

## A WORLD TREASURE

Wind Cave National Park is a combination of two very different worlds. One world is the vast prairie and all the animals that live there and one is hidden deep beneath the earth.

Wind Cave is one of the longest caves in the world. It is famous for a formation called boxwork. Wind Cave is also known for its maze-like passages.

The prairie world of Wind Cave National Park is one of the few mixed-grass prairies left in the United States. When you visit this prairie you can often see or hear wildlife. Look for bison, pronghorn, mule deer, prairie dogs, coyotes, elk, golden eagles, turkeys, porcupines, badgers, meadowlarks, and bullsnakes.

All of the resources of the park are protected because this is a national park. Resources include all of the park animals, plants, cave features, and rocks. They are protected so that everyone can enjoy these treasures for years to come.

More than five million people have visited Wind Cave. It is important that each of us helps protect this beautiful place. Please do not touch the cave rocks. Once the cave is damaged it cannot heal itself.

### HOW TO BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER

As a Junior Ranger you will discover what makes this park unique. You will learn how you can help protect the park. Also, you will recognize what you can do at home to help nature.

To become a Junior Ranger complete the activities for your age group. Ask your parents to help you with the activities. When you have finished, bring this booklet to the visitor center desk. A ranger will review what you have learned and sign your certificate.

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