



With more than 400 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 2013

Fall	Winter	
September 2 – November 3	November 4, 2013 – March 14, 2014	
Cave Tours	Departures	
Mammoth Passage Tour*	3:30	10:00, 2:30
Frozen Niagara Tour	9:00, 1:00, 3:30	9:00, 12:00, 3:00
Historic Tour	10:00, (11:30 Sat-Sun), 12:15, 2:15, 3:00	10:30, 12:30, 2:00
New Entrance Tour	(9:30 Sat only), 11:30, 12:45, (2:15 Sat-Sun), 3:00	9:30, 11:30, 1:30
Violet City Lantern Tour	9:30	
River Styx Cave Tour	9:00	
Star Chamber Tour	5:00 pm	
Great Onyx Lantern Tour	1:30	
Introduction to Caving	1:15 (Sat only)	
Wild Cave Tour	9:00 (Sat-Sun)	9:00 (Nov 29-Dec 1 and Dec 21,22,28,29)
Surface Walks & Programs—Free!	Departures	
Sand Cave Almanac	2:00 (Fri-Sat)	
Slavery at Mammoth Cave Walk	9:15 (Sat-Sun)	
Campfire Program	7:30 pm (Fri-Sat)	
Civil War Talk	12:30	
Visitor Center Hours	8:30a.m. – 5:15p.m. Central Time	8:30a.m. – 4:30p.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. Youth under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older on all tours.

For full park information, go online to [www.nps.gov/macaca](http://www.nps.gov/macaca) or call 270.758.2180.

Prices	Adults	Youth <sup>1</sup>	Special Access <sup>2</sup>	Educational <sup>3</sup>
Cave Tour				
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	
Violet City Lantern Tour	\$15.00	\$11.00	\$7.50	
River Styx Cave Tour	\$13.00	\$9.00	\$6.50	
Star Chamber Tour	\$12.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00
Great Onyx Lantern Tour	\$15.00	\$11.00	\$7.50	
Introduction to Caving	\$23.00	\$18.00	\$11.50	
Wild Cave Tour	\$48.00	n/a	\$24.00	

<sup>1</sup>Youth is 6-12 years of age. <sup>2</sup>Special access prices are for visitors presenting Golden Age, Golden Access, and America The Beautiful Senior and Access Passes. <sup>3</sup>Educational prices apply to Kindergarten-College groups. Please call the park at 270.758.2180 to schedule your educational group.

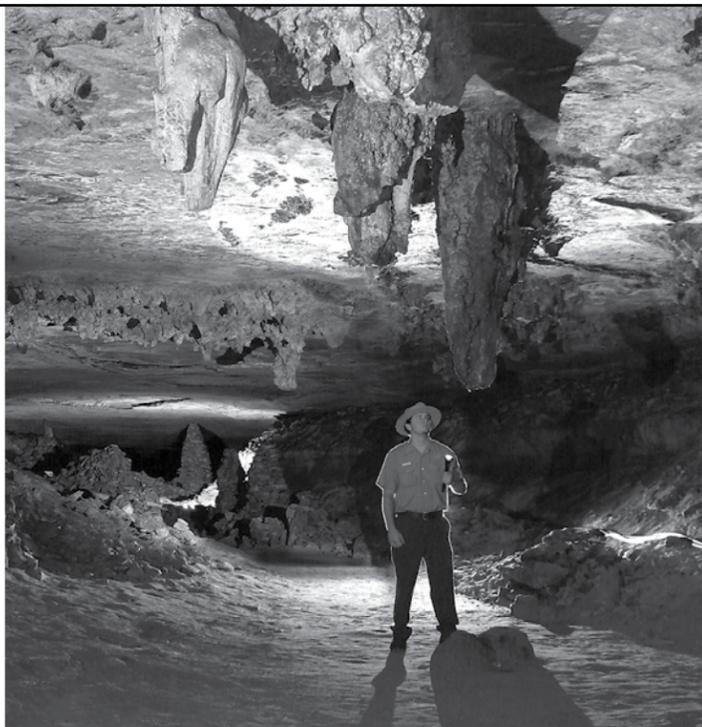
#### Interested in a second cave tour?

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: Any type of backpack or knapsack, camera tripods or monopods, strollers and infant backpack carriers ►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.

#### ►Tour requirements regarding White Nose Syndrome (WNS) in bats

While there are no known harmful effects to humans, White Nose Syndrome is responsible for the deaths of millions of hibernating bats across the United States and Canada since its discovery in 2006. White Nose Syndrome was found at Mammoth Cave National Park in 2013, but not in toured areas. Park staff are taking precautions to minimize the spread of the fungus that causes White Nose Syndrome to or from the park. ►When going on a cave tour, do not wear clothing or shoes that have been worn in other caves or mines. ►All participants on cave tours must walk on bio-security mats immediately following the conclusion of their tour. ►For more information, call 270.758.2180, look for the latest information on the park website at [www.nps.gov/macaca/whitenose.htm](http://www.nps.gov/macaca/whitenose.htm), or inquire at the Information Desk upon arrival at the park Visitor Center.

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## 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](http://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.

Take a little time to ensure that the activity you have chosen is the best one for you. All cave tours and nature walks can be strenuous, so be sure you understand what will be required of you before the start of your activity. If you are unsure, ask a park ranger to explain what will be required of you. NEVER let someone talk you into doing an activity if you feel uneasy about it. Youth under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older on all tours. ►Cave and surface trails are uneven and slippery so be sure you have the proper footwear and always look before you step. ►All cave tours require shirts and shoes for admittance. ►Any type of backpack or knapsack, camera tripods or monopods, child strollers and infant backpack carriers are prohibited in the cave for visitor safety and resource protection. ►Walking sticks and canes are permitted on cave tours only when sufficient need is demonstrated. ►To protect air quality, smoking is not permitted in the cave or at cave entrances. ►Year-round cave temperature in interior passageways fluctuates from the mid-50s to the low 60s (in degrees Fahrenheit). Winter temperatures, however, can be below freezing at entrances. Generally, you will be comfortable if you wear long pants and bring a sweater or jacket.



#### Camping & Picnic Shelter Fees

Location	Site Type	Regular	Special Access
Mammoth Cave CG	Regular	\$17.00	\$8.50
	VIP	\$40.00	\$20.00
	Group	\$20.00	
Maple Springs CG	Group Camp	\$30.00	
	Horses - Hookups	\$30.00	
	Horses - Primitive	\$22.00	
Houchin Ferry CG	Primitive Frontcountry	\$12.00	\$6.00

Mammoth Cave Campground is open March 1 - November 30.

Maple Springs Group Campground is open March 1 - November 30.

Houchin Ferry Campground is closed for Fall/Winter 2013.

#### Picnic Shelters

Open-Air Picnic Shelter	\$25.00
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Limited availability. Limited availability.

Enclosed Picnic Shelter	\$50.00
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Available on weekends from March 1 to Memorial Day, daily between Memorial Day and Labor Day, and weekends from Labor Day to November 30.

# Mammoth Cave National Park



## Ranger-Led Programs



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### 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.** ♿

All ranger-led surface activities are free of charge!

### 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.**

### Civil War 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. ♿

### Campfire Program

▷Join a park ranger for a special program at the wheelchair accessible Outdoor Amphitheater. Programs generally begin just before dark and interpret a different topic each evening. Check at the Visitor Center Information Desk to learn more about current evening programs. ▶¾ hour. ▶Consider carrying a flashlight for added safety on the walkways following the program. ▶Meets at the Park Amphitheatre. ♿

## ▲ 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, the Rotunda, and a large trunk passage. Requires walking 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. This tour does not see dripstone formation areas. 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: 50'. ▶Includes parts of the New Entrance and Grand Avenue Tour routes. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Easy.**



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

GENERAL CAVE TOURS

### 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, 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. This tour does not visit dripstone formation areas. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Moderate.**



### New Entrance Tour

▷A wonderful complement to the Historic Tour, this trip includes a dramatic series of domes and pits, typical large trunk passageways, and a short journey through dripstone formations. A ten minute bus ride to and from the entrances is included. ▶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. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Moderate.**



SPECIALTY CAVE TOURS



### 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. Good walking shoes recommended. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Strenuous.**



### River Styx Cave Tour

▷Want a glimpse of the underground rivers at the cave's deepest levels? This journey includes the complete Historic Tour route, plus a short visit down to the Dead Sea, the banks of River Styx and a quick view of Lake Lethe. ▶2½ hours, 2½ miles. Tour limit: 40. Total stairs: 500 including 155 at Mammoth Dome. Elevation change: 360'. ▶This tour covers the entire Historic Tour route. Limited sections of the Star Chamber, Mammoth Passage and Mammoth Cave Discovery Tours are also seen. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Moderate.**

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### 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. ▶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.**

### Great Onyx Lantern Tour

▷A great cave activity for returning visitors, this trip includes a bus ride through a forested valley to another historically toured cave within the national park. Coleman lanterns illuminate a series of beautifully sculpted decorative rooms and passageways. ▶2¼ hours, 1 mile. Tour limit: 38. Age limit: 6 and older. Total stairs: 40. Elevation change: 30'. ▶This cave is not known to be connected to the greater Mammoth Cave System. Bus ride included in tour duration. Gas lanterns may cause some discomfort for visitors with respiratory illnesses. Only adults may carry lanterns. Entrance steps are uneven with a low ceiling. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Easy.**



## SPELUNKING ADVENTURES

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### Introduction to Caving

▷A wild caving challenge for new cavers! Designed for both adults and kids 10 years and up. Learn the rules and techniques of safe caving, and an appreciation of this special environment. ▶3½ hours, 1 mile. 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. Lace-up hiking boots that cover the ankle are required. Boots must have good tread. No slick-soled footwear is permitted. No tennis shoes allowed. You will not be allowed to participate in the tour if you are not wearing proper footwear—No exceptions. Shorts and t-shirts are recommended for wear under coveralls. Please bring extra pair of shoes or sandals for use during boot cleaning after 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. Lace-up hiking boots that cover the ankle are required. Boots must have good tread. No slick-soled footwear is permitted. No tennis shoes allowed. You will not be allowed to participate in the tour if you are not wearing proper footwear—No exceptions. Shorts and t-shirts are recommended for wear under coveralls. Please bring extra pair of shoes or sandals for use during boot cleaning after the tour. All equipment and outerwear provided; no personal caving equipment allowed. Visitors will need to bring their own lunch or snacks and water bottle. A small fanny pack will be provided. Requires at least 2 participants. ▶Meets at the Visitor Center. **Difficulty: Very Strenuous.**