

Cardwell Mountain History Tour

Offered daily at varying times, check website for calendar of availability. Reservations not required but highly recommended.

Minimum Age Requirement: None

Tour Duration: 45 Minute Long Tour

Difficulty: Easy Hike

If you have been to Cumberland Caverns before be prepared to be WOW'd with a brand new tour with MORE amazing information about our cave. This tour focuses on the history of our cave and the people who made it possible. The tour will not cover all aspects of Cumberland Caverns. We have so many stories to tell that we have developed additional tours to give each story justice!

Brand-New in 2023 by popular request is a shorter walking tour with NO STAIRS for those who are short on time or may have trouble with stairs or the steepest of the slopes in our cave. For this tour, you are in the commercial portions of the cave – a nice walking tour where you won't get muddy and the cave is lit up. Guests will learn some of the unique history about our cave and the discovery and exploration of caves in general.

This tour is approximately 45 minutes long, guests will be walking 3/4 mile in distance total.



This tour is considered our easiest hike, but keep in mind it is still along a natural cave floor – the paths on this tour are uneven, there are uphill/downhill slopes, and bumps. This abbreviated tour will NOT see the lightshow.

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 group or cave without a guide escort.

We recommend wearing athletic-style shoes best-suited for walking or hiking (no sandals/flip flops). The cave is 56 degrees Fahrenheit 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. This tour will not cover the same information other tours will cover so if you have been here before prepare to learn something new. This tour focuses specifically on our history and caving history. If you are wanting a more thorough view of the cave with more information please check out our other tour options.

Please note: This may be our easiest tour but the cave floor is natural. The natural cave floor is not handicap accessible due to the uneven pathways, uphill and downhill slopes and some areas that do not have handrails. Strollers, wheelchairs, etc. are not allowed in the cave. We strive to keep the cave as natural as possible, but make it safe for our guests to enjoy.