

KARTCHNER CAVERNS STATE PARK

PLAN YOUR VISIT



Welcome to Kartchner Caverns!

Please review these school group guidelines BEFORE your visit as we want to ensure you have an enjoyable experience. Any group not following these rules may be asked to leave the Discovery Center/Caverns. Thank you for your cooperation.

PREPARATION

Please take some time to teach your class about the amazing underground world they will be seeing. Studying about caves and formations prior to your visit will greatly enhance your students experience. There is curriculum available to download from the Kartchner Caverns webpage entitled, "For Kids." This resource will help assist you with your pre-visit activities. In addition, there is also a Scavenger Hunt download.

BEHAVIOR

All visitors (teachers, chaperones and students) must follow the cave rules. Help us to protect this wonderful resource by following all rules, especially the **"no touch rule."** Touching or damaging formations is strictly prohibited and punishable by law. Your school will be interacting with visitors from all over the world, being courteous and respectful of others is expected. Please use **"INSIDE VOICES,"** at all times.

SUPERVISION

Teachers, please make sure the chaperones understand their duties before arriving. School groups go out with 20 people. We require at least 3 adults per school tour. All students have to be accompanied by an adult at all times. You will be responsible for the behavior of each student both in the Discovery Center and during the Cave tour. Safety is our main concern- NO Running, yelling, or climbing on the walls will be allowed. Teachers and Chaperones please leave your **CELLPHONES** on the bus.

SCHOOL GROUP GUIDELINES

- ◆ **INSIDE VOICES** at all times!
- ◆ Upon arrival, your school group will be briefed by park staff to review rules and expectations. We appreciate your compliance with these regulations. Thank you for visiting the park.
- ◆ **LOCKERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR LARGE GROUPS.** Please be sure to leave ALL items on the bus such as: backpacks, purses, cameras, flashlights, **CELLPHONES**, water bottles, fanny packs, **ANY ELECTRONICS** are to be left behind on the bus. There are Medical packs available at the front desk for students who need to bring inhalers/medicines.
- ◆ Please, don't bring name tags on the tours. They fall off and litter the trails very easily.
- ◆ When visiting the Gift Shop or Café, the staff will meet you in the front of the store and will explain the appropriate behavior that needs to be followed by your group. Please complete shopping after the tour if possible. If you are bringing lunches, please use the large Ramada area, NOT the Café seating area.
- ◆ To ensure all visitors have a memorable and positive experience at Kartchner Caverns, please continue using **INSIDE VOICES**, both inside and outside the Discovery Center.
- ◆ Calculate your arrival time. If your bus cannot leave early in the morning, it is advised to choose a later tour time.
- ◆ Please don't completely block the front lobby or entrance of the Discovery Center. Please allow enough room for other visitors.