

CUMBERLAND CAVERNS



TENNESSEE'S OLDEST AND LARGEST UNDERGROUND CLASSROOM

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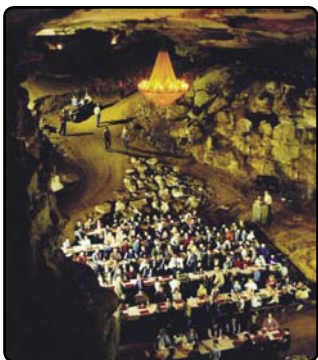
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Educational Field Trips

There is a lot to explore and learn about inside Cumberland Caverns. You may be looking to sharpen up your class on some Test Practice Items in geology, science, or history. Or, you could be looking for a fun curriculum based field trip. Below you will find descriptions of the tour options available for school groups, and homeschools.

History & Geology Tour: This tour is part of all our educational field trips. Students will see artifacts from the Civil War. They will learn about salt peter mining and the manufacturing of gun powder. Our cave wildlife is described and you may even see a blind, albino crawfish or a cave cricket. Students are shown and taught the names of various cave formations while observing how the water cycle and rock cycle combine to create the caverns. This tour usually last 45 minutes to 1 hour.



Lunch in the Volcano Room: This is a favorite part of all field trips to Cumberland Caverns. Students bring their own sack-lunches and dine on picnic tables under our beautiful 3/4 ton crystal chandelier. During lunch your tour guide will share with your class an educational video about caves to further emphasize the lessons they have learned from their tour. We usually allow about 30 minutes for lunch.

Mountain Room & Light Show: Many groups say this is their favorite part of the tour. If you have time, the trip across the mountain room is well worth the effort. Your class will see some of the largest formations Cumberland Caverns has to offer. And you will be treated to a unique sound and light show that includes a poetic retelling of the creation story. This has been a favorite of many school groups for years. Crossing the Mountain Room will take approximately 30 to 45 minutes.

Candle-Lit Ghost Story: If you want to give your class something to really remember, try the "Spirits of the Caverns" tour. Your tour guide will lead the group through an unlit portion of the cave with only candles lighting the way. The group will then hear one of the sad tales of the ghosts that haunt our cave. This tour is fun at any time of the year. The ghost story portion of the tour will normally take about 30 minutes.

Gem & Fossil Mining: Rock, mineral, and fossil identification becomes a fun activity for your students. This program includes one bag of pre-seeded gem-mix for each student. The students go to our mining sluice to find out what is hidden in their bag. Each bag has several different varieties of gems and comes with an identification card to identify the various gems and minerals they will find.



And for something completely different:

Adventure Trips: Cumberland Caverns offers wild-caving for your class or homeschool group. Adventure trips take you off the lit trails into the deepest, darkest parts of the cave. Your helmet and your flashlight will be your best friends when you start crawling, climbing, and squeezing through the "Wild Tour." Adventure Trips are offered during the day or for a real treat, you can spend the night in the cave! Call for more details.



CATHEDRAL TOUR

The Cathedral School Tour is the full tour of the lit portions of Cumberland Caverns. Your students will hear the History and Geology Tour. You will also cross over the Mountain Room to experience our famous light and sound show.

GEOLOGY & MORE

This is a shorter cave tour in which you will hear and see the History and Geology tour of the caverns and also have lunch in the Volcano Room. This tour does not include crossing the Mountain Room or the light and sound show.

SPIRITS OF THE CAVERNS

Not only will you experience the History and Geology Tour of the cave, but you will be treated to a candle-lit tour into the unlit portions of the cave and hear the story of a famous Cumberland Caverns ghost. Spooky fun for everyone!

GEMS TOUR

This tour includes the history and geology tour of the cave and lunch in the cave. Additionally, each student will receive one bag of gem-mine dirt which has several different varieties of gems and minerals.

FOSSILS TOUR

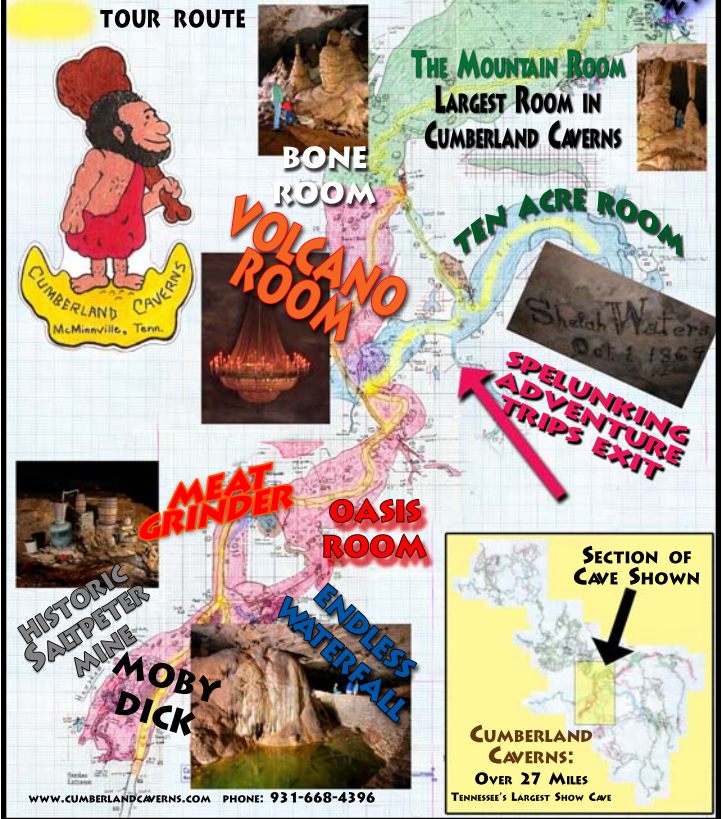
Just like the Gems Tour, this tour includes History and Geology. However, instead of gems, your students will find in their mining several fossils including corals, shark teeth, amber, and petrified wood.

DAY AT THE CAVE TOUR

If you can't decide which tour, why not do it all! For the first time, we are offering all our educational field trip options in one, super-big, double-decker, extra-large tour.

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DON'T FORGET THE GIFT SHOP

What trip to Cumberland Caverns would be complete without visiting our gift shop? Over 1,000 unique items from boxed minerals for you classroom or rock collection to T-shirts, magnets, games, books, jewelry, and everyone's favorite: Rock Candy!



Pricing for 2009-2010 School Year. 1 free teacher/staff for every 10 children. Bus Drivers always free. Please call at least 10 days in advance of planned field trip. We gladly accept P.O.'s from your school system. Call today: 931-668-4396. Times listed are approximate and allow for unloading and loading buses, bathroom break, check-in, etc.

Tour	History & Geology Tour	Lunch in Volcano Room	Mountain Room & Light Show	Candle-lit Ghost Story	Gem/Fossil Mining	Time	Student ticket	Adult ticket
Cathedral	X	X	X			3 hrs	\$8	\$12
Geology & More	X	X				2 hrs	\$7	\$12
Spirits of the Caverns	X	X		X		3 hrs	\$8	\$12
Gems Tour	X	X			X	3 hrs	\$10	\$12
Fossils Tour	X	X			X	3 hrs	\$12	\$12
Day at the Cave Tour	X	X	X	X	X	5 hrs	\$13	\$12