

PRIVATE DISCOVERY WALKING TOUR

Offered at specified available times by reservation only. Reservations must be made at least 10 days in advance, and are for groups of 2 to 50 people.

YOU MUST ARRIVE A MINIMUM OF 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO TOUR TIME OR YOU MAY MISS YOUR TOUR!

Minimum Age Requirement: None

Tour Duration: 2 hours long

Difficulty: Mildly Strenuous

This is a private tour for just you and your family/group. We assign a tour guide just for your tour so you can enjoy it without other guests like on the regular Discovery Walking Tour. Please understand your guide may have another tour waiting for them so staying on time is critical if you want to get the full experience. If you take too long in one area you may be required to skip a later area.

For this tour, you are in the commercial portions of the cave – there is electricity and no need for helmets, headlamps, crawling, climbing, or getting muddy. Guests will view some of the largest rooms and passageways on this tour, the world-famous Volcano Room, one of our waterfalls and gleaming pools; while hearing about the history and legends of the caverns, some of the men who explored it, and information about the formations you see. In addition to the normal discovery walking tour at the end of the tour your guide will lead you to the end of the Ten Acre room by lantern light so you can see what caving was like to those early explorers.



This tour is approximately 2-2 ½ hours long (varies on group size and pace), guests will be walking 2 miles in distance total. This tour is considered mildly strenuous – the paths on this tour are uneven, there are steep uphill/downhill slopes, bumps, and a couple of different sections where stairs are involved. One area in particular on this tour, guests cross up and over a mountain inside of the cave to see our light show. There is a total of 350 uneven, hand-carved stone stairs used to cross the mountain in this section of the tour. When the light show ends, guests will cross back over to return to the front of the mountain. After returning to the front of the mountain, guests will go down a separate area that contains less than 30 uneven steps.

This tour is guided and everyone in the group must stay with their tour guide the entire duration of the tour. Nobody is allowed inside of the cave without a guide or allowed to leave the tour without a guide escort.

We recommend wearing athletic-style shoes best-suited for walking or hiking (no sandals/flip flops). The cave is 56°F year-round with 99% humidity. Some guests feel cool immediately upon entering the cave, but warm up after a few minutes of moving around. If you wish, you can bring a thin, long sleeve shirt or jacket.

Please note: The cave is not handicap accessible due to the uneven pathways, stairs, steep uphill and downhill slopes, and there are some areas that do not have handrails. Strollers, wheelchairs, etc. will not make it through the cave. We strive to keep the cave as natural as possible, but make it safe for our guests to enjoy.