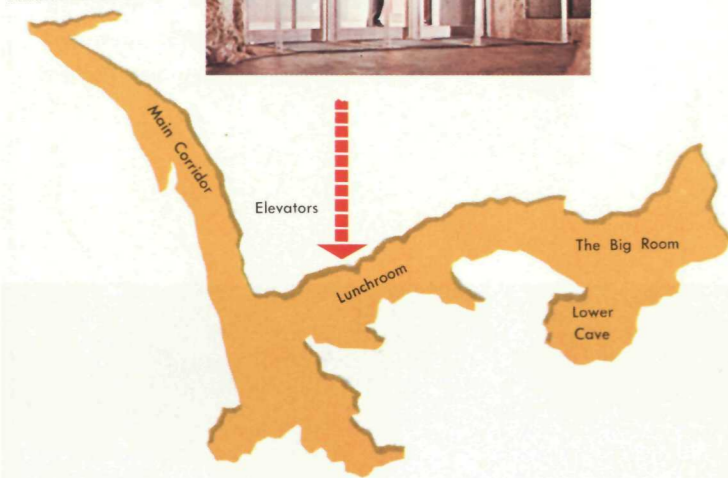


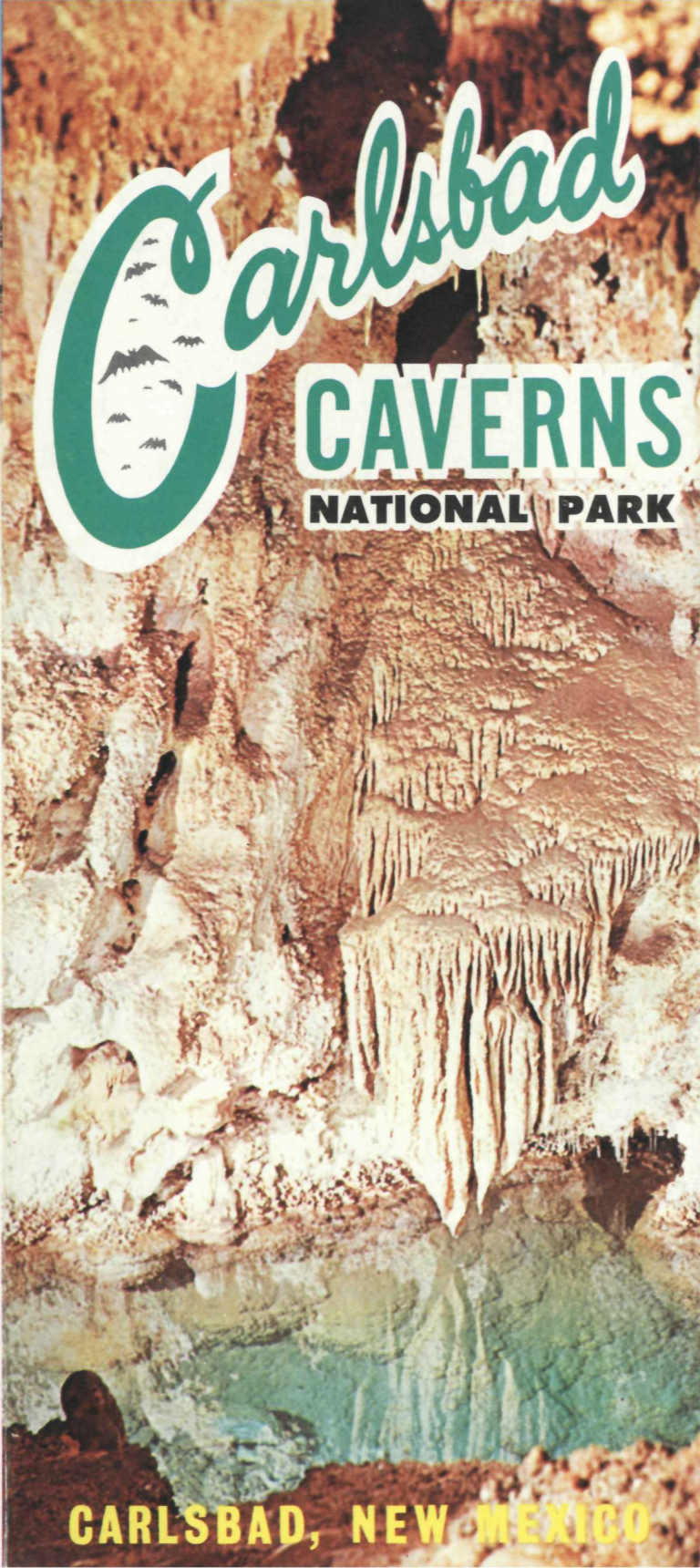


Natural Entrance



High-Speed Elevators

For the benefit of those not wishing to take the complete four-hour tour, four high-speed elevators have been installed to lower you more than 750 feet into the caverns for a tour of the Big Room. All tours are conducted by uniformed National Park Rangers, who will gladly answer your questions. At the completion of your tour, the elevators can speed as many as 1400 persons per hour back to the Visitor Center at the surface.



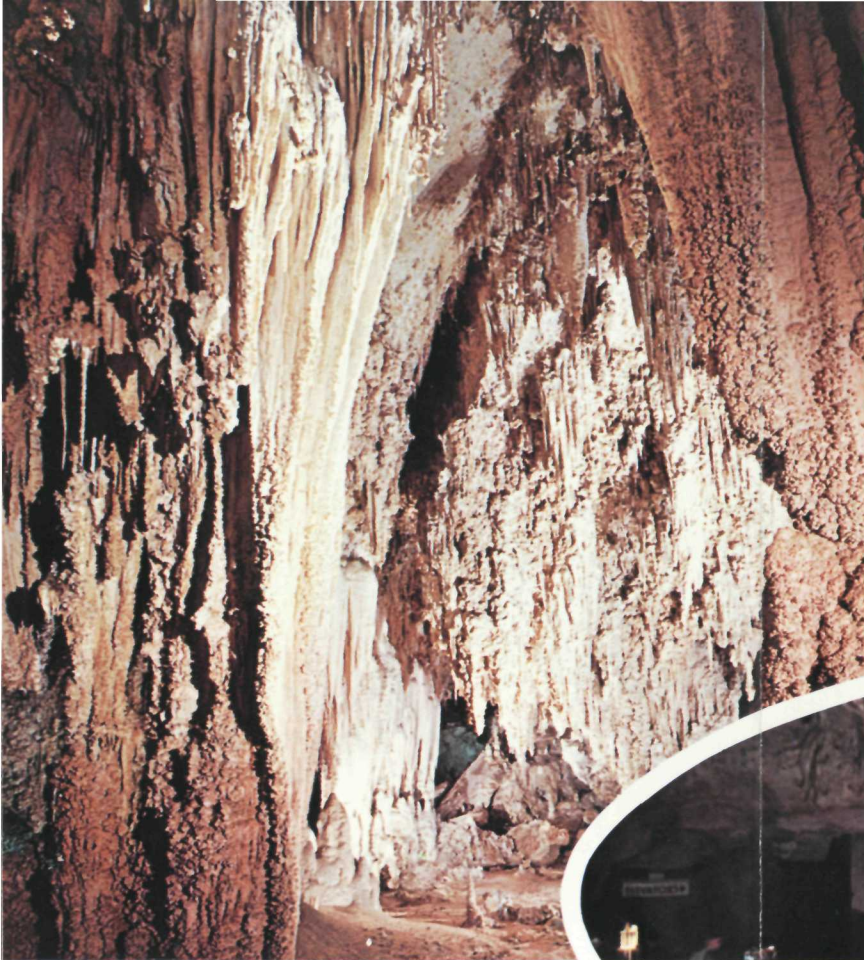
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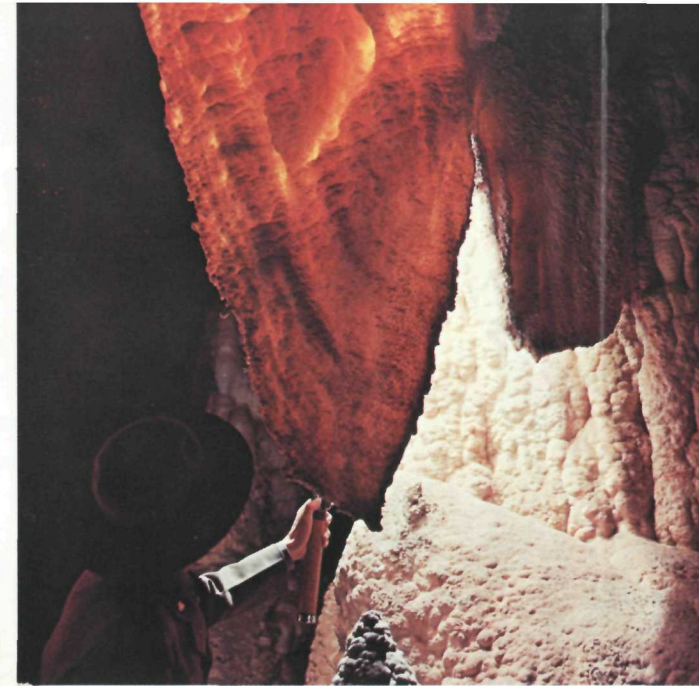
A visit to Carlsbad Caverns, in Southern New Mexico, will long be remembered as a highlight of any vacation trip. Administered by the National Park Service on a year-round basis, the caverns are open daily to the public with National Park Rangers conducting several guided tours each day. The natural entrance, shown above, is the starting point for the complete four-hour tour. Shorter trips begin in the Visitor Center. Every evening, from April through October, countless thousands of bats spew from this entrance to seek their daily meal of insects. A park naturalist delivers a talk on these harmless and interesting creatures prior to each evening flight.





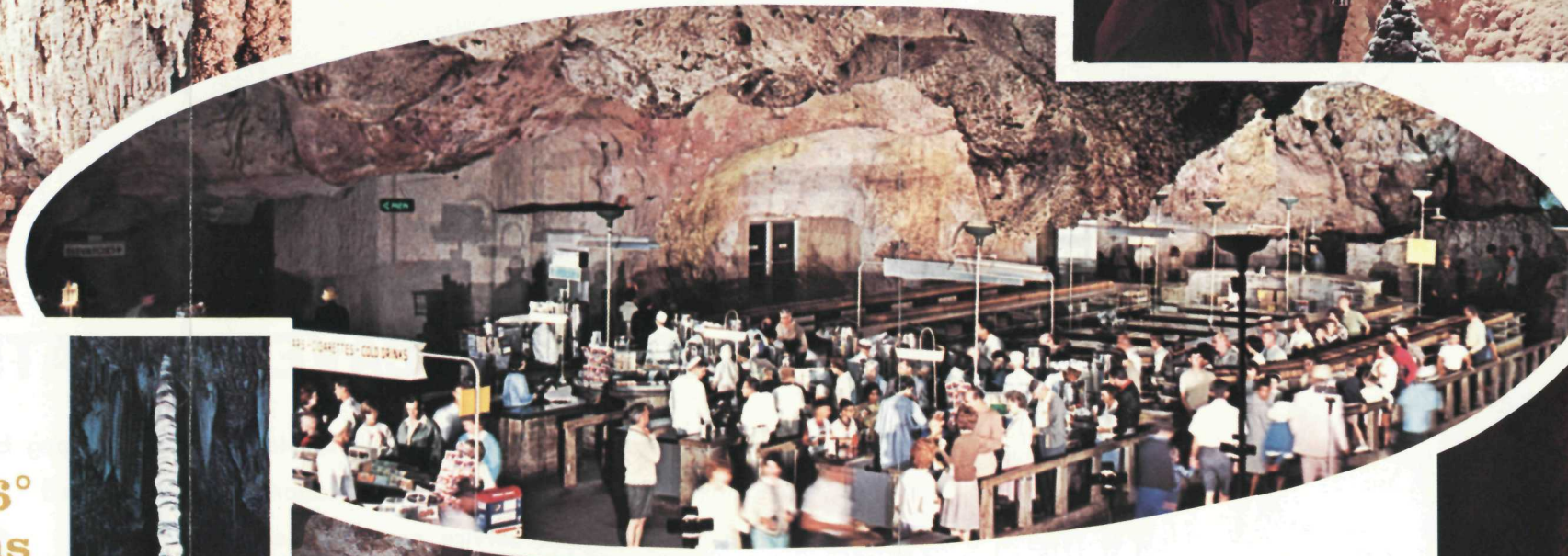
Uniformed Rangers Conduct Tours

During the first 1¾ miles of maintained trail, you will descend more than 800 feet, passing many of the caverns most beautiful formations. Among these are Green Lake (shown on the cover), Veiled Statue, Frozen Waterfall, King's Palace, and many more.



Cavern Conveniences

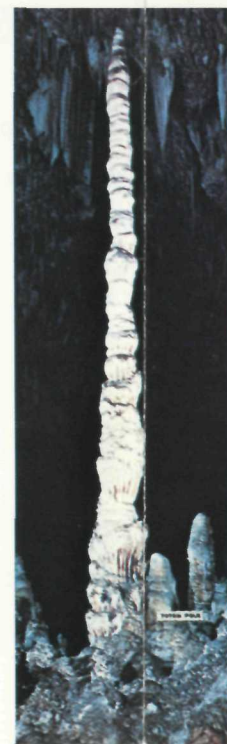
The Big Room sprawls over 14 acres, with the ceiling arching 255 feet overhead. Beautiful formations, some almost transparent, surround you. This part of the tour is 1¼ miles long, returning to the lunchroom where elevators return you to the Visitor Center at the surface. Get tickets in the Visitor Center prior to taking your tour. Here you will find for your convenience, a restaurant, curio shop, nursery, and kennel. Plan your trip ahead, you will want to spend a day at Carlsbad Caverns, visiting the shops, taking the conducted tour, and watching the evening bat flight."



Comfortable 56° Inside Caverns

Temperature inside the caverns remains a constant 56° throughout the year, calling for a light wrap to be worn during the tour.

Comfortable walking shoes are also recommended, as the distance on the complete tour, beginning at the natural entrance, is three miles. Ask the Ranger about the special photographers' tour.



Million-Year-Old Formations

After 1¾ hours of unequalled cavern beauty, the trail climbs for 80 feet, known as appetite hill, into the spacious cavern lunchroom. Here, midway through your trip, you may rest and enjoy an inexpensive snack. Persons not taking the complete tour are lowered via elevator from the Visitor Center above, into this room where they join the "walk-ins" for the tour of the Big Room.

