

Conservation Facts

- Caves are protected by the Federal Cave Resource Protection Act
- It is illegal to harm or collect any natural features in a cave that is on State or Federal lands
- Never touch a formation, the dirt and oils from your hand will be left on it causing damage
- Delicate formations can be destroyed forever with a single accident or act of vandalism. Move slowly around them. Never remove a formation from a cave
- Leave what you find in caves or mines for future generations to enjoy such as fossils, bones, historical evidence and formations
- Cavers should leave the cave as they found it, if not cleaner!
- Never mark a cave wall with an arrow, names or dates. Use flagging or a stone pile for a trail marker
- Watch your step. Avoid killing cave life such as bats, spiders, and salamanders
- Never go to the bathroom in a cave. A plastic water bottle makes an excellent pee bottle
- Never light a bonfire in a cave, it could cause ceiling collapse or consume the oxygen in the cave
- Try to pick any trash you see in cave, around the entrance or trail
- Visiting caves and mines with hibernating bats are discouraged from October through June