



## Learn More

*Caves are a rich source of yet-to-be discovered knowledge of the world around us.*

### Become a Trogloxene (cave visitor)

There are many different varieties of caves in the National Park Service and there are public access policies just as varied to protect those caves. Always check what the cave visitation policies of a park are before exploring caves on your own.



Make sure that everyone in your party follows the Cavers' motto:

*Take nothing but pictures*

*Leave nothing but carefully placed footprints*

*Kill nothing but time*



The National Park Service homepage links to information that will help you plan your visit to any of the 391 National Park areas:

<http://www.nps.gov>

The National Park Service's Views of the National Parks web site provides a multimedia introduction to understanding caves and karst resources:

<http://www.nature.nps.gov/Views/layouts/Main.html#/Caves/>

Tour of National Park Geology:

<http://www.nature.nps.gov/geology/tour/>

National Parks Cave resources newsletter, InsideEarth:

<http://www.nature.nps.gov/geology/caves/newsletter.htm>

Cave photographs of Speleothems, Speleologists, Chambers, Entrances, and Cave Critters:

<http://www.nature.nps.gov/geology/caves/photo.htm>

Links for caving websites, book list (including children's literature), and other resources:

<http://www.nature.nps.gov/geology/caves/links.htm>

National Speleological Society:

<http://www.caves.org>

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# Discover National Park Caves



## U.S. National Parks with Cave Tours

### SOLUTIONAL CAVES

Solutional caves are formed by the dissolving of rock along fractures in the presence of weak, acidic water.

#### Carlsbad Caverns National Park

*Outstanding display of cave formations, large bat flights in summer.*

#### Cumberland Gap National Historic Park

*Beautiful Gap Cave was used by both Union and Confederate soldiers.*

#### Great Basin National Park

*Richly decorated Lehman Caves has abundant shield formations.*

#### Jewel Cave National Monument

*2nd longest cave in the world; a 3-dimensional maze cave.*

#### Mammoth Cave National Park

*At over 360 miles, the longest cave in the world; several tours offered.*

#### Oregon Caves National Monument

*Marble cave with diverse geology.*

#### Ozark National Scenic Riverways

*Outstanding karst features with over 300 caves.*

#### Russell Cave National Monument

*Contains 10,000 years of archaeological evidence.*

#### Sequoia National Park

*Crystal Cave contains banded marble and the famous spiderweb gate.*

#### Timpanogos Cave National Monument

*Beautiful displays of helictite and anthodite formations.*

#### Wind Cave National Park

*Largest display of boxwork formation, one of the world's longest caves.*

### TALUS CAVES

An enterable space between boulders (such as at the base of a cliff or mountain) is considered a talus cave.

#### Pinnacles National Monument

*Self-guided hikes to 2 talus caves.*



### LAVA CAVES

These caves form when lava flows freeze over, drain, and leave behind open tubes.

#### Craters of the Moon National Monument

*Scenic, volcanic terrain with a variety of features including lava tubes.*

#### El Malpais National Monument

*View cave life close up in several large lava tubes.*

#### Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

*Witness lava tubes in the making!*

#### Lava Beds National Monument

*Rugged, volcanic landscape with over 700 lava caves.*

### SEA CAVES

Sea caves form at seashores and lakeshores from the pounding action of waves.

#### Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

*caves and spectacular scenery await summer and winter visitors.*

#### Point Reyes National Seashore

*Sea caves formed along the Pacific coast.*