



Leader's Checklist for Groups (12 people or more)

- ✓ **Help Protect Our Bats!** This fatal disease in bats has already killed over a million bats in eastern North America, and is spreading west. Avoid spreading the fungus that causes white-nose syndrome in bats! **When you visit Oregon Caves, plan ahead not to bring any items that have been worn or used in any cave, mine, or bat hibernation site east of the Rocky Mountains since 2005, or in any cave in Europe.** This includes shoes, camera bags, and clothes. Even if the item has been washed, there is still a risk. Do not bring it.
- ✓ **How long does it take to get to the Monument?** The drive to the Monument is approximately 45 minutes from the town of Cave Junction. Expect an additional 15 minutes to travel (walking) from the lower parking lot to the Visitor Center. Please plan accordingly to ensure that your group arrives at the expected time.
- ✓ **What are the directions? From I-5:** Take exit 58 to merge onto OR-99/Redwood Hwy, and continue to follow Redwood Hwy. Turn right at US-199 to Cave Junction, and then turn left on OR-46 (a gas station is on the corner). Follow OR-46 for 20 miles to the Monument. **From Crescent City, California:** Take a left at US-101, and take exit 794 to merge onto US-199 toward Grants Pass/I-5. Turn right at OR-46, and follow OR-46 for 20 miles to the Monument.
- ✓ **What are the logistics?** Park vehicles at the first parking lot upon arrival to the Monument. There is a short walk to the Visitor Center. Upon arrival to the Visitor Center, inform the front desk that your group has arrived. Bring any items you might need (jackets, camera, etc.) with you at the time. The cave tour lasts 90 minutes. Expect the cave tour and the hike back down to the Visitor Center to last two hours.
- ✓ **Does my group have a cave tour reservation?** Sorry, but due to staffing and the demands of public cave tours, we cannot reserve your group a set time. We alert staff of the expected visit and accommodate your group as soon as we can. Please note that this could mean a wait of up to an hour or more to go on a cave tour.
- ✓ **How long is the tour and how many stairs are there?** The tours last 90 minutes, are moderately strenuous, and consist of over 500 stairs with walking uphill for 5-10 minute durations. The tour is not recommended for any person who has breathing, vision, balance, or heart conditions.
- ✓ **What is the group size?**
Group size for a cave tour is limited to fifteen people total.
- ✓ **How much does it cost to go on a cave tour?**
\$6.00 for adults, 17 years and over
\$4.00 for juniors, 16 years and under
- ✓ **Is there a height requirement for children?**
Yes, for their safety, children must be at least 42 inches (107 cm) tall, pass a stair test unassisted, and be able to listen and follow directions for the duration of a 90 minute tour. Children cannot be carried through the cave and childcare services are not available.
- ✓ **What should we bring?** The cave is 44°F (7°C). Bring a warm jacket, and wear tennis or hiking shoes. You may bring a camera into the caves but there are restrictions on where you can and cannot take flash photography.
- ✓ **What should stay home?** Flashlights, tripods, purses, and backpacks are not permitted inside the caves.
- ✓ **What are the rules?** Please review the following with your group before the visit.
 - **Avoid injuries:** do not throw sticks, rocks, snow, etc., at any time.
 - **All natural features are protected:** do not collect rocks, flowers, feathers, etc. Take only memories; leave only footprints.
 - **Do not feed the wildlife** such as birds, chipmunks, etc. Human food can make wildlife sick and cause them to neglect finding their own food. They can bite, and feeding them results in their becoming pests for other people.