

Man's Misery. Ascend towering Mammoth Dome and exit through the Historic Entrance. ▶2 hours, 2 miles. Tour limit: 120. Total stairs: 457. Elevation change: 300'. ▶Includes parts of the Mammoth Passage, Violet City Lantern, Star Chamber, River Styx and Discovery tour routes. ▶Tour meets outside Visitor Center doors. Difficulty: ■■■□□

New Entrance Tour

▶A bus ride carries you to the New Entrance: opened in the 1920s, it provided a whole new way to see Mammoth Cave. Impressive pits, domes, and a few narrow openings soon give way to large passages and underground hills. Follow your guide to the Frozen Niagara formation, discovered in 1923. From Frozen Niagara to the cave exit you will pass through one of the most decorative and photographed areas of Mammoth Cave. ▶2 hours, ¾ mile. Tour limit: 118. Total stairs: 500, including 280 on initial descent. Elevation change: 250' from New Entrance. ▶Includes the complete Frozen Niagara Tour route and a portion of the Grand Avenue Tour route. ▶Tour meets at Bus Loading area. Difficulty: ■■■□□

Grand Avenue Tour

▶This physically demanding trip unveils the size and complexity of the Mammoth Cave system. Learn the interwoven natural and cultural history of the cave as you journey through some of the cave's most dramatic passages. Discover gypsum-encrusted halls, twisting canyons, underground hills, vast chambers, and tapestries of dripstone. ▶4½ hours, 4 miles. Tour limit: 80. Total stairs: 670. Elevation change: 280, with hills more than 60' in several places. ▶The Frozen Niagara, Snowball, and New Entrance tour routes (except for the vertical shafts) are seen on this tour. Children must be 6 or older. Food may be purchased from the park's concessionaire at the Snowball Room. There are two restroom stops. ▶Tour meets at the Bus Loading area. Difficulty: ■■■■□

Specialty Tours

Violet City Lantern Tour

▶Explore some of the largest passages by lantern as guides recreate the ambiance of the first flame-lit tours. Experience the shadowed illusions that inspired Ralph Waldo Emerson and others of his day. See evidence of prehistoric mining, historic saltpeter production, and the remains of an underground hospital. ▶3 miles, 3 hours. Tour limit: 38. Total stairs: 160, and numerous hills without handrails. ▶Includes parts of the Historic, Discovery, Star Chamber, River Styx and Mammoth Passage tour routes. Only adults may carry the provided lanterns. Children

must be 6 or older. ▶No flash photography or flashlights permitted. ▶Tour meets outside the Visitor Center doors. Difficulty: ■■■■□

Star Chamber Tour

▶See the cave as it was seen by Ralph Waldo Emerson, Jenny Lind and other nineteenth-century notables. Leave waning sunshine behind as you enter Mammoth Cave's Historic Entrance by lantern light. Follow the paths taken daily by Dr. John Croghan as he tended consumptive patients in his "hospital" 160 feet underground. Gaze upward at rock layers in a room called "Star Chamber." Follow your guide as you retrace along the oldest tour trails and exit the cave into another Star Chamber above the nocturnal Kentucky landscape. ▶2½ hours, 1½ miles. Tour limit: 40. Total stairs: 200. Elevation Change: 160'. ▶Includes parts of the Historic, Discovery, Violet City Lantern, River Styx, and Mammoth Passage tour routes. ▶Only adults may carry the provided lanterns. Children must be 6 or older. ▶No flash photography or flashlight use in the cave. ▶Tour meets outside the Visitor Center doors. Difficulty: ■■■□□

Snowball Tour

▶Descend nearly 200 stairs at the Carmichael Entrance of Mammoth Cave, pass the craggy breakdown of the Rocky Mountains and enter gypsum encrusted Cleaveland Avenue. This tour showcases gypsum in various crystal-line shapes and sizes. The beautifully elliptical Cleaveland Avenue terminates in the Snowball Room, viewed by visitors since the 1840s. Food may be purchased from the park's concessionaire during the 45 minutes spent in this room, traditionally a 20th-century underground meal stop. Visitors retrace Cleaveland Avenue, ascending nearly 200 stairs at the Carmichael Entrance. ▶3 hours, 2 miles. Tour limit: 38. Total stairs: ▶Approximately 400 Elevation Change: 267'. ▶Tour meets at the Bus Loading area. Difficulty: ■■■□□

River Styx Tour

▶Trace the stages of cave formation from solid layers of limestone into the world's longest known cave system. Follow the course of the water from ridge top to river bottom and witness the persistence and power required to create this geologic marvel. Experience some of the largest continuous canyon passages on the planet, smooth elliptical tubes and beautifully sculpted shafts. Working your way to the cave's lowest level you'll be able to peer into the cold river water that still hollows out the limestone and lengthens the cave system. Understand the processes of both the surface and subsurface and realize how all of the pieces of the puzzle fit together to make the story of the world's longest cave unfold before your eyes. ▶2½ hours, 2½ miles. Tour Limit: 60 visitors. Total

stairs: 497. Elevation change: 360'. ▶This tour covers the entire Historic Tour route, as well as limited sections of the Star Chamber, Mammoth Passage, Violet City Lantern, and Discovery Tours. ▶Tour meets outside the Visitor Center doors. Difficulty: ■■■□□

Focus on Frozen Niagara

▶Limestone walls set in layers, then swathed in motionless curtains of orange and tan beg for your lens on a short stroll underground, while stalactites and flowstone pose for photos. Park rangers point out decorative formations and discuss the challenges of cave lighting on the interpretive walk into the cave; still and video cameras may then be used on the return trip through Thanksgiving Hall, Shower Bath Springs, Drapery Room, Onyx Collonade, and Rainbow Dome. ▶1¾ hours, ¼ mile. Tour limit: 30. Total stairs: 12, with 98 optional stairs at the Drapery Room. Elevation change: Approx. 50' at the Drapery Room. ▶Includes the complete Frozen Niagara Tour route and a portion of the New Entrance and Grand Avenue Tour routes. ▶Participants will caravan in private vehicles as they follow the Ranger guide to the Frozen Niagara Entrance. ▶Tripods and camera bags are permitted on this tour **only**. Difficulty: ■□□□

Spelunking Tours

Ask at the Visitor Center for more info about these tours!

Wild Cave Tour

▶Face the darkness – and the challenge. Journey with experienced guides and a small adult group through some of the starkly beautiful yet physically demanding "wild" areas of the cave. See places no other tour encounters. ▶6 to 6½ hours, 5½ miles. Tour limit: 14 visitors, 16 or older. Difficulty: ■■■■□

Introduction to Caving

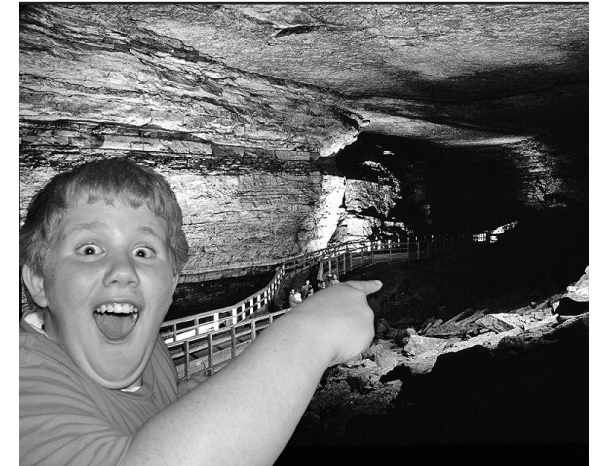
▶Want to *really* go caving? Not sure if spelunking is for you? Try this short small-group caving challenge to discover things about the cave, and yourself. Bring your friends or family, too – this trip is for **ages 10 and up**. ▶3½ hours, 1 mile. Tour limit: 20 visitors. Difficulty: ■■■■□

Trog

▶A *kids-only* off-trail adventure! Hike through the forest to the Historic Entrance and find out how the surface and subsurface are connected. Put on your hard hat and headlamp (provided) as you travel off-trail. Unlock the secrets of how the animals of Mammoth Cave survive in the deep dark as you hike, crawl and belly-slide through rarely visited passages. ▶2¼ hours, 1 mile. Tour limit: 12 children, 8-12 years only. Difficulty: ■■■□□

Mammoth Cave National Park

Ranger-Led Programs • Summer 2008



With more than 367 miles of cave passageways, Mammoth Cave ranks as the longest known cave in the world. Mammoth Cave National Park was established in 1941. In 1981, the park was designated a World Heritage Site, and became the core area of an International Biosphere Reserve in 1990. The park merits this extra protection and special status for its spectacular features on the surface and in the cave, and the way they illustrate the interconnectedness of humans and their environment.

Summer 2008

For local area information:
www.CaveCity.com
(800)346-8908

Summer Schedule 2008

June 21 - August 10, August 30-31

Historic Tour	10:00, 10:45, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00 (Fri-Sun only), 2:45, 3:45, 4:45
Mammoth Passage Tour*	9:00, 4:15, 5:30
New Entrance Tour	9:00, 10:30, 11:45, 12:45, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:00
Frozen Niagara Tour	8:30, 9:15, 11:30, 5:30
Grand Avenue Tour	10:00, 11:15
Snowball Tour	10:15, 11:30
Violet City Lantern Tour	9:30, 1:30
River Styx Tour	3:30
Trog	2:15
Introduction to Caving	9:30
Wild Cave Tour	10:00
Star Chamber Tour	6:30 p.m.
Focus on Frozen Niagara	7:00 p.m. (Fri-Sun only)
Discovery Tour*	Offered as visitation warrants and staff is available

*Not available by reservation. Tickets may be purchased at the Visitor Center on day of tour only. **Age Limits on these tours: Wild Cave - 16 years+; Intro to Caving - 10 years+; Grand Avenue, Violet City Lantern and Star Chamber - 6 years+; Trog Tour - ages 8-12 only.

Visitor Center Hours: 8:00 am - 7:15 pm Central Time

May 24 - June 20, August 11-29, Sept. 1

Historic Tour	9:00, 10:30, 12:45, 2:15, 2:45, 4:00
Mammoth Passage Tour*	8:45, 4:45
New Entrance Tour	9:00, 10:00, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 3:30
Frozen Niagara Tour	9:30, 12:00, 5:00
Grand Avenue Tour	10:30, 11:30
Snowball Tour	10:45
Violet City Lantern Tour	9:15
Introduction to Caving	2:00
Wild Cave Tour	10:00
Star Chamber Tour	6:15 p.m.
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Visitor Center Hours: 8:00 am - 6:15 pm Central Time

For full park information, check the official National Park Service website at www.nps.gov/macac or call 800.758.2180.

Prices

Cave Tours	Adults	Youth*	Special Access**	Educational***	Camping/Picnic Shelter Fees: <i>Prices in parentheses (\$) are for Special Access</i>
Historic Tour	\$12	\$8	\$6	\$5	Mammoth Cave Campground \$17 (\$8.50)
Mammoth Passage Tour†	\$5	\$3.50	\$2.50		Mammoth Cave CG (Group) \$20
New Entrance Tour	\$12	\$8	\$6		Mammoth Cave (VIP Public) \$40 (\$20)
Frozen Niagara Tour	\$10	\$8	\$5		Maple Springs (Group) \$30
Grand Avenue Tour	\$24	\$17	\$12		Maple Springs (Horse, hookups) \$30
Violet City Lantern Tour	\$15	\$11	\$7.50		Maple Springs (Horse, primitive) \$22
River Styx Tour	\$13	\$9	\$6.50	\$5	Houchins Ferry Campground \$12 (\$6)
Star Chamber Tour	\$12	\$8	\$6	\$5	Open-Air Picnic Shelter \$25/day <i>One shelter; limited availability</i>
Trog	n/a	\$14	n/a		Enclosed Picnic Shelter \$50/day <i>One shelter; available Sat/Sun March 1-Memorial Day; daily Memorial Day-Labor Day, Sat/Sun Labor Day-Nov. 30</i>
Introduction To Caving	\$23	\$18	\$11.50		
Wild Cave Tour	\$48	n/a	\$24		
Discovery Tour†	\$4	\$2.50	\$2		
Focus on Frozen Niagara	\$10	\$8	\$5		

*Youth is 6-12 years of age. **Special access prices are for visitors presenting Golden Age, Golden Access, and America The Beautiful Senior and Access Passes. †Box office only - not available by reservation. ***Educational prices apply to Kindergarten-College groups, including home schools.

Reservations

Please note that Mammoth Cave National Park offers a number of guided tours, both on the surface and underground. Demand is high for these popular activities — tours can, and do, sell out. You may reserve tickets in advance for **cave tours** by calling (877)444-6777. Campground reservations are also available through this service. You may also make your reservations via internet using the address:

www.recreation.gov

For Reservations

By Phone: (877)444-6777
TDD (hearing impaired): (877)833-6777

Payment



Cancellation

Cancellation fees apply. Call (888)448-1474 for more information.

Call Center Hours

9:00 am - 9:00 pm Central Time, 7 days a week

Interested in a second cave tour?

A \$3 second-tour discount may apply to Historic, New Entrance, Frozen Niagara, and Mammoth Passage tours if purchased in person at the park for tours on the same day. Note: The entire Frozen Niagara Tour route is seen on the New Entrance Tour. Parts of Mammoth Passage Tour are seen on Historic.

Location

Mammoth Cave National Park is located ninety miles north of Nashville, TN and ninety miles south of Louisville, KY. Traveling south, leave Interstate 65 at Cave City, exit 53. Follow the signs nine miles to the park Visitor Center. Traveling north, leave Interstate 65 at Park City, exit 48. Follow the signs eight miles to the park Visitor Center.

We're in the Central Time Zone!

Underground Tours

Introductory Tours

Mammoth Passage Tour

►Follow your guide to the Historic Entrance where the cave was first discovered more than 4,000 years ago. Entering the cave, imagine early visitors as they walked through these "Mammoth Passages". Visit one of the largest rooms in the cave and see remains of an early mining operation. ►1¼ hours, ¾ mile. Tour limit: 40. Elevation change: 160'. Total stairs: Approx. 160. ►Includes parts of the Historic and Discovery tour routes. ►Tour meets outside Visitor Center doors. Difficulty: ■■■□□

Frozen Niagara Tour

►Depart by bus and journey to the Frozen Niagara Entrance, created in 1924. Enter one of the most "decorated" areas of the cave and learn how this "flowing rock" is formed. Descend optional steps under the Frozen Niagara formation to visit the Drapery Room. ►1¼ hours, ¼ mile. Tour limit: 38. Total stairs: 12, plus 98 optional steps at the Drapery Room. Elevation change: 40'. ►Includes parts of the New Entrance and Grand Avenue tour routes. ►Tour meets at the Bus Loading area. Difficulty: ■■■□□

Discovery Tour

►Visit the Rotunda, one of the largest rooms in the cave, explore a vast canyon passageway, and learn about 19th-century saltpeter mining operations and the geologic origins of Mammoth Cave on this self-guiding tour. ►30 min. minimum, ¾ mile. Total stairs: Approx. 160. Elevation change: 160'. ►Includes parts of the Historic and Mammoth Passage tour routes. ►Offered as visitation warrants and staff is available. ►Tour enters at the Historic Entrance. Difficulty: ■■■□□

General Tours

Historic Tour

►Enter through the Historic Entrance, as did the earliest explorers and visitors. Discover the role Mammoth Cave played during the War of 1812 and ponder the mysteries that surround the prehistoric people who walked these passages as many as 4,000 years ago. Descend and follow in the footsteps of the explorers who crossed Bottomless Pit and squeezed through Fat