



Cave tour routes wind through the chambers of Carlsbad Cavern.

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.

Carlsbad Cavern Tours

Self-guiding Trails:

Big Room Route
1.25 miles (2km), 1.5 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), 1.5 hours
easy to moderate

SCENIC ROOMS

GREEN LAKE ROOM

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

Ranger-guided tour only

QUEEN'S CHAMBER

PAPOOSE ROOM

Boneyard

Iceberg Rock

Elevator shaft

MAIN CORRIDOR

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

JIM WHITE TUNNEL

HALL OF GIANTS

Giant Dome
Twin Domes

Painted Grotto

Rock of Ages

Crystal Spring Dome

Temple of the Sun
Caveman Junction

Shortcut

BIG ROOM

Totem Pole

View of Lower Cave

Top of the Cross
Seating area for cave talks

Mirror Lake

Bottomless Pit

Visitor Center
Restrooms

Parking area

Surface elevation
4406 feet
1343 meters

Handicap parking only

Restrooms

Trail

Natural Entrance

Bat Flight Amphitheater

BAT CAVE
200 feet (61m) below surface

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

Devil's Spring