

Mammoth Cave

NATIONAL PARK • KENTUCKY



Walking. To see more of the 21,000 hectares (52,000 acres) in Mammoth Cave National Park, hike the self-guiding nature trails and longer hiking trails that lead through hardwood forests to a variety of features, including springs that emerge from the cave system. Some trails are shown on the maps in this folder; obtain additional trail information at the visitor center. There are poisonous snakes in the park; use caution on trails and at night.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND SERVICES

Lodging. Mammoth Cave Hotel, a motel-type lodge, and electrically heated cottages are open all year. Unheated cabins are available from May to September. If you expect to stay in the park in summer, we suggest that you write to National Park Concessions, Inc., Mammoth Cave, KY 42259, for rates and that you make your reservations well in advance. Accommodations are also available in nearby communities. For information on areas outside the park write to the Department of Public Information, Capitol Annex Building, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Dining room and coffee shop operate all year.

Gifts, handicrafts, and photo supplies can be purchased from the concessioner.

Service Center, located next to the campground, has a post office, service station, coin-operated

laundry, showers, ice, groceries, and campers' supplies. The store, laundry, and showers are closed from Thanksgiving to Easter week and are open only on weekends, including Fridays, in spring and fall.

Camping and picnicking. A 130-site campground and a picnic area are available near the visitor center. A free primitive campground with 12 sites is located at Houchins Ferry. Free backcountry campsites are also available but require a permit which may be obtained at Park Headquarters.

TO REMIND YOU

Mammoth Cave and its rolling landscape has been a national park since 1941, and the National Park Service asks you to follow some common-sense rules to preserve the park and its features:

Smoking is not permitted in the cave.

Pets must be kept on a leash at all times. They are not permitted in the cave or visitor center. Do not leave pets in your car or chained unattended in visitor-use areas during warm weather.

Leave all natural and historical features as you find them for others to enjoy.

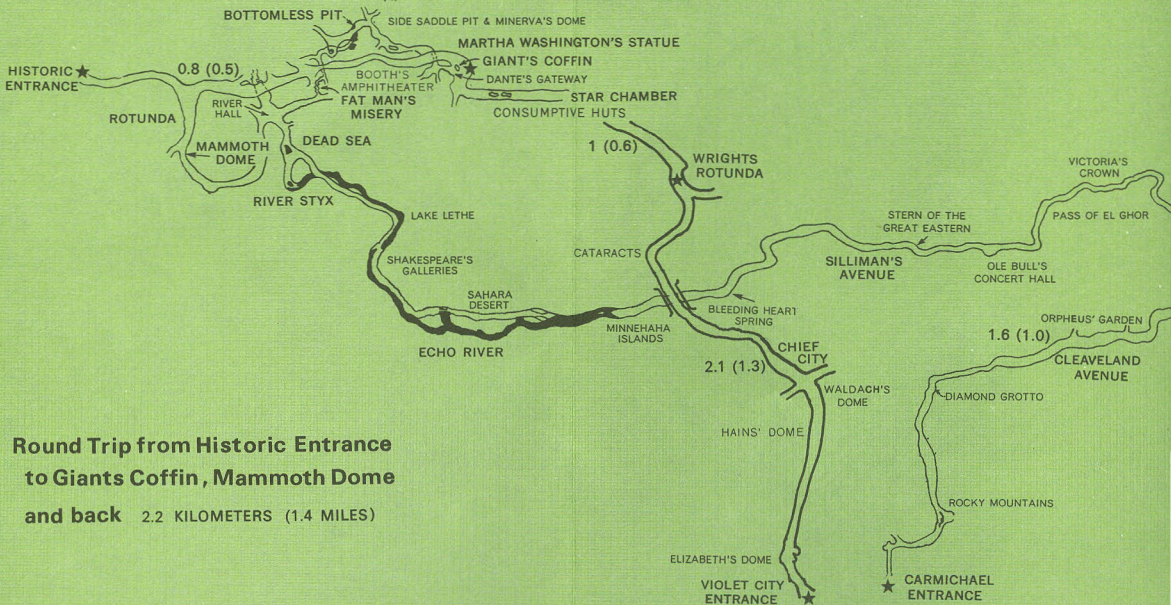
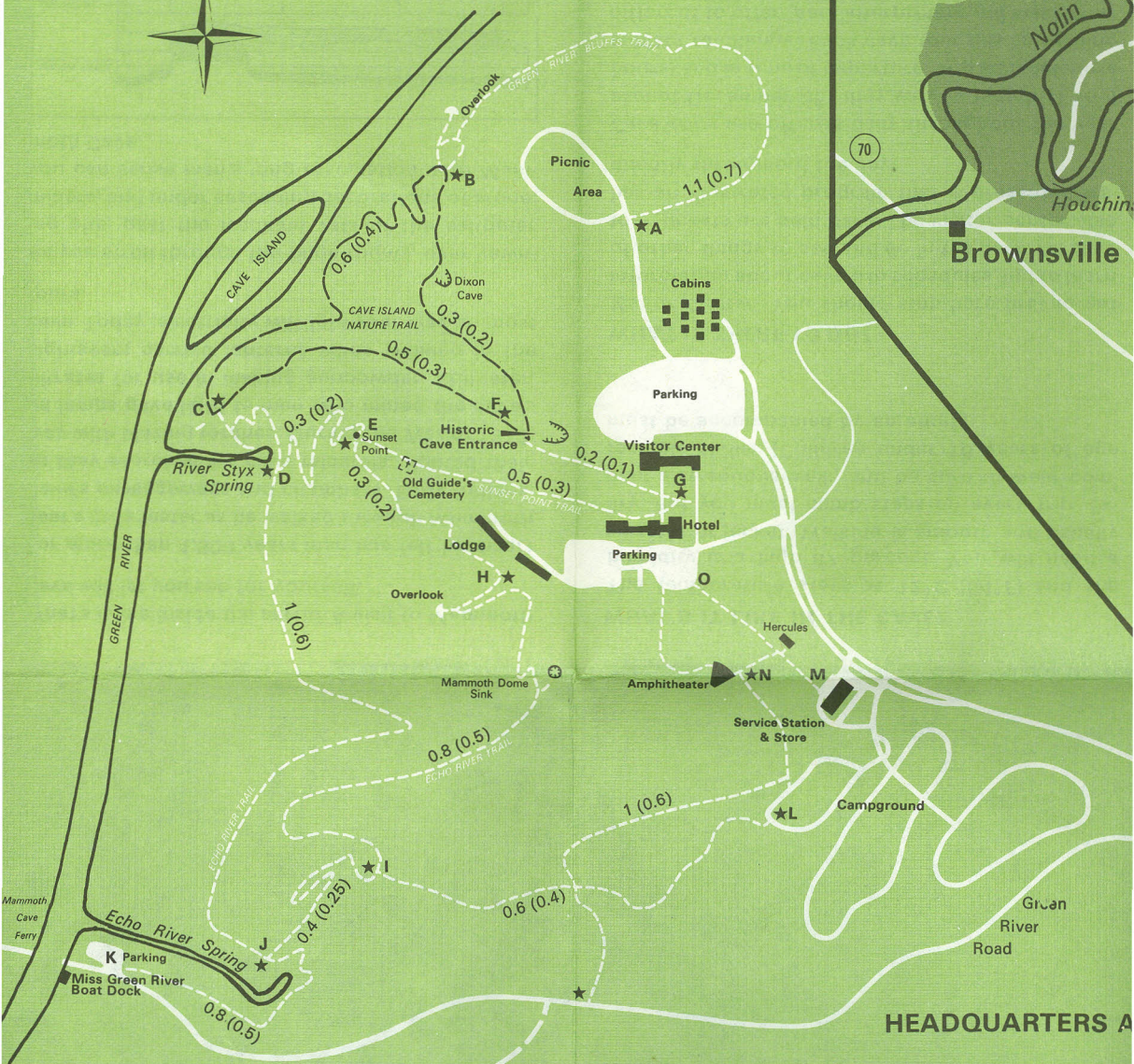
Flash pictures may be taken in the cave. Tripods are not permitted; the hazard to others and to cave formations is too great.

Drive with extra care and observe the speed limits. Be alert for deer and other wildlife.

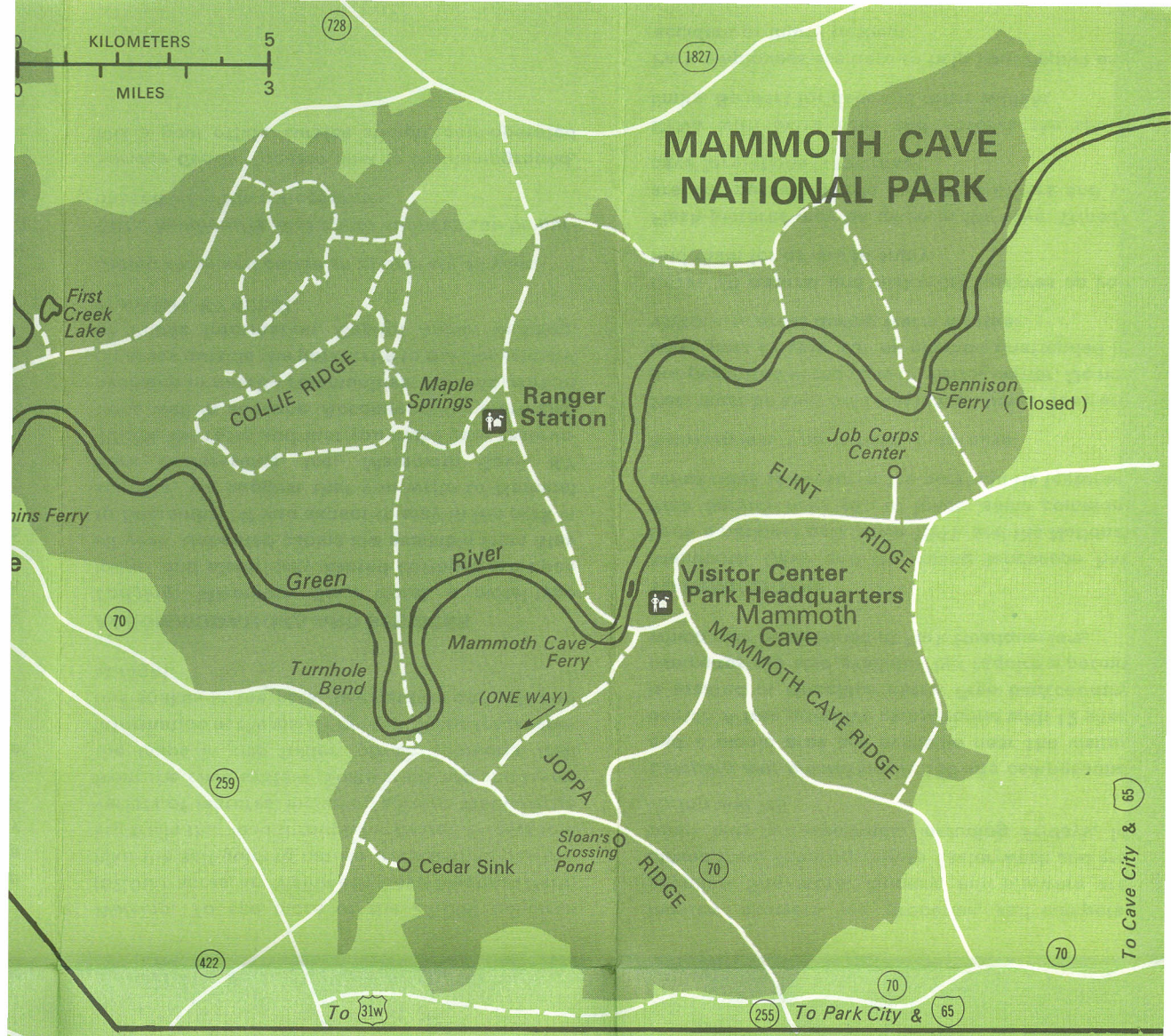
Park employees are here to help you. Report any accident or injury to them.

WE'RE JOINING THE METRIC WORLD

The National Park Service is introducing metric measurements in its publications to help Americans become acquainted with the metric system and to make interpretation more meaningful for park visitors from other nations.



Round Trip from Historic Entrance to Giants Coffin, Mammoth Dome and back 2.2 KILOMETERS (1.4 MILES)



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Trail Distances
Kilometers (Miles)

★ 3.6 (2.9) ★

Trail



Gravel Road



Paved Road



Trail Intersections—
(Keyed To Trail Signs)

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AREA

**UNDERGROUND TRAILS
IN
MAMMOTH CAVE**

★ 3.6 (2.9) ★ Trail Distance in Kilometers (Miles)



FOR YOUR SAFETY

Cave

- All cave tours are strenuous and require stooping and walking over unlevel terrain. Some tours (Historic and Half-day) have a number of steps associated with them.
- Wear sturdy walking shoes, not sandals.
- Watch your step; portions of the trails are wet and slippery.

Surface

- While driving, be on the alert for deer crossing the roadway, particularly at night.
- Poisonous snakes and poison ivy are common, even around the most heavily visited areas.

ADMINISTRATION

Mammoth Cave National Park is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. A superintendent, whose address is Mammoth Cave, KY 42259, is in immediate charge.

As the Nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has responsibility for most of our nationally owned public lands and natural resources. This includes fostering the wisest use of our land and water resources, protecting our fish and wildlife, preserving the environmental and cultural values of our national parks and historical places, and providing for the enjoyment of life through outdoor recreation. The Department assesses our energy and mineral resources and works to assure that their development is in the best interests of all our people. The Department also has a major responsibility for American Indian reservation communities and for people who live in Island Territories under U.S. administration.

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