



Discovery Walking Tour

Offered daily, check website for times. Reservations not required but highly recommended.

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

Minimum Age Requirement: None Tour Duration: 90 Minutes Difficulty: Mildly Strenuous



WHAT will you SEE & LEARN: The DISCOVERY tour focuses on NATURE. You will learn about unique cave wildlife, the basics of cave geology, and hear the gripping tales of our early explorers that made Cumberland Caverns possible in our BRAND NEW Cinematic Showcase. A story told deep within the cave after you've hiked to the other side of a mountain INSIDE a mountain, the entire cave will come to life with video, light and sound that surrounds you in an experience that cannot be replicated anywhere else.

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, sparkling pools of water, the Never-ending waterfall, and you will climb a mountain of rock in the Hall of the Mountain King. You will get to see our World-Famous VOLCANO ROOM with the iconic chandelier hanging above from top to bottom.

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 hills and stairs made of natural limestone slabs. There are 350 stairs and they are steep, uneven, and sometimes a bit slippery. You will be on your feet most of the 90 minutes and there will be no where 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 sweat you work up on 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. If you can not do stairs we recommend reading about the Cardwell Mountain History 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 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: The cave is not handicap accessible due to the uneven pathways, stairs, steep uphill and downhill slopes. 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.

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