

DCG TAG Closed Cave and Cave Access List

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Closed Caves

The following caves are closed! Please go somewhere else.

GDD153	Afterbirth Cave	TPU334	Goffton Ghyll	AJK2569	Pauls Cave/The Cataract
THM26	Airplane Cave	TCD6	Grassy Cove Slp. Cave	TPU305	Patriot Pit
ADK1891	A. J. Cave	TCB133	Greenhouse Cave	GWK89	Peacock Cave
ADK781	Allen Switch Cave	AJK1278	Gross Hole	AJK581	Peacock Cave
AJK1739	Allison Well	AJK593	Guess Creek Cave	GDD61	Pearsons Pit
GDD99	Arm Pit #2	AMS38	Guntersville Cavern	AMG191	Petersons Pit
AJK1033	Balcony Sink	AJK847	Hairy Pit/Flowing Spring Cave	TJK32	Pilot Knob Cave
TBD10	Barbecue Pit	TDK17	Hall Cave	GDD359	Poplar Spring Cave
ABA14	Bangor Cave	AJK1152	Halls Pit	GDD60	Poplar Springs Pit
GDD23	Baxter Cave	AJK1600	Hambrick Sinks Cave	AJK	Procession Mtn. Pits
AJK347	Beech Spring Cave	TDA10	Hardins/Junkyard Cave	TMN129	Pryor Cave Spring
AJK413	Bell Spring Cave	TBE23	Harrison Spring Cave	AMS188	Quarry Cave
TMU1	Benderman Cave	TRB7	Honey Run Saltpeter Cave	TDK69	Quarry Tube
TMN197	Bicentennial Cave	TMN16	Honeycutt Cave	AJK669	Rainpot
TVB1	Big Bone Cave	TMN17	Honeycutt Pit	GDD624	Razor Cave
AJK1844	Blackwood Pit	ADK1122	Hope Cave	TMN111	Reams Cave
TCN30	Blowhole Cave	AJK974	House of Happiness Cave	TMN112	Reams Pit
TCN1	Blue Crystal Well	TGD16	Hubbard Slp. Cave	TWR41	Rebel Cave
AJK1116	Bluff Cave	AJK2179	Huddleston Hole	TMN66	Roaring Rapids Pit
AJK831	Borderline Cave	TMN127	Hudgen Branch Cave	ACA15	Robertson Cave
GKH54	Blowing Springs #2/Chelsea Gulf	AMG157	Hughes Cave	ADK750	Rockeater Pit
GDD69	Boxcar Cave	AJK2347	Inglis Hollow Cave	AJK1184	Rousseau Well
AJK2489	Brownfield Pit	TMN311	Jackpot	AJK169	Russell Cave
ADK1868	Browns Cave	TCF6	Jarrell's Cave	AMG10	Sans Souci Cave
GDD139	Bulldog Cave	AJK273	Jim Cave	TFR23	Salt River Cave
AJK2290	Cairn Blowhole	TSM4	John Fisher Cave	AMD58	Scott Cave
AJK1000	Canyon Cave	AJK2512	Kaolin Pit	TCO6	Sand Mountain Cave
TCR1	Carter Saltpeter Cave	GDD208	Kenimer Pit	TCD123	Serendipity Pit
ABA640	Catfish Cave	TSQ15	Keyhole Cave	TMN121	Sinkhole
TCN41	Cave of the Domes	TRB10	Kilgore Cave	GGO372	Spider Cave
TGN3	Cedar Creek Cave	ADK734	Kudzu Cave	TAN3	Springhill Saltpeter Cave
AMG208	Chapel Cave	AJK1558	Langston Cave	TPU56	Stamps Pit
TFE265	Conatsers Well	AMS319	Ledbetter Cave	ADK730	Stanley-Cardin Cave
TGD8	Conley Hole	TOV22	Linder Mountain Cave	AJK954	Steves Pit
AJK407	Coon Track Cave	TOV120	Lize Still Well	AJK1518	Stolen Well
TFR6	Crownover Saltpeter Cave	GDD101	Longs Rock Wall Cave	AJK1513	Summers Pit
TMN 8	Dancing Fern Cave	TMN144	Lost Mule Pit	ADK443	Talley Cave
AJK1945	Dark Well	TMN20	Lost Pig Cave	AMG47	Talucuh Cave
AJK2080	Daves Double Drop	TWR305	Lumber Yard Cave	TMN109	The Levels
AJK1518	Davis Cove Cave	AJK668	Lusk Double Pot	AJK2413	Thunder Maker Cave
GDD31	Dead Mans Pit	TMN342	Main Well	THM13	Tiftonia Pit
AJK3550	Deep Well	GWK133	Matthew Sink	AJK274	Tom Cave
AJK391	Devils Den	AJK285	McAllister Sink Cave	TFE283	Trap Door Pit
AMS564	Devils Dungeon	ABA1115	McClungs Hole	AJK1400	Trenton Well
AJK2302	DHAN Pit	TJF66	McGee Cave	TCD105	Trillium Cave
AJK731	Dick Cave	AMD4000	Meeks Triple Well	AJK996	Twenty Three Dollar Pit
AJK195	Doodlebug Hole	AJK2310	Mega Well	TWR302	Underwood Shine Cave
TMN377	Double Pit Fissure	TCN18	Melton Hole	AJK1598	Walking Fern Cave
TRN6	Eblen Cave	AMS186	Merrill Cave	AMS321	Walnut Cave
AJK614	Edgefield Cave	AMG203	Mikes Wolf Cave	AJK2000	Walrus Pot
TFE268	Eiger, The	TCD9	Mill Cave	AL1667	Watery Cave
AJK266	Engle Double Pit	TMN279	Minnie Pit	ACA18	Weaver Cave
AJK1033	Falling Cave	AJK379	Montague Cave	AJK281	Weigand Pit
AJK1302	Falling Spring Cave	THM8	Mystery Falls	TFR30	Wet Cave
TMN295	Fellowship Well	TCH4	Neptune Saltpeter Cave	TMN76	Wildman Cove Cave
TPU13	Ferris Pit		Newsome Sinks Area (AL)	TMR9	Will Stone Cave
AJK1737	Fireside Well	TCD117	Nirvana	AMG192	Wolf Cave
TVB144	Fox Hole	AJK3551	Not As Deep Well	TGD30	Wonder Cave
AJK2155	Freak Well	TOV25	Obe Lee Cave	TCN29	Youngs Pit
TBE6	Friddle Cave	AJK2697	Obscure Magnificence		
AJK459	Geiger Cave/Houston Hollow Cave	TRB11	Old Mill Cave		

Southeastern Cave Conservancy Access Information

ALL caves and properties owned, leased or managed by the Southeastern Cave Conservancy now require an advance permit to visit. Group size requirements and other specific information about each preserve can be found at <http://www.scci.org/preserves/> Permits should be applied for online here: <http://permits.scci.org>

NOTE: Most preserve permits are completely automated and can be obtained even the day of your trip. However, some preserves (like Valhalla and Sinking Cove) require more authentication and more time. Please make your request a few days in advance! Also, many preserves have special seasons and limitations. Check the SCCi website for the latest information: www.scci.org

The following TAG-Area SCCi caves ALL require a permit at all times:

Anderson Cave	Johnsons Crook Cave	South Pittsburg Pit
Byers Cave	Lost Canyon Cave	Stephens Gap Cave
Cemetery Pit	Kennamer Cave	Surprise Pit entrance of Fern Cave
Fox Mountain Caves	Limrock Blowing Cave	Tumbling Rock Cave
Fricks Cave	Neversink	Valhalla
Glove Pit	Rattling Cave	Varnedoe Cave
Gourdneck Cave	Run to the Mill Cave	Wolf River Cave
Hound Dog Drop	Rustys Cave	Every other smaller cave on SCCi property!
Horse Skull Cave	Sinking Cove Cave	
Howards Waterfall Cave	Snail Shell Cave	

Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management Area Access Information

As of July 2017, all visitors to Pigeon Mountain and other Georgia WMAs must have a personal hunting or fishing license (yes, even if you are just caving and not hunting or fishing). All previous GORP passes and other licenses may not be renewed. Each visitor must have his or her own license. Single-day (\$5) and Annual licenses (\$30) are available. Non-Georgia residents cost twice as much. Permits may be online at: <https://www.gooutdoorsgeorgia.com>. This includes ALL caves on Pigeon Mountain, including these popular destinations:

Pettyjohns Cave	Ulla Cave
Ellisons Cave	Drag Fold Cave
Anderson Spring Cave	Nash Waterfall Cave
Richards Cave	Flowing Stone Cave
Mountain Cove Farm Caves	The Pocket

Special Cave Access and Other Useful Information

Animal Farm Cave (TN): Personal permission from the landowner, Mr. Cardin, is required to visit. Closed during hunting season.

Antler Pit (AL): Avoid during hunting season.

Anvil Cave (AL): Bluff entrance accessible from Flint Creek is still open. All other entrances are closed.

Anderson Spring Cave (GA): Access is available from the top of the mountain only, to stay on WMA land. See the new Pigeon Mountain WMA requirements above.

Big Coon Valley (AL): Some caves in Big Coon Valley (such as Iliad/Odyssey, Iron Hoop and Elmos Canyon) are on Skyline Wildlife Management Area land. Take care not to trespass on private property in accessing them. Updated boundary maps are available online.

Birthday Pit (AL): Closed during hunting season.

Blue Spring Cave (TN): Permission from owner Lonnie Carr is required. Contact him at 931-761-2704.

Bluff River Cave (AL): Permission is not necessary, but do not park around the sharp bend in the road so traffic can get by.

Bowling Cave (AL): Permission required.

Brady Mountain Caves (TN): 1500 acres around Dorton Knob, Nirvana, Serendipity, etc. have been closed by the owner. Signs have been posted, but they keep getting torn down. Please avoid this area for the time being.

Bugger Hole (TN): The landowners, Beecher & Bobbie Huff require visitors to sign a release. Visitors may call in advance and they will put one in the mailbox or one can be obtained by stopping at her house. The address is: 3972 Wolf River Loop, Pall Mall, TN Phone # 931-879-5314

Buggytop Cave (TN): The state of Tennessee is allowing access to caves on state land on a permit basis. Contact South Cumberland State Park for details. DO NOT enter Buggytop or any other caves within the park boundaries without the proper permit and authorization. Open May 1 through November 1.

Bucks Pocket Cave (AL): Closed during hunting season.

Bull Cave (TN): Park permission is required. Trespassers will be prosecuted. Currently closed due to WNS concerns.

Cagle Chasm (TN): Closed after dark. Cavers are allowed to walk the trail directly to the pit. Please be off the mountain before dark.

Case Cave (GA): Caving reservations can be made for Sittons and Case Cave up to 11 months in advance by calling Cloudland Canyon Park at 706-657-4050. Caving permit requirements are subject to change at any time, so contact the Park well before your trip.

Cedar Ridge Crystal Cave (TN): Gated. Contact the Chattanooga Grotto to arrange access.

Climax Cave (GA): You must sign a release form and drop it off at the owners house before going into the cave. There is a gate in the Sand Crawl. The Flint River Grotto is the contact for the key. No caving on Sunday. There have been reports of Histoplasmosis from trips going into South Climax.

Conley Hole (TN): Closed during hunting season.

Coronation Drop (AL): Closed during hunting season.

Crackerjack Cave (AL): Closed during hunting season. At other times, contact the owner who lives nearby.

Cripps Mill Cave (TN): Large bat population, cave should be avoided October through May.

Cuyler Cave (TN): The Blowing Cave entrance (E2) of Cuyler Cave is closed. The Byrd entrance to Cuyler is open and requires a release form from Agnus Caughorn. Her number is 865-453-8887.

Doodlebug Cave (AL): A new house has been built back in Fanning Cove (below the cave). Talk to the owner before visiting.

Eblens Cave (TN): Contact James Lewis of the East Tennessee Grotto at least two weeks in advance for access, 865-483-5880. Please do not try to contact the landowner directly.

Ellisons Cave (GA): On Crockford-Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management area. No camping at trail head parking lot. Designated camp area located 1/3 mile away on Blue Hole Road. No ropes are to be left stashed or rigged in the cave. Cave use cards are to be filled out at the Blue Hole Kiosk for use of any of the Ellisons entrances.

England Cove Area (TN): This area is gated. Closed during hunting season. Contact Jerrell Killian of the Upper Cumberland Grotto for more info. This area includes Skagnasty Cave.

Eudy Cave (AL): Permission required.

Fargo Well (AL): Closed during hunting season. At other times, talk to the Proctor family in the brick house below the caves.

Fern Cave (AL): Contact Steve Pitts for access information.

Fiery Top Drop (TN): Closed during deer hunting season, September through January.

Grassy Cove Saltpeter Cave (TN): The cave is now owned by the State of Tennessee, and is closed due to WNS concerns.

Graves Cave (AL): Gated. For access contact members of the Birmingham Grotto, specifically Tony 256-550-1159, Dave 205-616-1490, or Scott 205-914-7487. The lock is a changeable combination lock like used at Sinking Cove. We plan to change the combination monthly.

Greens Well (AL): Closed during all hunting seasons (Oct 1 thru May 1). Contact Mr. Tony Andreoni at 256-316-4539 for access at other times.

Grindstone Cave (TN): Open by permission. Contact owner Michael Hills at 423-987-3993, or mike@hiddenhillsfarm.com.

Gross Skeleton Cave (AL): Permission required. For permission to enter upper entrance, contact Mr. Ken Albrecht at (256-698-6042) or kjalbrecht49@gmail.com. Permission will only be granted to groups that call ahead and which are led by an NSS member. The owner of the bottom entrance, Orvel Weeks, also wants cavers to call him before visiting at (256) 572-9461.

Guess Cave (AL): See Jacobs Mountain Cave Preserve information below. The horizontal entrance is currently silted shut, and the vertical entrance requires a low-air-space swim.

Guffey Cave (AL): Gated. Dan Harbin, the landowner can be reached at 256-878-9489. Cave is closed during deer hunting season!

Guys Cave (AL): The cave is on Skyline land, but you must come in from the top of the mountain. DO NOT park in the private valley below the cave.

Haggard Cave (TN): Owned and managed by the NSS. Permission is required. 6-person and 3-car limit. Contact Brad Long (subterran@comcast.net).

Halleys Hole (AL): See Jacobs Mountain Cave Preserve information below.

Hermit Cave (TN): Closed during hunting season. Contact Leann Smith at other times, 423-661-9099.

Hubbards Cave (TN): Access restricted due to presence of Gray Bats and historical artifacts. Contact Tim Curtis of the Spencer Mountain Grotto for details.

Hurricane Cave (GA): The lower entrance is considered closed by the GDOT, as a section of the concrete culvert has partially collapsed.

Jacobs Mountain/Skyline WMA (AL): Permission is not needed to visit caves on Skyline land, but take care not to trespass on neighboring private land. The gates are closed from May 1 through Oct 1, but you can hike in any time.

Johnson Cave (TN): Permission required.

Keystone River Cave (TN): Closed during hunting season. Contact Daniel Titus at 931-686-2768 for other times.

Kingston Saltpeter Cave (GA): This cave is owned by a private foundation, but administered by the NSS. It cannot be accessed without crossing gated private property. Contact Larry Blair (NSS member, GA) for information.

Lamons Cave (AL): Contact the Huntsville Grotto for access information. These caves are absolutely closed during hunting season!

Lowery Cave (GA): Lowery Cave is a Gray Bat hibernaculum and should not be visited during hibernation season.

Manitou Cave (AL): Contact Annette Reynolds at manitoucaveofal@gmail.com or 205-915-3886, or see www.manitoucave.org.

Martin Springs High Hole (TN): Closed during hunting season. Contact owner Stan Sewell at stan@battlecreekpowersports.com at other times. You'll need to sign a release form and drop it by his place of business, Battle Creek Power Sports on Hwy 28 in Jasper, before going.

Mink Cave (AL): Mink Cave is owned by Ken Albrecht (who also owns the upper entrance of Gross Skeleton). See entry for Gross Skeleton (above) for Mr. Albrecht's address. Do not go to Mink Cave without Mr Albrecht's permission.

Morrell Cave (TN): The owner charges \$5.00 a head "for parking"; owner has release forms and keys for the gated entrance.

Nasal Cavity (AL): Closed during hunting season.

Newsome Sinks area: This area is closed. This area is an endangered species habitat and the penalties for trespassing are severe.

Caves in this area include: Mikes Wolf Cave, Peterson's Pit, Sycamore Cave, Hughes Cave, Rabbit Cave, and Chapel Cave.

Norseman Wells (AL): Permission is not needed to visit caves on Skyline land, but take care not to trespass on neighboring private land. The gates are closed from May 1 through Oct 1, but you can hike in any time.

Nunley Mountain Cave System: Contact the owner Julianne Ramsey at jpr3e3@gmail.com for access information.

Old Blowing Cave (AL): Closed during hunting season.

Paint Rock River Cave (AL): See Jacobs Mountain information above.

Pauls Cave (AL): The Land Trust of North Alabama is working on an access plan for the Butler Sinks area that includes Pauls Cave.

Please do not visit there until the permit system is in place (probably late 2018).

Pretty Well (AL): Closed during hunting season. At other times, do NOT park on the narrow road below the cave. Use the SCCi parking area for Limrock Blowing Cave.

Rawhide Horror Hole (TN): Closed during hunting season.

Richard O'Hara's Bloody Elbow Cave (AL): Closed during hunting season.

Roaring River area (AL): This includes Roaring River Cave, Skylight Cave and others in the area. Closed during all hunting seasons.

Please contact Andrew Monaghan for permission at the following email address: cheaha@gmail.com

Rumbling Falls Cave: The state of Tennessee is allowing access to caves on state land on a permit basis. Contact Fall Creek Falls State Park for details. DO NOT enter Rumbling Falls or any other caves within the park boundaries without the proper permit and authorization.

Sawmill Well (TN): Closed during hunting season. Contact Leann Smith at other times, 423-661-9099.

Shelta Cave (AL): Gated. Owned by the NSS. Contact Bill Torode of Huntsville, AL to arrange access.

Signal Light Pit (TN): Large groups should park at the fireworks store and walk the extra 5 minutes to the cave.

Sittons Cave (GA): Caving reservations can be made for Sittons and Case Cave up to 11 months in advance by calling Cloudland Canyon Park at 706-657-4050. Caving permit requirements are subject to change, so contact the Park well before your trip.

Solution Rift (TN): Closed during hunting season. Contact Leann Smith at other times, 423-661-9099.

Student Park Cave (TN): Open by permission. Contact owner Michael Hills at 423-987-3993, or mike@hiddenhillsfarm.com.

Summers Double Pot (AL): Landowner permission required at other times. Call Linda Payne for access: 256-663-0817.

Talley Cave (AL): The ladder has been removed, so it is now a vertical cave. Also, permission is required to visit the cave. Please contact cave manager, Brad Barker at 706.766.5158 or zero22884@gmail.com for access.

Torode Pit (AL): See Jacobs Mountain Cave Preserve information above.

Ulla Cave (GA): On Crockford-Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management area, see above for permit info. Park at Kiosk area on Dougherty gap road. The sometimes sump located near the entrance is 14 feet below the nearby creekbed level. Heavy rain will close passage for long periods of time. Use caution!

Vernal Well and Vinson Cave (AL): Please contact Dan Brown at 121 Black Hawk Rd before entering any cave on this property.

War Eagle Pit (AL): Closed during deer hunting season and also squirrel season, Oct 1 – Feb 28. Contact Milton Polsky for more information, 256-599-3584.

Washpot (AL): Closed during hunting season.

Water Well (AL): Closed during hunting season. This applies to nearby Wils Welsh Well and Fargo Well also. At other times, talk to the Proctor family below the caves.

Welch Bowling Cave (TN): Access is limited to assure privacy and minimize disturbance for the elderly owners. Contact local caver, Robert Oakes, roakes@blomand.net to arrange visits. This applies to the main entrance and the Kritter Trax entrance.

Wicked Splendor Cave (TN): Closed during hunting season.

Williams Saltpeter Cave (AL): See Jacobs Mountain information above.

Wils Welsh Well (AL): Closed during hunting season. This applies to nearby Wils Welsh Well and Fargo Well also. At other times, talk to the Proctor family below the caves.

Xanadu Cave (TN): Gated. Call Chris Kerr for access. He is listed in the NSS Membership Manual.

Yates Cave (TN): contact Doug Plemons (POB 190134 Nashville TN 37219-0134, or at "caver22889@yahoo.com"). Doug is one of several contacts who can arrange for infrequent visitation. This applies for nearby Dry Cave as well.

Yell Cave (TN) - The cave is closed April 1 - Sept 1 while the Gray Bat maternity colony is in the cave. The cave is also the landowners water supply and permission is required to visit the cave Sept 2 - Mar 31 when the bats are not present. Contact cave managers, Lynn Roebuck pretzlgirl@charter.net or Brian Roebuck solow@charter.net for access information.

Other access of concern to cavers:

Scottsboro Mountain (AL): The road up the mountain is gated. At this time, cavers do NOT have access to the property. The family is in the process of selling the land and want to keep things quiet there.

Information about hunting seasons: Alabama Wildlife Management: www.outdooralabama.com/hunting
Tennessee Wildlife Management: www.tn.gov/twra/hunting.html
Georgia Wildlife Management: www.georgiawildlife.com

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