



Cardwell Mountain History Tour

Offered daily check website for tour times (schedule varies by day).

Reservations not required but highly recommended.

YOU MUST ARRIVE A MINIMUM OF 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO TOUR TIME!

Minimum Age Requirement: None Tour Duration: 45 Minutes Tour

Difficulty: Easy Hike

WHAT will you SEE & LEARN: The Cardwell tour will focus on the HISTORY of our cave and caving. You will learn about the saltpetre mining process, carbide lanterns, the exploration of our cave, caving history and cave conservation. Learn about our founders, Tank Gorin and Roy Davis, and other important key cavers like Lewis Lamson Jr, Tom Barr and more!

This tour will be all walking along the large rooms and passageways of the LONGEST SHOW CAVE in Tennessee. You will be escorted by a trained guide who will share amazing wildlife and geologic facts with you. You will see beautiful formations, historic writings, and our World-Famous VOLCANO ROOM with the iconic chandelier hanging above from above.



Please note this tour will NOT see our newest attraction with video, light and sound.

WHAT to EXPECT (Accessibility Advisory):

This tour is considered mildly-strenuous, though we understand the definition of strenuous varies from person to person, so please read this description carefully to evaluate if this is the right tour for you. You will be navigating a NATURAL WONDER, which includes uneven, natural cave floor, including steep uphill and downhill slopes. You will be on your feet for all 45 minutes and there will be nowhere to sit along the way. The cave is dimly-lit to enhance the natural beauty of the cave and protect the sensitive cave environment. The cave is naturally humid and always 56 degrees Fahrenheit, most find this a comfortable temperature with the decent pace of the hike through the cave, but some prefer to wear a light jacket. ***The tour is guided, and ALL tour guests must remain together with their tour guide at all times. Due to safety and security requirements no one is allowed to be left alone in the cave. If one needs to exit the entire group must exit together.***



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 would like to take a cave tour at your own pace we offer a PRIVATE tour, which can be booked on our website 10+ days in advance. We recommend wearing athletic-style shoes best-suited for walking or hiking (no sandals/flip flops or crocs).

Please note: While this is our easiest, all-walking cave tour we offer, the cave is still not handicap accessible due to the uneven pathways, steep uphill and downhill slopes. Strollers, wheelchairs, walkers, 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.

SEE OUR FAQ SECTION FOR MORE DETAILS: <https://cumberlandcaverns.com/about/faq/>