

Wind Cave

National Park
RR 1, Box 190-WCNP
Hot Springs, SD 57747-9430

1991 Summer Schedule

June 9 - August 24

All cave tours are ranger guided and leave from the Visitor Center. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first served basis. Reservations are required for the Candlelight and Caving tours and may be made up to one month before the tour. Advanced reservations are also available for organized groups.

Cave trails are dimly lighted and trail surfaces may be uneven, wet and slippery. WEAR LOW-HEELED WALKING SHOES WITH NON-SLIP SOLES. Do not wear sandals or shoes with leather or hard composition soles or shoes with high heels. Some of the ceilings along the tour route are low, requiring some bending or stooping. For your safety handrails are provided in places.

Cave tours are moderately strenuous. PERSONS WITH HEART CONDITIONS OR OTHER PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS SHOULD RECONSIDER. A tour is available, by request, for visitors with disabilities. A light jacket or sweater is recommended as the cave temperature is 53°F (11°C) at all times of the year.

Restrooms are located in the Visitor Center. THERE ARE NO RESTROOMS IN THE CAVE. Please no eating, drinking, smoking or chewing gum or tobacco while on tour.

GARDEN OF EDEN TOUR	8:40, 10:40, 12:40, 2:40, 3:40, 4:40 & 5:30
NATURAL ENTRANCE TOUR	9:00, 9:40, 10:00, 11:00, 11:40, 12:00, 1:00, 1:40, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 & 6:00
FAIRGROUNDS TOUR	9:20, 10:20, 11:20, 12:20, 1:20, 2:20, 3:20 & 4:20
CANDLELIGHT TOUR	10:30 AM & 1:30 PM
CAVING TOUR	1:00 PM
DISCOVERY ACTIVITY	10:30, 12:30 & 2:30
WIND CAVE HIKE	9:00 AM
CAMPFIRE PROGRAM	9:00 PM
NIGHT PROWL	Following Campfire Program (approximately 9:50 PM)
VISITOR CENTER	Stop in at the Visitor Center for information, cave tours, exhibits, slide programs, maps, books, backcountry permits and Golden Age and Golden Access Passports. The Visitor Center is open daily from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
GIFT SHOP AND COFFEE SHOP	A concessionaire operated gift shop (open daily 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM) and coffee shop (open daily 8:00 - 5:30) are located in the Visitor Center

Fees

	Garden of Eden Tour	Natural Entrance Tour	Fairgrounds Tour	Candlelight Tour	Caving Tour
Age 16-61	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Age 62+	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$3.00
Age 6-15	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$2.50	Not Permitted
Under 6	Free	Free	Free	Not Permitted	Not Permitted

1991 Summer Activities

- GARDEN OF EDEN TOUR** Representative features of Wind Cave are seen on this tour which enters and leaves the cave by elevator. The tour is our least strenuous with 150 stairs, lasts 1 hour and is suited for those with limited time.
- NATURAL ENTRANCE TOUR** Visitors enter the cave through the walk-in entrance and return to the surface by elevator. Lights highlight the colors and forms of the rare boxwork formation. This moderately strenuous tour has 300 stairs (mostly down) and lasts 1 1/4 hours.
- FAIRGROUNDS TOUR** This tour includes some of larger rooms found in the developed area of the cave. You will see examples of many cave speleothems, including the Wind Cave boxwork. The tour enters and exits the cave by elevator. This moderately strenuous tour has 450 stairs and lasts 1 1/2 hours.
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- CANDLELIGHT TOUR** Experience the cave by candlelight. This tour takes place in a less developed, unlighted part of the cave. Each participant will carry a candle bucket. Shoes with non-slip soles are required. No sandals! This tour is limited to 10 people and the minimum age is 6. This strenuous tour covers 1 mile of rugged trail and lasts 2 hours. Reservations are required and may be made up to one month before the tour.
- CAVING TOUR** Explore the cave away from the developed trails. On this 4 hour tour you will be introduced to basic, safe caving. Wear old clothes and gloves, as much of the trip will be crawling. Sturdy lace up boots or shoes with non-slip soles are required. The Park will provide hard hats, lights and kneepads. Please do not bring jewelry, watches and other valuables on the tour. This tour is limited to 10 people and the minimum age is 14. We require a signed consent form for those 17 and under. Reservations are required and may be made up to one month before the tour.
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- DISCOVERY** Join a naturalist for a short talk or demonstration explaining some facet of the Park. Topics may include local wildlife, plants, geology, area history, Sioux culture, and cave surveying. Check at the Visitor Center for meeting place and topic.
- WIND CAVE HIKE** Explore the Park's prairie and forest habitats with a naturalist. This 2 hour activity will meet at the Visitor Center and then drive to a nearby trailhead. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes and water are advised. Check at the Visitor Center for details.
- CAMPFIRE PROGRAM** Become better acquainted with Wind Cave National Park. Evening campfire talks are presented at the Elk Mountain Campground Amphitheater. Topics may include wildlife, plants, geology, park management and history. Nightly program titles are posted at the Visitor Center. The 1 hour program is presented at the Elk Mountain Campground Amphitheater.
- NIGHT PROWL** Experience the night away from city lights. Meet the naturalist at the campground amphitheater following the evening campfire for a 1 hour program. Wear warm clothing and sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight.