



Visitor Activities



Mammoth Cave National Park Kentucky

Central Time Zone



The VISITOR CENTER is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Park Rangers on duty. Information, exhibits, and 12 minute orientation program hourly. ALL CAVE TRIPS depart from here.

SCHEDULE FROM NOVEMBER 10, 1969 THROUGH
MARCH 20, 1970

We invite you to explore your park below and above ground and to become better acquainted with the world we live in. All cave trips are conducted by National Park Service Personnel and departures are announced from the Visitor Center.

CAVE TRIPS

Historic Tour — Approximate walking distance 2 miles, price \$1.50 per person age 16 and over. Rest room available. This trip contains the largest cave rooms, Indian Mummy and the War of 1812 mining operations. Trips depart at 9:00 a. m. and 1:00 p. m.

Frozen Niagara — Features stalactites and stalagmites. Price \$2.00, persons under age 16 pay a 50c bus fee only. Length of tour about one hour. Trips depart at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. This is the least strenuous tour.

Scenic Tour — Gypsum formations. Trip departs at 11:30 a.m. Price \$2.00, persons under age 16 pay a 50c bus fee only. Length of tour 4 hours. Walking distance 4 miles. A strenuous trip with numerous hills to climb. This tour includes the Frozen Niagara cave section.

OVERNIGHT FACILITIES

The campground is open the year around. Each site has a picnic table and a fireplace. There are no trailer hookups. A comfort station is located in each camping loop and one trailer sewage disposal station is available. Camping is on a first-come basis and is permitted only in designated sites. Showers, self-service laundry, and the campers supply store are closed until Easter. However, limited groceries may be obtained at the hotel during this period. The picnic area is closed during winter but you are welcome to picnic in the campground. National Park Concessions, Inc., Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, operates hotel accommodations in the park throughout the year. Kentucky handicrafts are on display in the historic white Frame Hotel.

THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Man and his culture are interrelated and interdependent with his environment. The National Parks contain a rich variety of plants, animals and natural surroundings, ideal for interpreting the values and relationships of man and nature. This educational resource is available to the visitor through conducted cave tours and during the summer by nature walks and evening campfire programs. Perhaps through these activities man can become more aware of his role in conserving our natural resources for future generations.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Cave Island Nature Trail – This self-guiding nature trail begins and ends near the Historic Cave Entrance. It is a woodland trail one mile in length. Follow the path down the hill between the Visitor Center and the Hotel.

Turnhole Bend Trail – This scenic trail begins at the parking area on Kentucky Route 70 West. A pleasant walk will take you to overlooks along Green River.

Cedar Sink Trail – This mile and a half walk begins at the parking area on Kentucky Route 422 and leads to a large sinkhole. Other trails are shown on the map in the park folder.

Miss Green River Boat Trip – A one hour scenic cruise on the Green River. Purchase tickets from the concessioner in the Visitor Center lobby. Cruises daily from early May until late October.

“We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect”.

Aldo Leopold
A Sand County Almanac