



Carlsbad Cavern Tours

Self-guiding Trails:

Big Room Route
1.25 miles (2km), 1½ hours
easy to moderate

Natural Entrance Route
1.25 miles (2km), 1 hour
steep and strenuous

Ranger-guided Tour:

King's Palace Tour
1 mile (1.6km), 1½ hours
easy to moderate

Cave tour routes wind through the chambers of Carlsbad Cavern, shown in the illustration above. Public tours view only part of the cave. Beyond these passages are more underground rooms,

many of them just as exquisitely decorated. Altogether over 30 miles of passages have been explored. The deepest chamber is 1,037 feet (316 meters) below the surface.

SCENIC ROOMS

GREEN LAKE ROOM

KING'S PALACE
829 feet (253m) below surface

Ranger-guided tour only

QUEEN'S CHAMBER

PAPOOSE ROOM

Iceberg Rock

Boneyard

JIM WHITE TUNNEL

HALL OF GIANTS

Temple of the Sun

Caveman Junction

Shortcut

Totem Pole

BIG ROOM

Mirror Lake

Bottomless Pit

MAIN CORRIDOR

DEVIL'S DEN
500 feet (152m) below surface

Devil's Spring

Natural Entrance

Bat Flight Amphitheater

BAT CAVE
200 feet (61m) below surface

Visitor Center
Restrooms

Handicap parking only

Restrooms

Trail

Parking area

Surface elevation
4406 feet
1343 meters

Elevator shaft

Rest Area and Lunchroom
Restrooms
755 feet (230m) below surface

Painted Grotto

Giant Dome

Twin Domes

Rock of Ages

Crystal Spring Dome

View of Lower Cave

Top of the Cross
Seating area for cave talks