

DESOTO CAVERNS

WHERE HISTORY & SCIENCE ARE AN ADVENTURE

OUR MISSION

We believe in providing incredible educational entertainment in a safe friendly environment. We are committed to giving an amazing experience, and we hope you enjoy your day with us!



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Learning + Fun Underground

Planning Your Trip!

What to Expect:

When you arrive at DeSoto Caverns, please check in at our Gift Shop. You will be met there by our friendly Retail Hosts who will help you check in and provide you with a schedule of the day's events for your group. You will be met by our Cave Host outside the Caverns entrance before your subterranean adventure begins.

At each above ground attraction your group is scheduled for, you will be met with a Park Host who will either guide you through the experience or go over attraction instructions and safety rules before your students experience their edutainment.

And as always, if you have any questions, simply call ahead or ask one of our friendly Retail Hosts!



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The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you

DISCOVERY

One of the great benefits of bringing students into DeSoto Caverns is the contagious sense of adventure and discovery. When students realize the beauty that exists in our world and the possibilities that could lie just beneath their feet, it's captivating. It awakens a sense of mystery and wonder.



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And then I realized that Adventures were the best way to learn

Experience Packages

Choose what's right
for your group!

We love being able to provide an educational fun environment at a discounted group price, check out our discounted school prices below!



ADVENTURE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

\$16/PERSON

This exciting experience includes an hour long historic and scientific tour, and 2 attractions: our 3/4 acre maze, and panning for gemstones like the prospectors did!



LEGENDARY SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

\$24/PERSON

This exciting experience includes an hour long historic and scientific tour, and 5 additional attractions to be enjoyed as a group!



SCHOOL MEAL

\$7/PERSON

This is one of our favorite unique offers! We have two lunch options: an Old Fashioned Hot Dog Roast or a Pizza Party. With the old fashioned roast the group is able to roast hot dogs over a fire, which is a truly fun experience for all!



INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCES

SCHOOL TIMELESS TOUR

\$12.50/person
This includes our hour long Timeless Caverns Tour.

SCHOOL ATTRACTION PASS

\$3.50/attraction
Attractions must be completed and purchased as a group.

HISTORY

A SUBTERRANEAN WORLD OF STORY



2,000
YEARS
AGO

DeSoto Caverns' Native American History

Native Americans used our Caverns as a shelter.

The following are significant people, cultural practices, and words that are a part of our Timeless Tour:

Chief Touch the Clouds • Copena Burials • Kymulga •

1723

I.W. Wright

The earliest Cave graffiti in the US was carved by I.W. Wright, a fur trader at DeSoto Caverns in 1723.

1796

Benjamin Hawkins

George Washington's primary Indian agent was invited on a special tour of DeSoto Caverns by the Creek Indians.

This tour led to DeSoto Caverns becoming the first cave on record in the United States!

1864

Civil War

DeSoto Caverns has an original trench dug during the Civil War for mining gun powder in the Caverns.

1920s

The Prohibition

The Cavern Tavern was a short lived installation by Pete Willie, aka Old Popcorn. This Speakeasy served moonshine during the Prohibition in the 1920s.

SCIENCE

SCIENCE IS THE JOY OF DISCOVERY



HOW ARE CAVES FORMED?

- A Cave begins to form when water seeps through cracks in a rock.
- Most Caves including ours are formed of limestone.

FORMATIONS

Our Caverns includes examples of all of the following unique formations:

- Stalactites
- Draperies
- Stalagmites
- Soda Straws
- Columns
- Cave Bacon
- Flowstone



RED, BLACK, WHITE

Our Caverns is made of these three colors, but each color represents a different make up in the minerals.

- Red = Iron
- Black = Manganese
- White = Calcite



UNDERGROUND CLASSROOM

TRANSPORT YOUR CLASSROOM INTO A ROOM OF WONDER!



TURN THIS



INTO THIS

HERE'S HOW

ONLY AVAILABLE DEC - FEB
2 hour Caverns educational experience!

GET HANDS ON WITH FOSSILS!

During your classrooms time in the caverns, they will get to see and touch fossils including our very own Mastodon bone, which was found in our cave!

GEOLOGICAL STUDIES!

Your class will learn about the different kinds of rocks, how they are formed, and more information about caves around the world!

HISTORY & MORE

Your underground classroom also includes the Timeless Tour Experience! So, not only will they learn the essential piece that our cave has played in American history, they also learn about the history of caves and the animals that have lived in them.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TEAM

BY PRESIDENT JOY SORENSEN

Thank you for choosing DeSoto Caverns for your school's field trip experience! It is with excitement that we plan out the year's interactive educational experience. Our team is consistently researching ways to bring you a more exciting and welcoming experience! We hope you enjoy the latest updates to your experience at DeSoto Caverns.

We have created new materials for a few of our programs this year and we hope you enjoy the new updates! We have updated our Underground Classroom with new materials, an updated sleek powerpoint, and more in depth information about the different rocks and how they are formed.

Another exciting change that we have invested into is an update to our Light Show. We now have a Legends Light Show that is a moving experience of instrumental story-telling that we are certain your field trip will enjoy. Our goal was to find the right sound and show to transport the listener into the sounds of the Caverns' history.



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**EDUCATION IS INSPIRING
SOMEONE'S MIND**

TEACHER'S BENEFITS

**ADVENTURE PACKAGE &
MORE!**

We hope you enjoy your time at DeSoto Caverns. As a thank you for coming, please be certain to ask for your own personal Adventure Package from us! We are hoping that your time here is memorable and an experience that you can bring your friends or family back to enjoy.

Also, be certain to fill out our end of the year survey for a chance to win special prizes! We are always looking for ways to enhance your trip's experience, and on our surveys we are asking you for feedback on what we're doing well, and where we can improve!

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