

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

WIND CAVE NATIONAL PARK

HOT SPRINGS, S. DAK. Sept. 1, 1917.

W. C. ...  
SUPERVISOR



The director:  
National Park Service,  
Washington, D. C..

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit, for the information of The Service, the following report of conditions and affairs, of the Wind Cave National Park, for the month of August.

There were 1376 visitors conducted through the Cave, 405 of whom came to The Park in licensed cars, and 971 by private conveyance.

335 persons camped within the park for a period of one day, during the month.

There was more travel through and to the park this month, than ever, and almost entirely by automobile.

The roads are in good condition except the four largest bridges, which are in very bad shape. Allotments for purpose of reconstructing these bridges have been formally requested.

Work on construction of dam was begun.

Closet in residence yard was moved, and cess pit dug.

Cave interior continues moist, requiring occasional cleaning of steps and draining of trails, to prevent accidents to visitors, on account of slipping.

Park ranger Esther Brazell, on health account, ceased working on the fifteenth, and laborer for emergency guide service, was employed the last half month.

Park employees consist now, of Supervisor and one Ranger.

Money remitted to The Department was as follows:

Aug. 2, acct. 855 visitors to Cave @ 25¢ --- 213.75

" " Permit to take and sell pictures,

J. McCain, permittee, ----- 25.00

total ----- 238.75

Less exchange, ----- 30

Net draft, ----- \$238.45

Aug. 20, acct. 643 visitors to Cave, at 25¢, during first 15 days of month, ----- 160.75

Trespass fees collected from Mr. Fox, for two horses at 1.25 each, ----- 2.50

\$163.25

Less exchange, ----- 20

Net B draft, ----- \$163.05

Total remitted during month, ----- \$401.50

P.S. Item of 213.75 was for 855 visitors to Cave during last half of July.

Respectfully submitted.

*J. M. Brazell*  
Supervisor,

*McCain*