

Cave Exploring Equipment Checklist

- Old clothing, blue jeans and jacket or sweatshirt, coveralls, etc., synthetic or wool underlayers are warmer than cotton if they get wet.
- Old shoes or boots, army jungle type or similar hard sole boot with good treads are best, tennis shoes O.K. for this trip but not recommended in general.
- Helmet with lamp*, (carbide or electric are both fine)
- Extra batteries and bulbs or extra carbide* and water for the lamp
- Secondary light sources (2): small flashlight, Cylume® light stick, candle & waterproof matches
- Small pack or shoulder bag, any old army surplus gas mask bag or small pack are O.K.
- Gloves, any type of thin durable glove with a good grip

Optional Equipment

- Knee and/or elbow pads, these are optional but recommended, you will be crawling on rocks
- Drinking water and/or small crush proof snack such as a granola bar
- Small trash bag (not optional if you use a carbide lamp)
- First aid kit
- Cave map and compass, or survey equipment
- Watch, in container inside pack
- Camera
- Whistle or other signal device
- Accenders & Rappel device
- Rope and/or handline
- Wet Suit for cold/wet caves

*This equipment may be rented from the Commander Cody Caving Club for \$3.00.

Caves in this area have temperatures of 57° all year with 100% humidity, dress accordingly layers are recommended. Bring along a garbage bag for your caving clothes and a change of clothes for the ride home. Do Not bring any thing into a cave that you do not wish to get wet or mud covered. Cave mud is very difficult to remove and will not wash out completely from most fabrics.

Conservation

Caves are very fragile, it is illegal to damage or remove formations or anything else from inside the caves. Formations will not grow back for thousands of years and most of creatures you may see are protected by law also.

Take nothing but pictures,
Leave nothing but footprints
Kill nothing but time.