

Discovery Walking Tour- **NEW & Updated in 2023**

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

Minimum Age Requirement: None

Tour Duration: 90 Minute Long Tour

Difficulty: Mildly Strenuous

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 natural parts of our cave (wildlife, geology, formations and basic discovery story). This 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!

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 the largest rooms and passageways on this tour, the world-famous Volcano Room, one of our waterfalls and gleaming pools; while about how caves form, the animals whom call caves home, brief background of how Cumberland Caverns was discovered, and a light show retelling some of our early exploration and discovery.



This tour is approximately 1 ½ hours long, guests will be walking 1 ½ 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 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. ***These steps are NOT optional- you must remain together as a group with the guide at all times. If you can not do stairs we recommend the Cardwell Mountain History 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 with ~ 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 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 walking around. If you chill easily bring a light jacket or sweater.

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.