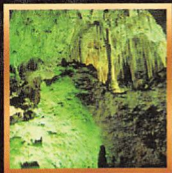




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Carlsbad Caverns National Park features places like the Big Room, Bottomless Pit, Papoose Room and Queen's Chamber - strange but fitting names for the subterranean world beneath the foothills of the Guadalupe Mountains. America's most fascinating spectacle of limestone caverns is comprised of stalagmites, stalactites, flowstone formations and massive columns.

The predominantly silent chambers come alive from May through October when the 1,000,000 resident free-tail bats fill the evening sky. After a night of feeding, the nocturnals return to the Bat Cave at sunrise for another day of sleep.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

Because of their delicate makeup, touching cave formations is prohibited. Wear a light sweater or jacket and comfortable non-skid shoes as some passageways are steep and slippery. • Superintendent, Carlsbad Caverns National Park, 3225 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, NM 88220 (505) 785-2232.