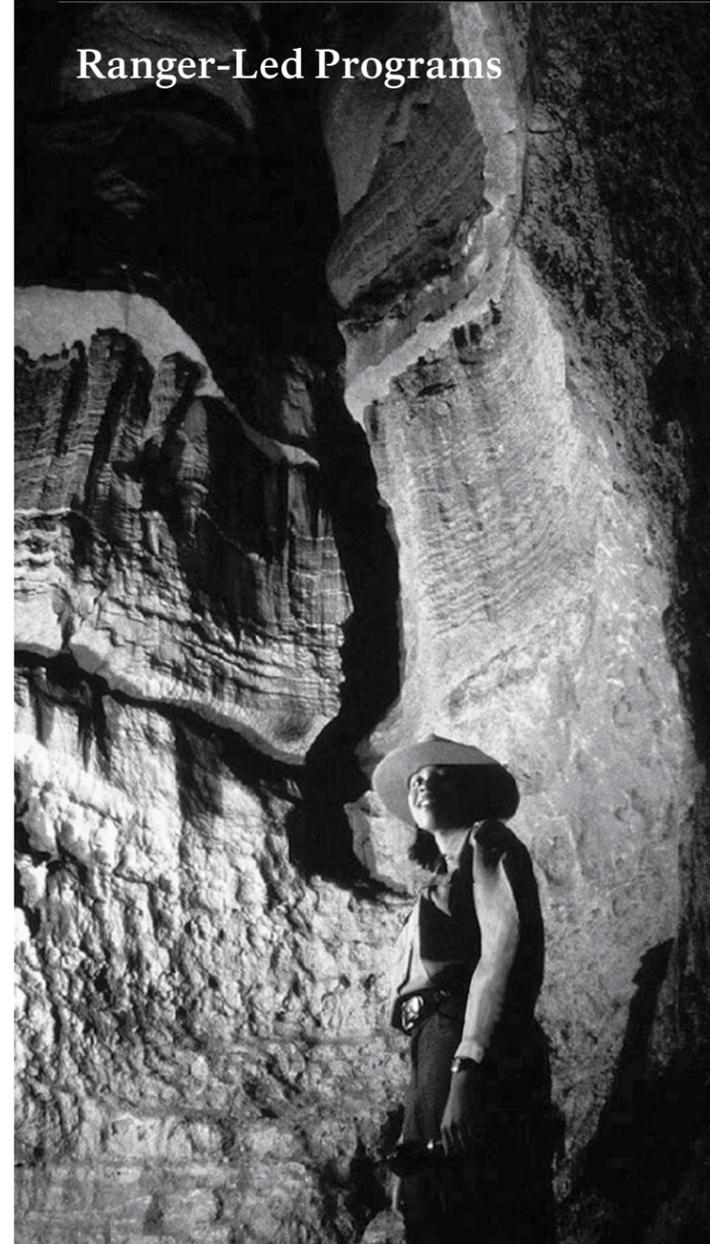
Picnic Shelter	Enclosed	\$50.00
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One shelter; available weekends from March 1 to Memorial Day; Daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and weekends from Labor Day to November 30.

Mammoth Cave National Park



Ranger-Led Programs



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Sand Cave Almanac

▷A progressive walking and driving tour telling the saga of Floyd Collins, trapped in Sand Cave, in 1925. Meet at the Sand Cave Trailhead, by the Park's East Entrance. ▶1½-2 hours, ¾ mile. *Elevation change: 0'.* ▶The caravan will drive 5.2 miles from Sand Cave Trailhead to Mammoth Cave Baptist Church. ▶Meets at the Sand Cave Trailhead. **Difficulty: Easy.** ♿(assisted)

All ranger-led surface activities are free of charge!

▲ Surface Activities

Underground Tours ▼



INTRODUCTORY CAVE TOURS

Mammoth Passage Tour

▷Considered a brief “smorgasbord” of cultural and natural topics, this tour is a perfect short visit into the cave’s largest and most visited entrance area. Includes the Narrows, Rotunda, large trunk passage and a steep outdoor hillside trail to and from the cave’s natural entrance! ▶1¼ hours, ¾ mile. *Tour limit: 40. Total stairs: 160. Elevation change: 160'.* ▶Includes parts of the Historic and all of the Discovery Tour routes. Not available by reservation. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Easy.**

Frozen Niagara Tour

▷Often the perfect taste of Mammoth Cave for visitors with very small children, elderly family members, or others who cannot walk long distances. Not sure you like close places? Have trouble walking or managing long staircases? This short visit through a decorative area of Mammoth Cave might be best for you. ▶1¼ hours, ¼ mile. *Tour limit: 36. Total stairs: 12, plus an optional 98. Elevation change: 40'.* ▶Includes parts of the New Entrance and Grand Avenue Tour routes. Not available by reservation. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Easy.**

Historic Tour

▷Been in other more decorative caves, but never in Mammoth Cave? This journey through the natural entrance leads to “classic” Mammoth Cave—landmarks visited by writers, scientists, military figures and celebrities of the 1800s and early 1900s. A great family trip! ▶2 hours, 2 miles. *Tour limit: 120. Total stairs: 440, including 155 at Mammoth Dome. Elevation change: 300'.* ▶Limited areas of the Mammoth Cave Discovery, Mammoth Passage, Star Chamber, River Styx and Violet City Lantern Tours are visited on this route. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Moderate.**

Snowball Tour

▷From the craggy breakdown of the Rocky Mountains, enter the beautifully elliptical Cleaveland Avenue, encrusted with gypsum formations in various crystalline shapes and sizes, from sparkling needles to showy mineral “flowers”. Arrive one mile later in the Snowball Room and enjoy a bite to eat—just as visitors have done here since the 19th century! ▶3 hours, 2 miles. *Tour limit: 38. Total stairs: 366 (183 in and out). Elevation change: 267'.* ▶This entire route is seen on the Grand Avenue Tour. Food is available at the Snowball Room. Box lunch costs \$7.50 (cash only). Visitors may opt to carry their own picnic lunch into the cave, but must pack it in a clear, see-through backpack or large ziplock bags. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Moderate.**



Gary Berdeaux

GENERAL CAVE TOURS

Slavery at Mammoth Cave Walk

▷This easy walk uses the ¾-mile Heritage Trail, adjacent to the Mammoth Cave Hotel. The ranger will share stories of the old Mammoth Cave Estate and the challenges presented by both enslavement and freedom. Includes the gravesite of enslaved guide Stephen Bishop. ▶¾ hour, ¾ mile. *Elevation change: 0'.* ▶This boardwalk is wheelchair accessible. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Easy.** ♿

New Entrance Tour

▷A wonderful compliment to the Historic Tour, this trip includes a dramatic series of domes and pits, typical large trunk passageways, a short journey through dripstone formations and stairs, stairs, stairs! (Small children may find this trip overly challenging.) ▶2 hours, ¾ mile. *Tour limit: 114. Total stairs: 500, including 280 on initial descent. Elevation change: 250'.* ▶Includes the complete Frozen Niagara Tour route and a portion of the Grand Avenue Tour route. If you have weak knees, think twice about taking this tour. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Moderate.**

Grand Avenue Tour

▷This long tour is the one you want if you like a strong physical walking challenge or already experienced shorter Mammoth Cave tours. Focuses on the “ups and downs” of the cave system, including multiple tough hill climbs and lots of geological variety. (Includes a short stop for a purchased box lunch at the one-mile mark.) ▶4½ hours, 4 miles. *Tour limit: 78. Age limit: 6 and older. Total stairs: 670. Elevation change: 280', with hills more than 60' in some places'.* ▶The Snowball and Frozen Niagara Tour routes, and portions of the New Entrance Tour route, are seen on this tour. This tour is not recommended for visitors who have heart or respiratory illnesses, diabetes or walking difficulties. Food is available at the Snowball Room. Box lunch costs \$7.50 (cash only). Visitors may opt to carry their own picnic lunch into the cave, but must pack it in a clear, see-through backpack or large ziplock bags. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Strenuous.**

Star Chamber Tour

▷This nostalgic trip into the cave’s natural entrance is reminiscent of the tours of old at Mammoth Cave. Who were the patients who desperately found their way to the short-lived tuberculosis hospital? Who was George S. Gatewood and why are his name and initials seen on the walls of Gothic Avenue? This trip is by lantern light. A great tour for summer campers! ▶2½ hours, 1½ miles. *Tour limit: 40. Age limit: 6 and older. Total stairs: 200. Elevation change: 160'.* ▶Includes parts of the Historic, Discovery, Violet City Lantern, and Mammoth Passage Tour routes. Lanterns may cause some discomfort for visitors with respiratory illnesses. Only adults may carry lanterns. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Moderate.**

SPECIALTY TOURS

Echo River Springs Walk

▷Visitors of all ages can join a Park Ranger for a short and easy walk to Echo River Springs. An underground river inside Mammoth Cave surfaces at this spring and flows out to nearby Green River. The ranger will share some of the challenges of living with this karst landscape—both on the surface and inside the cave system. ▶¾ hour, ¼ mile. *Elevation change: 0'.* ▶Meets at the Green River Ferry Parking Lot. **Difficulty: Easy.**



Ray Klass

Gothic Avenue Tour

▷Some areas of Mammoth Cave just seem magical, and Gothic Avenue is one of those special places. This tour begins at the Visitor Center and enters that now famous entrance, as the ranger interprets areas including the Rotunda, the Church, Giant’s Coffin, and the TB Huts. Gothic Avenue is also seen on the Star Chamber Tour that is offered during spring, summer and fall. ▶2 hours, 1 mile. *Tour limit: 40. Total stairs: 230. Elevation change: 140 feet'.* ▶Includes part of the Historic, Lantern and River Styx Cave Tour routes. A portion of this tour will be seen by lantern light. Lanterns may cause some discomfort for visitors with respiratory illnesses. Only adults may carry lanterns. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Moderate.**

Violet City Lantern Tour

▷A traditional trip through classic Mammoth Cave by lantern light. This visit to numerous historic landmarks provides a good physical workout as well as nostalgic insights to the cave’s earliest tours. ▶3 hours, 3 miles. *Tour limit: 38. Age limit: 6 and older. Total stairs: 160, and numerous hills without handrails. Elevation change: 160'.* ▶Includes parts of the Historic, Discovery, Star Chamber, and Mammoth Passage Tour routes. Lanterns may cause some discomfort for visitors with respiratory illnesses. Only adults may carry lanterns. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Strenuous.**

SPECIALTY CAVE TOURS

Porch Talk

▷Join a Park Ranger on the back porch of the Visitor Center for a 15-minute presentation on the Civil War Sesquicentennial and how the war impacted Mammoth Cave. Several Mammoth Cave guides were slaves, armies fought within a day’s ride from the cave entrance, and the Mammoth Cave Hotel was raided by Confederates. Tours continued through the 1860s and many of those visitors were Union or Confederate soldiers. ▶¼ hour. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center Back Porch. ♿

Introduction to Caving

▷Want to really go caving? Not sure if spelunking is for you? Try this short small-group caving challenge to discover things about the cave, and yourself. Bring your friends or family. ▶3½ hours, 2 miles. *Tour limit: 20. Age limit: 10 and older. Total stairs: 280+. Elevation change: 250'.* ▶An adult must accompany visitors under age 18. Organized youth groups must have at least two adult representatives accompanying minor children. Chest or hip measurement must not exceed 42 inches; if you are larger, you cannot physically pass through the crawlspaces. High-top, over-the-ankle lace-up boots, with lug or deeply treaded soles, are required. No low-cut hiking or athletic shoes allowed. You will not be allowed to participate in the tour if you are not wearing proper footwear—No exceptions. Gym shorts and t-shirts are recommended for wear under coveralls. Please bring extra pair of tennis shoes or sandals for use during boot decontamination at the end of the tour. All equipment and outerwear provided; no personal caving equipment allowed. Requires at least 2 participants. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Strenuous.**

Wild Cave Tour

▷Face the darkness—and the challenge. Journey with experienced guides and a small adult group through some of the starkly beautiful yet physically demanding “wild” areas of the cave. See places no other tour encounters. ▶6-6½ hours, 5 miles. *Tour limit: 14. Age limit: 16+; proof of age may be requested. Elevation change: 300'.* ▶An adult must accompany visitors under age 18. Organized youth groups must have at least two adult representatives accompanying minor children. Chest or hip measurement must not exceed 42 inches; if you are larger, you cannot physically pass through the crawlspaces. High-top, over-the-ankle lace-up boots, with lug or deeply treaded soles, are required. No low-cut hiking or athletic shoes allowed. You will not be allowed to participate in the tour if you are not wearing proper footwear—No exceptions. Gym shorts and t-shirts are recommended for wear under coveralls. Please bring extra pair of tennis shoes or sandals for use during boot decontamination at the end of the tour. All equipment and outerwear provided; no personal caving equipment allowed. Food is available at the Snowball Room. A box lunch can be purchased for \$7.50 (cash only). Visitors may bring a lunch and/or water bottle—a small fanny pack will be provided. Requires at least 2 participants. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Very Strenuous.**

SPELUNKING ADVENTURES