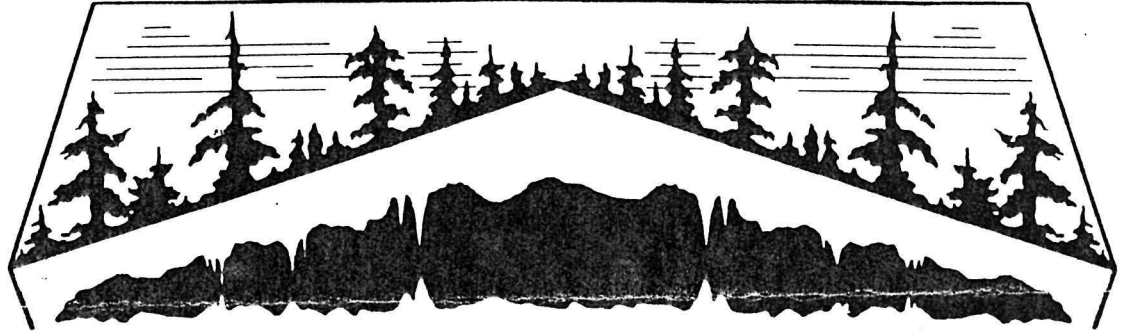


Jewel Cave

National Monument
National Park Service
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Custer, South Dakota 57730

1991 Activities



Jewel Cave National Monument, located 13 miles west of Custer, South Dakota on U.S. Highway 16, is open daily and offers several different cave tours.

The Visitor Center contains exhibits explaining the cave and its formations. Information and printed materials are available at the Visitor Center.

The temperature in Jewel Cave is approximately 47° F (8.3° C) year round. A light jacket or sweater and low-heeled walking shoes with non-slip soles are required for both the Scenic and Historic Trail tours.

Cave tours are not recommended for anyone with heart or respiratory problems or for anyone recovering from a recent illness or hospital stay.

For visitors not able to negotiate tour trails free trips by elevator into one room of the cave are offered and can be arranged by contacting a Ranger at the Visitor Center information desk.

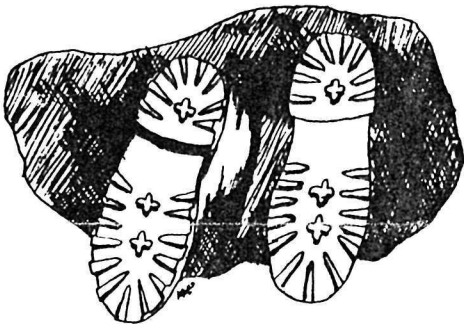
Scenic Tour



The Scenic Trail Tour enters and leaves the cave by elevator from the Visitor Center. Indirect lighting along the Scenic Trail emphasizes the colors and variety of formations found in the heart of the known cave.

The tour along this 1/2 mile trail lasts 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours. The tour is moderately strenuous and requires climbing long flights of steps.

Spelunking Tour



The Spelunking Trail Tour is designed for those visitors 16 years old and older who want to experience the cave in its natural state and on its own terms. Visitors learn about low impact caving, caving techniques and safety, and caving equipment. The park provides helmets and lights; visitors are expected to provide any other needed equipment, including a

change of clothing and ankle high, lug soled, lace up boots. This 2/3 mile, 4 - 5 hour trip is extremely strenuous and each participant is required to pass through an 8 1/2" by 24" practice crawl prior to entering the cave. Advance reservations are recommended and may be obtained up to 60 days in advance by writing or calling the park.

Historic Tour



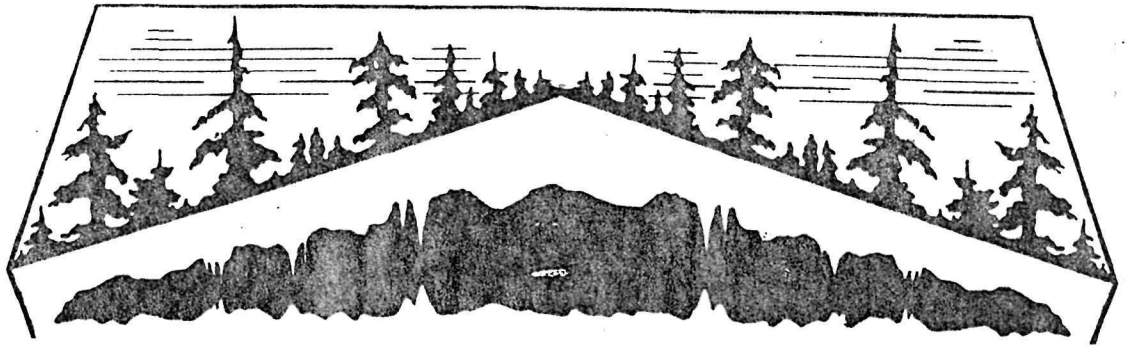
The Historic Trail Tour enters and leaves the cave through the natural entrance. This candlelight tour offers visitors the chance to see the cave as early visitors saw it. This strenuous 1/2 mile tour

lasts 1 1/2 to 2 hours and requires climbing steep wooden steps, and bending and stooping along an uneven unpaved trail. The Historic Tours is for visitors 6 years old and older.

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Jewel Cave National Monument will begin providing tours of the cave beginning May 5. Prior to May 5 and after September 28, free visits into one room of the cave are offered at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., and at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. daily. The Visitor Center is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

All cave tours are guided; tickets for tours are sold at the park Visitor Center on a first come, first served basis. Between late June and mid August a wait of up to 1 1/2 hours for a cave tour is possible.

Group tour reservations are not accepted and no more than 1/2 of the tickets of any tour will be sold to any one group. However, special arrangements for large groups may be made by contacting the Monument.

May 5 - June 9

VISITOR CENTER: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
SCENIC TOURS: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

June 10 - August 24

VISITOR CENTER: 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
SCENIC TOURS: Every 20 - 30 minutes, 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
SPELUNKING TOUR: 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday
HISTORIC TOURS: 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday

August 25 - September 28

VISITOR CENTER: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
SCENIC TOURS: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Fees

| | <u>SCENIC TOUR</u> | <u>SPELUNKING TOUR</u> | <u>HISTORIC TOUR</u> |
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| Age 5 and under | Free | ----- | ----- |
| Age 6 - 15 | \$2.00 | ----- | \$2.00 |
| Age 16 - 61 | \$4.00 | \$6.00 | \$4.00 |
| Age 62 and older | \$2.00 | | \$2.00 |

For Information

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