



United States Department of the Interior

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BLOOMINGTON CAVE STIPULATIONS

1. This permit neither authorizes nor implies permission for the intentional or unintentional damage or removal of cave resources, such as: archaeological and historical artifacts, natural materials or features, plant and animal life, or any item of public property. Violations of federal or state laws, general conditions or special stipulations are punishable, upon conviction, by fines up to \$100,000.00, or imprisonment not to exceed one year, or both (Federal Cave Resources protection Act of 1988, 43 CFR 8364.1, 43 CFR 8360.0-7).
2. This authorization is validated only upon signature of the Permittees, and is valid only for those individuals whose signatures appear hereon.
3. Each person in the caving party will wear a safety helmet (hard hat) with chin strap at all times while in the cave(s) and have in their possession at least three sources of light, one of which will be attached to the helmet. Candles, matches, cigarette lighters and glow sticks are not acceptable as second light sources.
4. This authorization is issued only for the time period specified on the face of this permit. It is revocable for any breach of conditions hereof, or at the discretion of the Authorized Officer of the Bureau of Land Management at any time upon notice.
5. Permittees shall exercise diligence in protection from damage of the land and property of the United States covered by this authorization, and shall pay the United States for any damage resulting from negligence or from the violation of the terms of this authorization or of any law or regulations applicable to public lands.
6. Permittees agree as a condition precedent to the issuance of this authorization, to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the United States and/or its agencies and representatives against and from any and all demands, claims, or liabilities or every nature whatsoever including, but not limited to, damages to property, injuries to or death of persons arising directly or indirectly from or connected in any way with the use and occupancy of the lands and cave(s) described on this authorization.
7. Overnight Camping is not permitted within Bloomington Cave nor within a ¼ mile radius of the gated entrances to the cave.
8. No Fires, including campfires or other burning, are permitted within Bloomington Cave or within a ¼ mile radius of the gated entrances to the cave.
9. No litter is to be left within Bloomington Cave or elsewhere on public lands.

10. Glowsticks are prohibited in Bloomington Cave.
11. No solid human waste is to be deposited in Bloomington Cave.
12. No route marking and/or other marking or defacement of the cave walls, ceilings, or floors is permitted.
13. No damage to or removal of cave geological formations is permitted.
14. Do not remove, relocate, or tamper with any scientific instruments or devices that you may encounter inside the cave.
15. All vehicle parking must be within the designated parking area at Bloomington Cave.
16. The gate lock is to be secured while permittees are in the cave (secure the lock but don't lock yourself in) and before you depart from the cave area. You must determine there are no other people still in the cave before locking the gate. Mechanical problems with locks will be promptly reported to the authorizing officer.
17. The gate combination lock must be returned to 0000 prior to leaving the cave.
18. A completed Post-Use report is requested to be returned to the St. George Field Office within 72 hours.
19. All visitors to the cave must be certain to have caving gear and clothing free of White Nose Syndrome (WNS) contamination or will be decontaminated following the attached WNS decontamination procedures.

Signature of Permittee/Group Leader

Date



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CAVE SAFETY CHECKLIST
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CALL 911

Equipment:

- ___ Helmet or hardhat with sturdy chinstrap for all party members.
- ___ Electric headlamp on every helmet (so hands are free for crawling and climbing).
- ___ Two additional reliable sources of light (flashlight, etc.). Extra batteries and spare bulbs.
- ___ Keep them within easy reach. Glowsticks are not allowed in the cave.
- ___ Climbing rope or length of webbing (at least 25 ft.) in good condition.
- ___ Cell phone or other emergency communication devices, GPS unit
- ___ Warm and/or waterproof clothing, such as coveralls or long-sleeve shirt & pants; leather gloves, and good boots with ankle support. Knee and elbow pads are also recommended.
- ___ Small backpack or gear bag.
- ___ Dust mask or handkerchief.
- ___ First aid kit & emergency “space” blanket.
- ___ Water and quick energy food.

Before you go:

- ___ Leave information about your plans, directions, emergency phone numbers with a responsible party.
- ___ Inspect and test all equipment before leaving.
- ___ Place your car’s ignition keys in a safe location near your car before entering the cave.

Inside the cave:

- ___ Keep your group together to avoid disorientation or separation. Never go further into a cave than a point from which you can safely find your way out.
- ___ Proceed slowly and with caution. Monitor members of your party and exit the cave before anyone becomes too exhausted or stressed to continue.
- ___ Stay within your limits. Do not use ropes or cable ladders until you have been adequately trained for vertical-entry caving. Do not jump down climbs or over obstacles. Do not climb up or down passageways that you are not sure you can exit.
- ___ Beware of encounters with snakes, rodents, bats, insects, and other potential wildlife. Avoid areas of rodent (packrat) waste or bat roosts: exposure to Hantavirus and Giardia is possible.



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BLOOMINGTON CAVE POST-TRIP REPORT:

GROUP LEADER(S): _____

BLOOMINGTON CAVE PERMIT NO. _____

USE DATE: _____

- Gate locked, combination numbers returned to 0000: YES ___ NO ___

- Condition of Access Road, Signs, and Parking Area:

- Condition of Gate & Lock: _____

- Trash or debris found (please help us by removing it): _____

- Evidence of recent vandalism: _____

- Approx. # of Bats encountered: _____ Area(s) of cave: _____

- Injuries/accidents: _____

- Other issues/comments/concerns: _____

Group Leader's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER THE CAVE TRIP. Thank you for your assistance and commitment to the conservation of public lands.