

Legends & Lanterns Tour

Offered on select days as the last tour of the day only.

Check website for calendar of availability. Reservations not required but highly recommended.

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

Minimum Age Requirement: 8 years+

Tour Duration: 90 Minute Long Tour

Difficulty: Easy Hike in Low-Light Conditions

This tour will venture into Cumberland Caverns purely by lantern light! It is only offered on certain days as the last tour of the day. Experience TRUE darkness, recreate the effect that gave the Volcano Room it's name, learn about the tales of early explorers including some spine-tingling tales of past cave explorers, learn about the science of the dark and see Cumberland Caverns in a whole new light.



This tour is approximately 90 minutes long, guests will be walking 1.25 miles in distance total.

This tour is mildly strenuous with some steep hills and a few steps. The natural cave floor paths is uneven, there are uphill/downhill slopes, and bumps. Lantern led tours are NOT advised for those with low-light vision problems for safety reasons. This tour is NOT recommended for those scared of the dark. Guests may NOT bring personal flashlights or use cell phones as it will ruin the special lantern experience for the rest of our guests.

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. It is meant to compliment our other walking tours!

Please note: This may be considered an “easy walking tour” but the cave floor is natural. The natural cave floor is not handicap accessible due to the uneven pathways, steps in narrow passages, 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.