

# MAJESTIC 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 Majestic 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 Team Member outside the Caverns entrance before your subterranean adventure begins.

At each aboveground 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 Majestic 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**





# HISTORY

A SUBTERRANEAN WORLD OF STORY



2,000  
YEARS  
AGO

## **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 •

1540

## **Hernando DeSoto**

Hernando was a Spanish explorer and conquistador and was the first European to view this cave's majestic beauty.

1723

## **I.W. Wright**

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

1796

## **Benjamin Hawkins**

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

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

1864

## **Civil War**

Majestic Caverns has an original trench dug during the Civil War for mining gunpowder in the Caverns.

1912

## **Ida Mathis**

Ida Mathis purchased the Caverns in 1912 to mine it for its gemstone quality onyx. Ida Mathis is in the Women's Hall of Fame for her work as the "Leader of Alabama's agricultural Renaissance" and the "economic Moses of the South." Her efforts have been estimated to be worth \$20 million to her home state back in the early 1900s. The Caverns are still privately owned and run by her descendants today.

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.

## BATS

Our Caverns has rare bat sightings, but bats have been an important part of our caverns' history! The nitrate-rich bat guano was used to create gunpowder for the Civil War. But bat populations decreased when the caverns were used as a Speak Easy in the 1920s due to the activity.

## 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 makeup in the minerals.

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

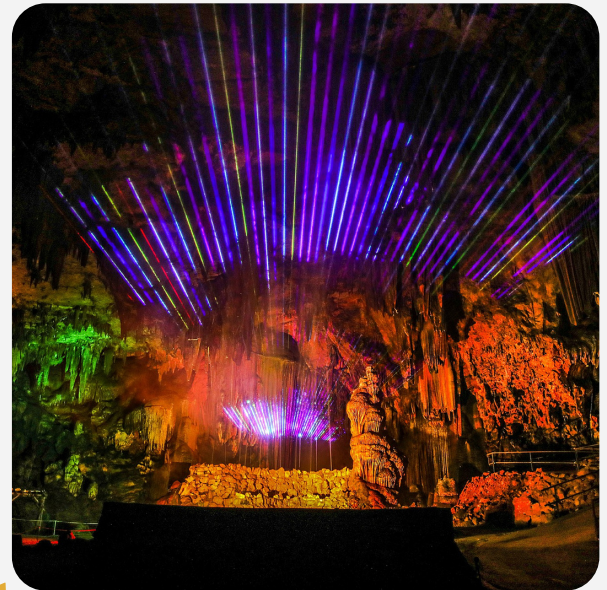


# UNDERGROUND CLASSROOM

TRANSPORT YOUR CLASSROOM INTO  
A ROOM OF WONDER!



TURN THIS



INTO THIS

## HERE'S HOW

*ONLY AVAILABLE NOV- 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 Majestic 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 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 experience 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 Majestic Caverns. As a thank you for coming, please be certain to ask for your cafe drink, pastry, agate magnet, and 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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**TAKE NOTHING  
BUT PICTURES,  
LEAVE  
NOTHING BUT  
FOOTPRINTS,  
AND BRING  
NOTHING BUT  
MEMORIES**



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