

Caves And Cave Exploring

What Are Caves?

- They Are Natural Holes In The Ground.
- They Are Found All Throughout The World
- New Caves Are Discovered All The Time

Biggest and Deepest Caves:

- **Longest Cave: 390 Miles** - Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, USA.
- **Longest Underwater Cave: 150 Miles** - Sistema Ox Bel Ha in Mexico
- **Deepest Cave: 7,188 Feet** – Voronya Cave in Georgia
- **Deepest Vertical Shaft: 1,978 Feet** - Vrtoglavica Cave in Slovenia
- **Largest Room: 2,297 By 1,312 Feet And 260 Feet High** – Sarawak Chamber in Borneo
- **Smallest Crawl: ?** – There Are Plenty Of Passages That Are Too Small To Get Through. Cavers Regularly Do Crawls Less Than 12 Inches High!

Safe Cave Exploring

- Get Proper Training
 - Learn From Experienced Cavers or Groups
 - Some Caves Need Special Skills and Training (Such As Rope Work or Cave Diving)
- Use The Right Gear
 - Helmet, Rugged Clothes, 3+ Reliable Lights, Gloves, etc.
- Get Permission From The Property Owner
- Leave Word Of Your Plans
 - Tell Someone Where You're Going, And When You'll Return
- Respect The Cave And Its Wildlife
 - Leave Nothing But Footprints, Take Nothing But Pictures
- Never Cave Alone

Want To Learn More: Visit the National Speleological Society Website at www.caves.org