

CUMBERLAND CAVERNS

Itinerary for “Into the Dark” Overnight Adventure Package located in the *Central Time Zone*

Saturday & Sunday Schedule

Eat prior to arriving! Dinner may not be served until both tours are completed for the night.

●5:30PM (*central time*): CHECK IN!

-One group leader will check-in the entire group at the gift shop when everyone in the group has arrived.

Please remember, we cannot guarantee anyone that arrives late will make the tour.

-Your guide will take you to the cave to locate your camp site in the Ten Acre Room. ***Please note that once entering the cave you will be unable to leave – cave doors will be locked for the night.*** So, please bring all medications and provisions necessary for the night with you before entering the cave.

-Place your dinner order with the Overnight Manager. They will be cooking for you while you are on your tours. A Snack Bar menu is included in your ON Prep packet.

●6:00PM: Your adventure begins!

-First, please change into clothes you do not mind getting muddy and knee pads/gloves for the The Crucible adventure tour.

-Your guide will provide everyone with a helmet and headlamp for use on the adventure tour.

-Everyone must crawl through our “test box” (roughly 14-inches tall by 33-inches wide) to go on the adventure tour – this is to simulate the smallest spaces you will experience while on the tour.

-Begin your approx. 4 hour adventure tour!

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Please note your tour may go faster or take longer depending on your group.

●9:30PM-11:30PM: Grab a light snack (*or purchase dinner, if ready*) from the snack bar.

-Arrive back at your campsite after dinner

-After Dinner is served to everyone: All lights out in cave - Please carry your personal flashlight at all times during lights out. Additionally, please be considerate of others that are sleeping. These are considered quiet hours, so we request that you do not begin packing up your campsite until the wakeup call. An overnight manager will be staying in the cave with you and be available in case of emergency.

PLEASE NOTE YOU ARE RESTRICTED TO YOUR CAMPSITE AREA AT ALL TIMES UNLESS ESCORTED BY A CUMBERLAND CAVERNS GUIDE. FREE EXPLORATION IS DANGEROUS, PROHIBITED AND GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL.

The Following Morning:

●7:45AM (*central time*): **Wake up call.** Complimentary breakfast will be at the snack bar. Please begin packing up your campsite and gather all of your belongings after you have eaten breakfast. Everyone will be led out of the cave around 8:45 am – 9 am central time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIMES LISTED ON THE ITINERARY AND TOUR DURATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE. TIMES WILL VARY DEPENDING ON GROUP SIZES, HOW EVERYONE DOES ON THE TOURS, etc.

HAPPY CAVING!!!!

The Crucible

ADVENTURE TOUR

At 11:30 am for groups of 2-14 people. By reservation or joining an existing reservation that is not yet full.
Also included with our Into the Dark Overnight Adventure Package.

Minimum Age Requirement: 16 years old

Tour Duration: Approximately 4 hours

This EXTREME caving tour is for experienced explorers and thrill seekers who are in good shape!

Planning For Your Caving Trip: Helmets and helmet lights are provided by Cumberland Caverns for use on this tour. Everyone participating in this tour must take a test crawl through "The Box" (approximately 14-inches tall, by 33-inches wide). This box was created to represent the smallest spaces everyone will be crawling through. Participants may bring their own camera and/or additional light source on this tour, however it is not necessary. In addition, please keep in mind that any type of camera or phone could end up broken – take them at your own risk. Chewing gum, food, drinks, and laser pointers are prohibited.

What To Expect: This intense spelunking tour leads you to a site that few get to witness in person, The Monument Pillar! A stroll through the darkness of the Ten Acre Room leads you to the beginning of this caving adventure. You will begin your adventure by crossing the infamous "Devil's Quarry." This labyrinth of break-down and boulders is just to let you know this is definitely not a trip for the beginning caver. By the time you reach "The Isle of Confusion" you will be ready for a rest, but the adventure is far from over. Some of the most beautiful passages in Cumberland Caverns lie ahead as you crawl on your hands and knees, get muddy, and use ropes and some of our tallest ladders to explore winding canyon passageways and crevasses. A high, twisting rock climb leads you to the grand prize of this trip - "The Monument Pillar." This formation has been described as the most beautiful single formation ever seen. You will be glad you brought your camera for this rare and beautiful site. Make some memories and take lots of cave photos to show your friends and family! This is a guided tour along a specified route in the cave, you must stay with your guide at all times.

What To Wear For This Tour: We REQUIRE gloves, sturdy, lace up, closed-toe shoes or boots, and long pants (NO SHORTS!). We recommend wearing clothes and shoes that you do not mind getting muddy/wet, stained, or torn. We suggest a T-shirt or thin, long sleeves and long pants/jeans (not shorts).. You may also wish to bring a change of clothes/shoes for after the tour is complete, to keep the inside of your vehicle from getting muddy. We do not recommend wearing jewelry, such as necklaces or bracelets, on this tour. We also recommend kneepads to wear on this tour. Bottled water is allowed to be brought on tour with you, but no other outside food or drinks. Helmets and headlamps will be provided for use on the tour.

CAUTION STATEMENT

DO participate in these spelunking adventures if you have a sense of adventure, a thrill seeking condition, and a need for physical activity.

DO NOT participate in these spelunking adventure tours if you have heart or respiratory condition, knee or back problems.

For additional questions or to make a reservation, please contact us: 931-668-4396 rsvp@cumberlandcaverns.com