

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

OREGON CAVES NATIONAL MONUMENT

GENERAL INFORMATION

Oregon Caves National Monument is a Natural Area of The National Park Service. Regulations prohibit the feeding or molesting of any of the wildlife in the Monument. Trees, flowers, shrubs, rocks, formations and all other natural features are to be left unaltered for other visitors to enjoy.

Pets Are Not Permitted in The Cave, on Trails or Within Buildings and must be kept attended and on a leash while outside of the vehicle or car.

The Cave Tour is Not Recommended for Anyone With Breathing or Climbing Difficulty. You will walk through ½ mile of passageways, climbing a vertical distance of 218 feet. Some of the passageways are low and narrow. There are several steep steel and stone stairways to negotiate, consisting of 195 stair steps down and 345 steps up, as well as a 512 foot exit tunnel at a 16% grade (1 foot up in 6 feet forward). The average time for the Cave Tour is one hour inside. The exit trail back to your starting point is 3/10ths of a mile long, steep in places. **BE CAREFUL!**

Due to the Difficulty of the Tour, Children Under Six Years of Age Are Not Permitted in The Cave. A Child-Care (Baby-Sitting) service is available at the concession for your convenience.

Smoking, Food and Beverage Items Are Prohibited in The Cave.

Canes, Rods, Staffs or Crutches Are Not Permitted Within The Cave as these items might be used to mar the formations. Flashlights are also prohibited.

The Cave Formations Are Very Fragile and Are Sensitive to the Oils of the Hands, Please Do Not Touch Any of the Cave Walls or Formations!

The Cave entrance is at an elevation of 4000 feet. The Cave temperature varies from 38 to 45 degrees fahrenheit and many passageways, stairways and steps are damp and slippery. For your comfort and safety, **Wear Proper Clothing and Shoes.**

Hand Held Cameras Are Permitted, a flash attachment is needed. Do not delay your party and do not point your flash toward another person.

Your Guide is an employee of The Oregon Caves Company, a concession operation under contract with The National Park Service.

Stay With Your Guide. If you become short of breath or are having any other difficulty, inform the Guide and he will adjust the pace. There is an emergency exit about ⅓ of the way through the Cave for those who do not wish to continue.

We sincerely hope you enjoy your visit - please do not hesitate to contact a Park Ranger or the Concession Manager on any comment you may have regarding the Oregon Caves National Monument.

THIS IS YOUR NATIONAL MONUMENT

HELP PROTECT THE TOTAL ENVIRONMENT

BEND A LITTLE, PICK UP A LOT,
HELP US KEEP THE MONUMENT GREEN AND CLEAN!