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<b>Tour Prices</b>	
	Adult
Gothic	\$4.50

Frozen Niagara Tour	5.00	2.50	2.50
Historic Tour	4.50	2.25	2.25
Cleaveland Avenue	4.00	2.00	2.00
Mobility Impaired Tour	4.50	2.25	2.25
Lantern Tour	7.00	3.50	3.50
Travertine Tour	4.00	2.00	2.00
Wild Cave Tour	30.00	N/A	15.00
Trog Tour	N/A	7.00	N/A
Great Onyx Tour	7.00	3.50	3.50
Introduction to Caving	12.00	8.00	6.00
Making of Mammoth	6.00	3.00	3.00
Mammoth Passage	3.00	1.50	1.50

Group rate reduction per person (groups of 40 or more) Adult 16 & over \$0.50 Youth 6-15 \$0.25

Golden Eagle Passports are not accepted at Mammoth Cave National Park. No charge for children under 6 years of age if accompanied by an adult with a ticket. Tours are conducted every day of the year except Christmas. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. **IMPORTANT:** Reservations may be made up to eight weeks in advance and no later than 1 hour before you wish to tour the cave.

#### There is a \$1.00 reservation fee per ticket.

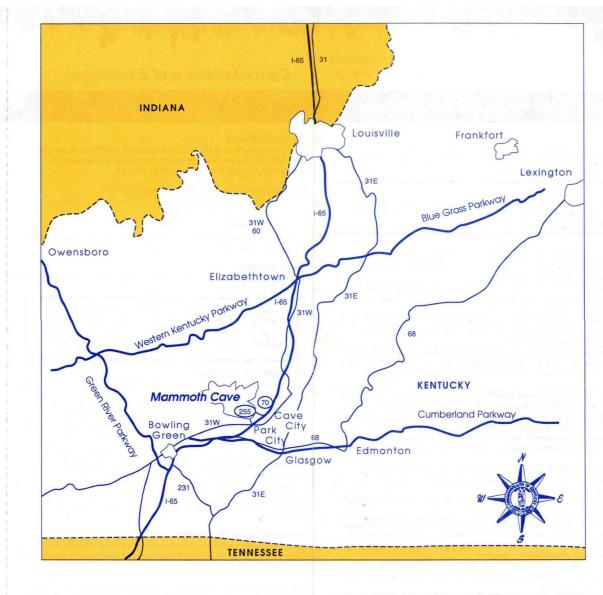
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Please check tour desired)	Date Preferred	Alternate Date

NOTE: Tours are offered seasonally. Contact the park for a current schedule. Schedule and prices subject to change.

Please complete both sides of this panel, detach and mail with proper admission and reservation fee to:



9450 Carroll Park Drive, San Diego, CA 92121-2256



#### Mammoth Cave National Park

- **Car:** Mammoth Cave is easily accessible by: Highways I-65, 31W, 31E from the North; Blue Grass Parkway, the Cumberland Parkway and U.S. 68 from the East; I-65, 31W, and U.S. 68 from the South; U.S. 231, The Green River Parkway and the Western Kentucky Parkway from the West. All connect with Ky. 70 and Ky. 255 to the park.
- **Bus:** Southeastern Greyhound Bus stops in Cave City. Taxi Service is available from the bus station to the park.
- Air: Large airline carriers operate in Nashville, TN and Louisville, KY. Both cities are approximately 90 miles from the park. Car rental is available at the airport.

Ranger-Led Tours Of Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky



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## **Tour Information**

"Year round cave temperature fluctuates around the mid 50s."

**Cancellations and Exchanges** 

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#### **Tour Hours And Frequency**

Tours are conducted every day of the year except Christmas, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM Central Time. (Slightly longer in the summer). Tours are seasonal. Contact the park for a CURRENT schedule. When mailing a reservation, please indicate your preferred daytime period by choosing Morning, Mid-day, or Afternoon. Your tickets will show your specific tour starting time.

#### Safety Notes

Sturdy walking shoes should be worn in the cave because of uneven terrain. DO NOT WEAR SANDALS. Watch your step, portions of the trails are wet and slippery. Bring a jacket, the cave is in the mid-50s. While driving, be on the alert for deer and other wildlife crossing the roadway. On the surface, poisonous snakes, poison ivy and ticks reside in the park, even around the most heavily visited areas.

#### **Ranger-Led Tours**

**Travertine Tour:** 1-1/4 hrs., 1/4 mile. Ride a bus to the cave entrance and view decorative dripstone formations, including stalactites and stalagmites. Must climb 18 steps, an additional 49 steps are optional. If you have been on the Frozen Niagara Tour or Half Day Tour, you have seen this part of the cave. Recommended for those who cannot walk long distances. Restrooms not available. (easy)

Mammoth Passage Tour: 1-1/4 hrs., 3/4 mile. An orientation tour designed for first-time visitors to Mammoth Cave. Visit the large passageways referred to by early cave explorers as "Main Cave," whose high vaulted ceiling and broad avenues gave birth to the cave called "Mammoth." Visitors must descend and climb more than 70 stairs. Steep walk to and from the cave entrance. (moderate)

**Mobility Impaired Tour:** 1-1/2 hrs., 1/2 mile. Designed for physically impaired visitors unable to participate in other cave tours. Ride a van to the cave entrance and enter the cave via en elevator. See tubular passageways and delicate gypsum minerals on cave walls. Two wheelchairs are available for visitors who have not brought their own. Restrooms are not wheelchair accessible. (easy)

**Frozen Niagara Tour:** 2 hrs., 3/4 mile. Ride a bus to the cave entrance, explore huge pits and domes and view decorative dripstone formations, including stalactites and stalagmites. Must descend approximately 300 steps down a steel tower. If you fear heights or close places and/or cannot climb steps, do not take this tour. Portion of this tour seen on Half Day Tour, and sections seen on Travertine Tour. Restrooms not available. (moderately strenuous)

Gothic Tour: 2 hrs., 1-1/2 miles. The first half of this tour follows the Historic Tour route and leads past 19th century saltpeter mines. Must climb and descend two stairways – one with over 60 steps and the other with about 40 steps. This trip features a side passageway noted for its "historic graffiti" and decorative flowstone formations, including stalactites, stalagmites, and columns. Restrooms are not available. (moderately strenuous)

Historic Tour: 2 hrs., 2 miles. Visit famous cave passages and learn about the cave's rich human history. View artifacts left by native Americans, discover ruins of mining operations, and see evidence of early visitors, explorers, and workers in Mammoth Cave. Must descend and climb one stairway with over 60 steps and must climb over 90 steps on a steel tower. If you fear heights or close places and/or cannot climb steps, do not take this tour. Restrooms available. (moderately strenuous)

Cleaveland Avenue Tour: 2-1/2 hrs., 1 mile. A bus ride takes you to the cave's entrance. See gypsum encrusted tube passages. Descend approximately 220 stairs at entrance. Food service at Snowball Room is available (for an additional fee). Exit by way of elevator, ascending 267 feet to buses awaiting your return to the visitor center. (moderate) Tour available beginning March 21, 1994.

Great Onyx Tour: 2-1/2 hrs., 1 mile. This trip combines a bus tour with a cave tour and ties the past to the present. Use lanterns to explore this beautiful and varied cave which features stalactites, stalagmites, helicities, and soda straws. (moderately strenuous)

Making of Mammoth Tour: 2-1/2 hrs., 2-1/2 miles. Visit a diverse section of the cave and learn about the cave's geology. This trip will focus on the cave's formation and why it is unique throughout the world. This trip will sink to the water table. Must descend and climb one stairway with over 60 steps and must climb 90 steps in a steel tower. If you fear heights or close places and/or cannot climb steps, do not take this tour. Restrooms available. Two miles of passageways will overlap the Historic Tour route. (moderatrely strenuous)

Violet City Lantern Tour: 3 hrs., 3 miles. A nostalgic tour into a section of the cave that is not electrically lit. The tour features saltpeter mining, prehistoric artifacts, historic tuberculosis hospital huts, and some of the largest rooms and passageways in the cave. The first half-mile follows the Historic Tour route. Do <u>not</u> bring flashlights. Restrooms not available. (moderately strenuous)

#### **Ranger-Led Spelunking Tours**

**Trog Tour:** 2-1/2 hrs. Parents must accompany their children for the first 15 minutes of the program and pick children up promptly at the end of the program. Designed for children 8-12 yrs. old. (Be prepared to show proof of your age). Includes a short nature walk above-ground and a journey into cave passageways not seen on other tours. Be prepared for crawling. Helmets and lights provided. Long pants and belts required. We recommend that you bring kneepads. Restrooms not available. (moderately strenuous)

Intro to Caving: 3-3-1/2 hrs. Designed for youths, adults, and families to learn and explore the basics of caving. Visit small passages off traditional tour troutes. Stooping, bending, and easy crawling. Helmets and lights provided. Bring your own knee pads. Long pants, belts and boots required. Restrooms not available. Adults: \$10.00, youth 8-15: \$8.00. Youths must be at least 8 yrs. old. Ages 8-15 must be accompanied by an adult. Tour limit is 20. Tickets being held at "Will Call" must check-in 30 minutes prior to departure or yur ticket will be refunded. (strenuous)

Wild Cave Tour: 6-6-1/2 hrs., 5 miles. Crawl,. climb, and squeeze through small passages off traditional tour routes. Helmets and lights provided. Belts are required. We strongly recommend that you bring kneepads. Food available at Snowball Room. (Lunch cost not included in tour fee.) You may bring your own lunch. Restrooms available. Must be 16 yrs. or older to participate. Be prepared to show proof of age. Tickets being held at "Will Call" must check-in 30 minutes prior to trip departure or your ticket will be refunded. (extremely strenuous)

#### **Cancellations:**

For tickets being held at Will Call, you must call MISTIX customer service at (800) 388-2733 at least one hour before the scheduled tour times. A cancellation fee of \$1.00 per ticket will be charged.

For tickets reserved by mail, you must mail them to:

MISTIX Customer Service 9450 Carroll Park Drive San Diego, CA 92121-2256

Tickets must be received no later than the day before the scheduled tour. A cancellation fee of \$1.00 will be charged.

#### **Exchanges:**

You may exchange unused tickets at the Visitor Center, if space allows. If no exchange is possible, no refund will be made.



Mammoth Cave National Park was designated a World Heritage Site in 1981 and became the core area of an international Biosphere in 1990. Mammoth Cave National Park merits this extra protection and special status for it's spectacular features on the surface and in the cave.

#### **General Information**

The Visitor Center is open daily, except Christmas Day. Tours are operated on a seasonal basis. Contact the park at (502) 758-2328 for current schedule. Park interpreters are available for information. A 14-minute movie, "Voices of the Cave" is presented frequently. Most cave tours are strenuous, involving *steep grades, numerous steps and stooping*. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. All cave tours depart from the Visitor Center. Tours are announced at the Visitor Center before departure time. Year round the cave temperature fluctuates around the mid 50s, so a light jacket is recommended. Smoking is not permitted inside the cave. Camping is permitted only in designated sites in the campground located near the Visitor Center complex (camping fee required), in primitive campgrounds at Houchins and Dennison Ferries and at back country campsites. A group campsite at Maple Springs is available through the Chief Ranger's office at 502-758-2251.

#### Features and Activities

**Campfire Programs:** By park interepreters at the Amphitheater or Campfire Circle presented nightly during the summer and as scheduled during spring and fall months.

**Nature Trails:** Self-guided surface nature trail. During the summer months and during other months of heavy visitation, park interepreters conduct nature walks. Also a 7/10 mile wheelchair accessible trail.

Scenic Boat Trips on Green River: Frequent cruises daily, April-Oct. are provided for park visitors.

**Camping and Picnic Areas:** An improved campground and a picnic area are provided for park visitors.

Fishing and Canoeing: 30 miles of riverway cut through a deep valley. FOR TOUR DESCRIPTION AND ADDITIONAL PARK

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