

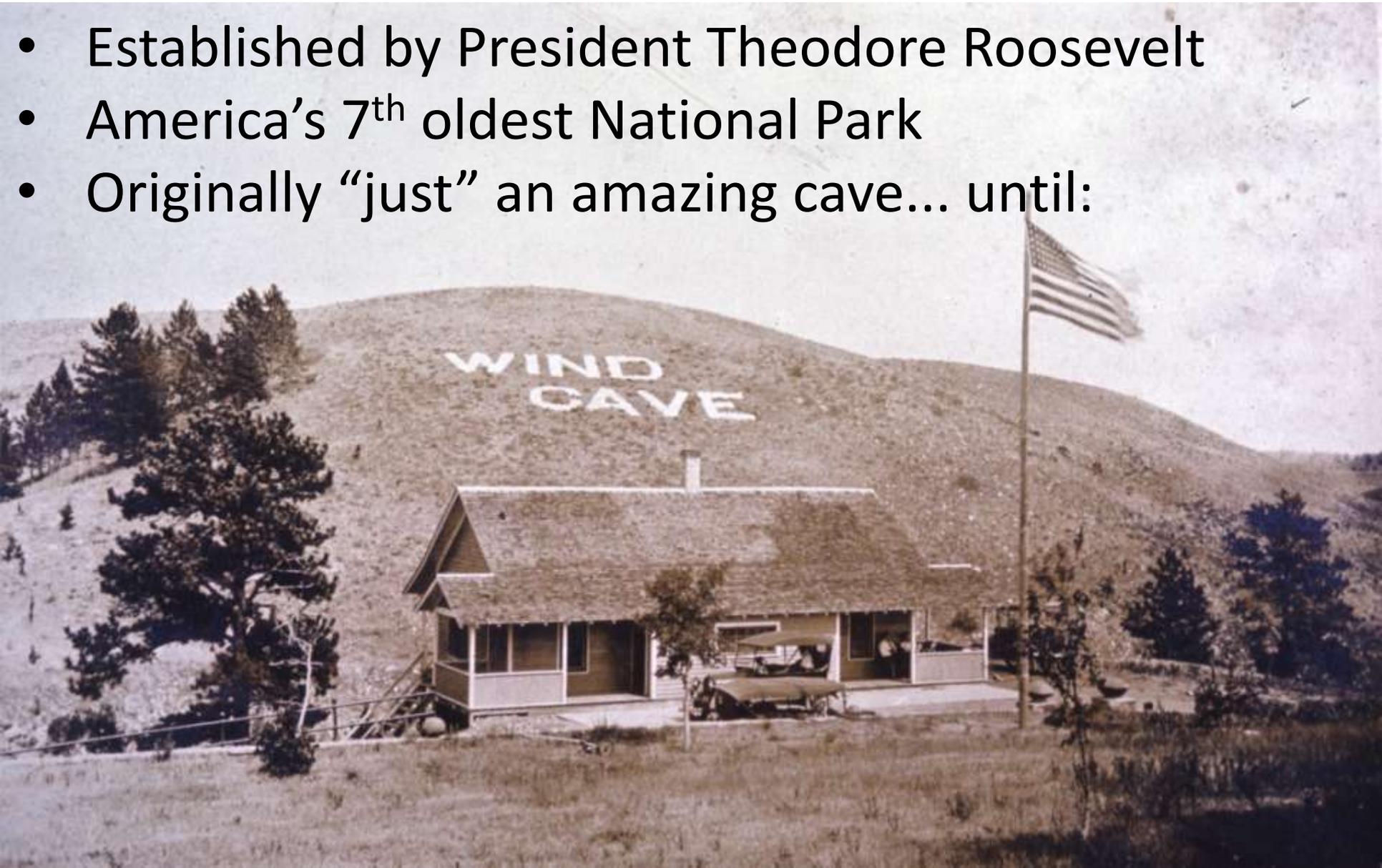
Located in the beautiful Southern Black Hills region of South Dakota:

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WIND CAVE
NATIONAL PARK
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



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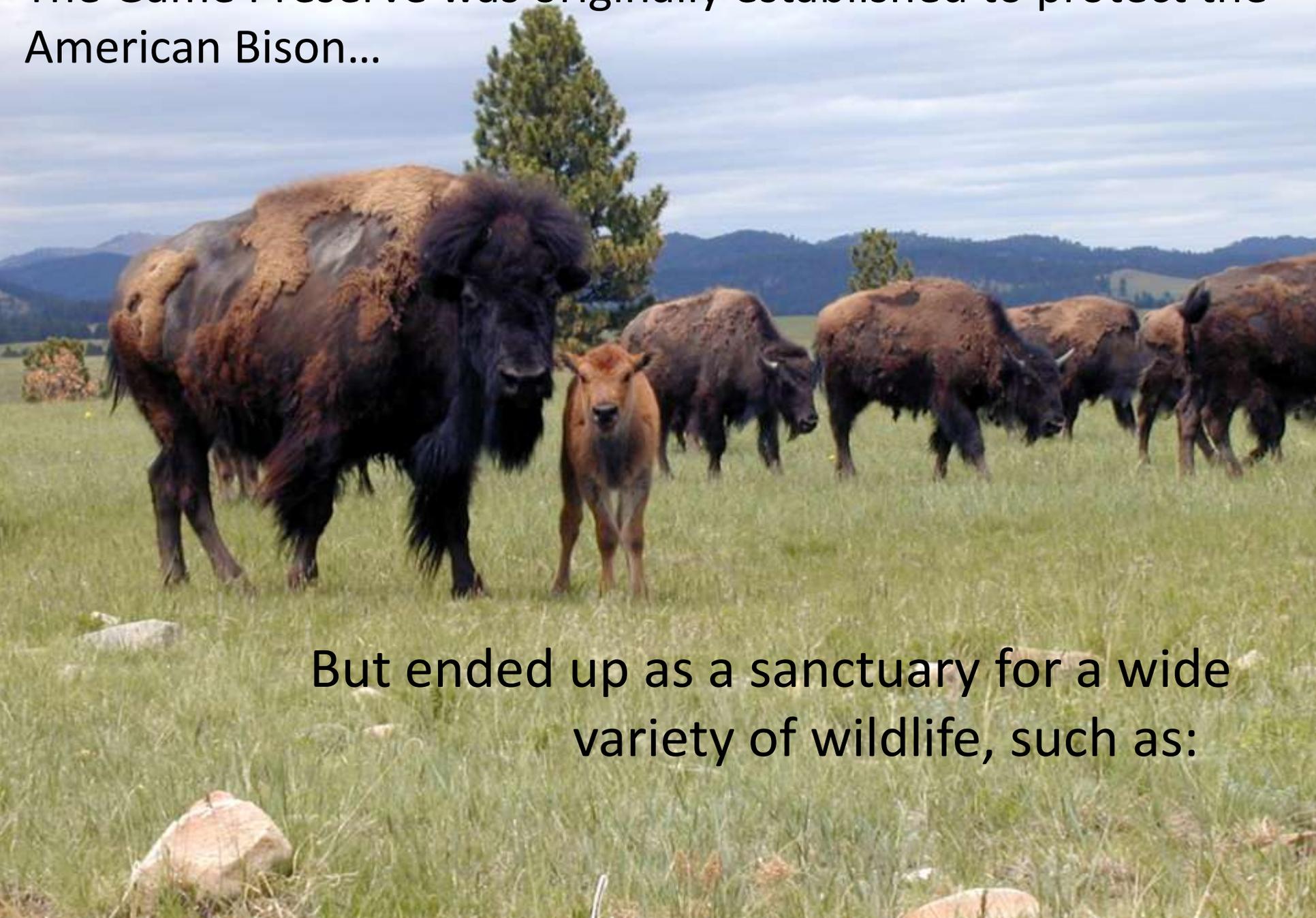
- Established by President Theodore Roosevelt
- America's 7th oldest National Park
- Originally “just” an amazing cave... until:



1912: Wind Cave Game Preserve Established



The Game Preserve was originally established to protect the American Bison...



But ended up as a sanctuary for a wide variety of wildlife, such as:

Rocky Mountain Elk



Pronghorn Antelope



Prairie Dogs



Scores of Predators:

- Coyotes
- Badgers
- Mountain Lions
- Bobcats
- Owls
- Vultures
- Hawks
- Eagles
- Snakes



And even North America's
rarest land mammal:
The Black-footed ferret!



Today Wind Cave National Park protects nearly 35,000 acres of mixed grass prairie and ponderosa forests.

A wide-angle photograph of a prairie landscape. In the foreground, a herd of bison is grazing in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The terrain is rolling, with gentle hills and valleys. In the background, there are more hills, some with sparse evergreen trees, and a distant view of a large body of water under a clear blue sky.

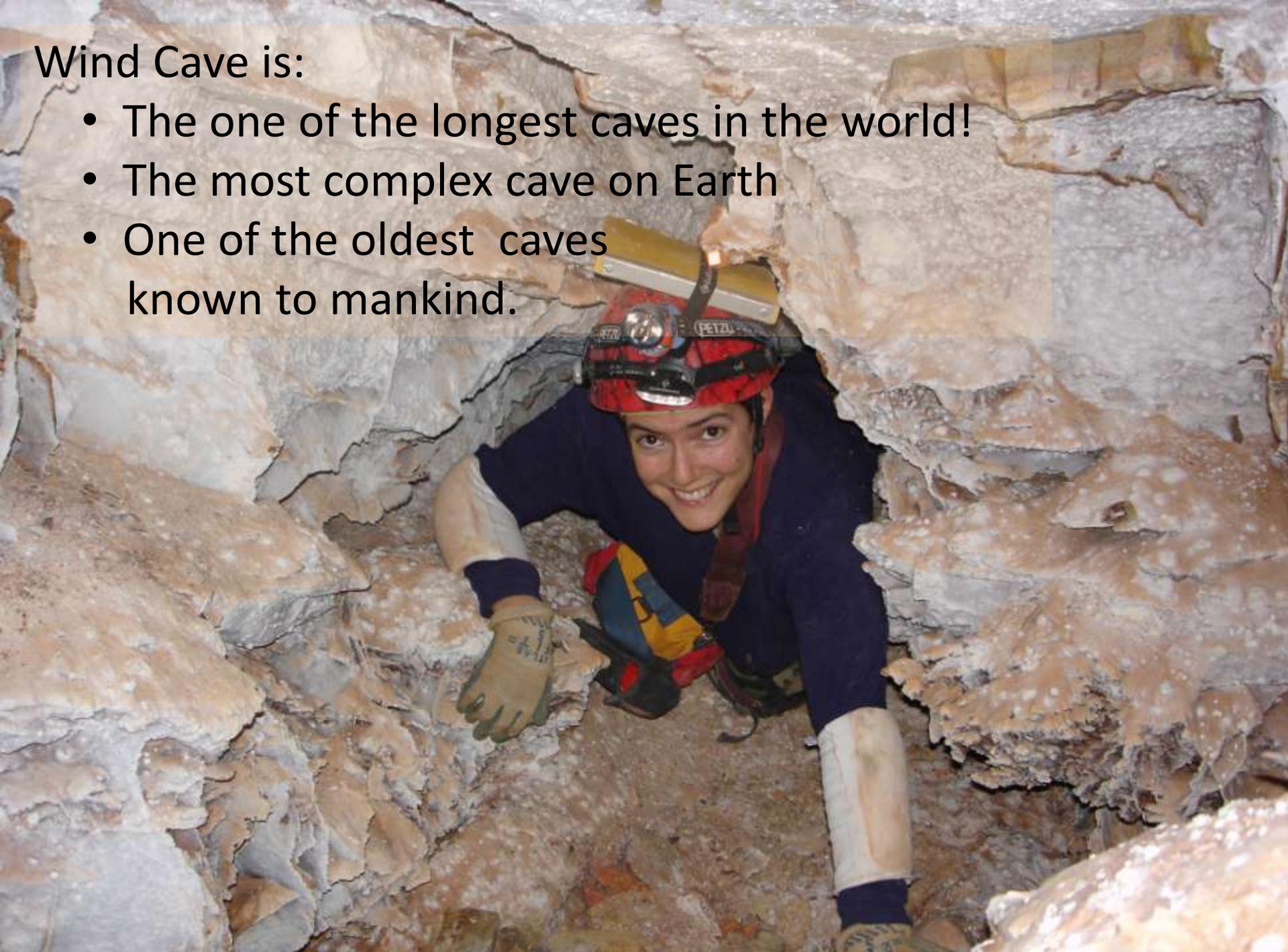
But underneath all of this lies the most complex maze in the entire world...

Wind Cave



Wind Cave is:

- The one of the longest caves in the world!
- The most complex cave on Earth
- One of the oldest caves known to mankind.



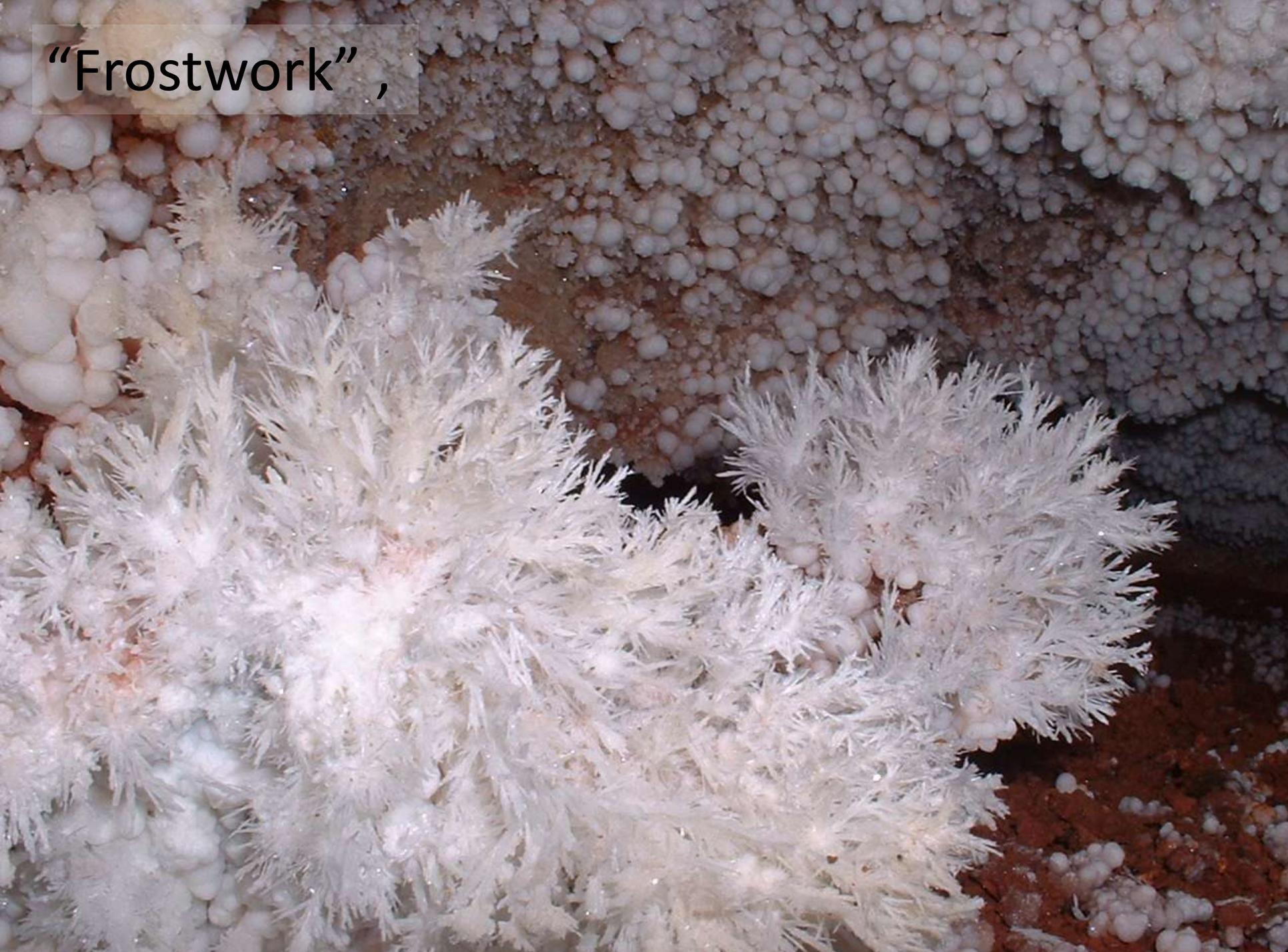
Home to many unique formations, particularly boxwork (shown here).



And many others such as "Popcorn",



“Frostwork” ,



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What to do at Wind Cave National Park?

Above Ground...



Or Below!

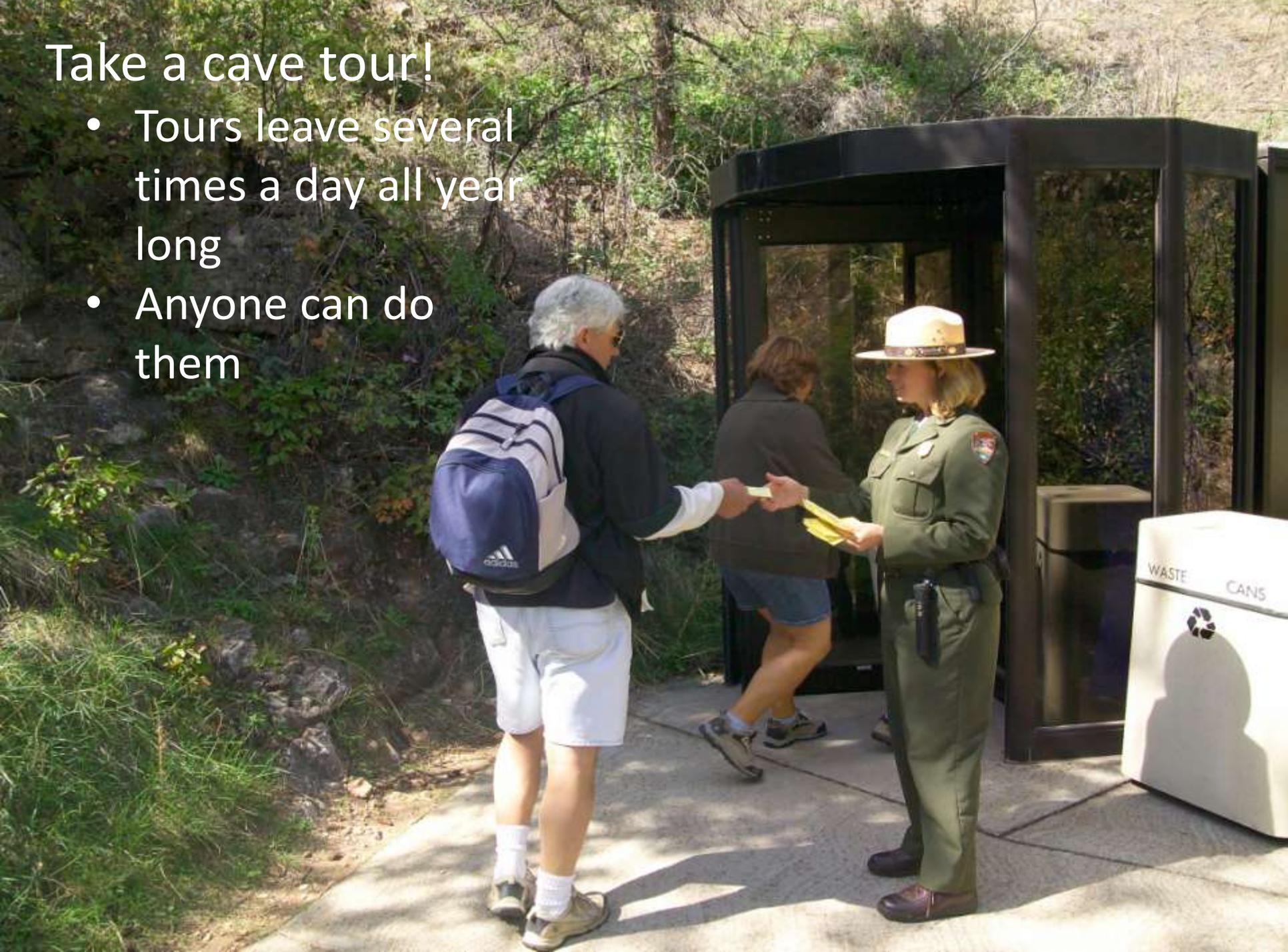
30 miles of Hiking trails...

- Ranging from ½ mile to 10 miles
- Exciting opportunities for viewing wildlife
- *Go Camping!*



Take a cave tour!

- Tours leave several times a day all year long
- Anyone can do them





Or drive one of the many scenic roads!



So no matter what you like,

There is always something new to discover...

At Wind Cave National Park

A scenic landscape of a grassy field with a dirt path leading towards a forested hill under a clear sky. The foreground is dominated by tall, golden-brown grasses. A narrow dirt path winds through the center of the field, leading the eye towards the background. In the mid-ground, a rolling hill is covered in a dense forest of dark green trees. The sky is a pale, clear blue, suggesting a bright, sunny day. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.