

National Speleological Society Social Media Policy on Comments

Comments from the public are welcomed on social media sites but must be monitored to ensure they meet certain criteria. The National Speleological Society, through its Social Media Committee, may remove postings based on the guidelines below.

The purpose of this site is to inform members of the National Speleological Society (NSS); give visibility to the efforts and accomplishments by the Society and its members in furthering the NSS's goals and programs; and to foster general camaraderie in support of cave and karst exploration, study, and protection. We encourage you to submit your questions, comments, and concerns, but please note that this is a moderated discussion site dedicated to serving the best interests of the NSS and the greater caving community.

The NSS Social Media Committee (SMC) reserves the right to delete posts on the Society's social media sites/pages that contain:

1. Vulgar language/images.
2. Personal attacks.
3. Comments or content that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination or negative opinions on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, marital status, genetics, status with regard to public assistance, national origin, physical or intellectual disability or sexual orientation.
4. Spam or links to off-topic sites.
5. Clearly off topic comments, including but not limited to arguments over local, state, or federal politics or politicians, discussions on religious beliefs and their credibility, or explicitly sexual posts.
6. Advocating or advertising illegal activity and/or misuse of cave and karst resources.
7. Promotion of particular services, products, or political organizations.
8. Infringement on copyrights or trademarks.
9. Another person's private personal data.
10. Cave locations, including GPS coordinates, latitude and longitude, specific directions, or indications on maps or photos.
11. Repeated or similar posts.

The NSS through the SMC has the right to remove any topic at any time as we see fit. If you are unable to abide by this policy, please do not use these pages.

Posts express the views of the author, and are not necessarily those of the NSS.

By posting any material, you confirm, represent, and warrant that you have the lawful right to distribute and reproduce such material.

The NSS SMC reserves the right to amend these rules at any time without notice. The NSS SMC is responsible for enforcing this policy in a fair and just manner. Decisions by the moderators on the suitability of any post, and the actions taken as a result, are final. If you have any questions concerning this social media platform or wish to join the SMC, please contact the committee chairman at socialmedia@caves.org.