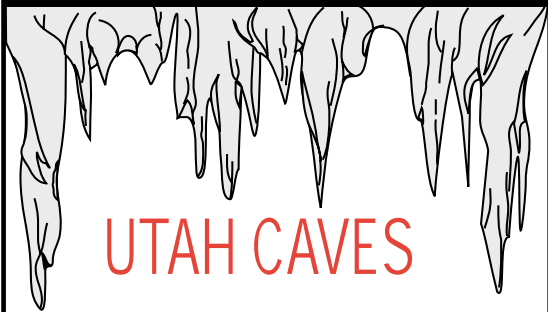


UTAH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



UTAH CAVES

Caves are found throughout Utah, however the most extensive occur in the limestone and dolomite rocks in the western and central parts of the state.

Of these caves, only Timpanogos Cave is open to the public on a regular basis. To visit unregulated caves in Utah, contact one of the caving groups listed below.

Not all cave locations are shown on U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps, and there has been a longstanding controversy over the propriety of showing these features. Some speleologists (people who study caves) contend that showing cave locations on maps can lead to the destruction of unique formations by curiosity seekers or vandals. Also, caves are vital bat habitats. Five of Utah's seven bat species are listed as threatened or endangered because of the disturbance of caves during breeding and hibernation periods. Cave formations are fragile. They can break when touched, and the oils on our skin can cause damage. Leaving cave formations untouched allows others the opportunity to appreciate their splendor. Rise to the challenge of leaving no trace when visiting Utah's caves.

Exploring caves can be dangerous. Always let someone know where you're going and when you expect to return. Go spelunking with a partner, and make sure you have proper working equipment. Also, remember to take several sources of light with you, because the batteries in a single flashlight may last only a few hours.

UTAH CAVING GROUPS

Salt Lake Grotto

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Salt Lake City Public Library, 400 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Principal Contact: Dale Green (801) 277-6417

Timpanogos Grotto

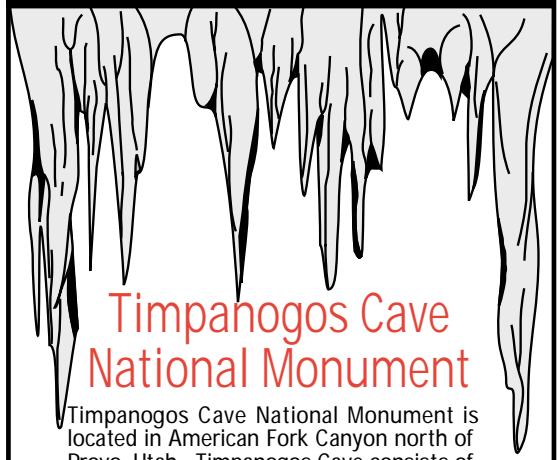
Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Room L800 (lower level) of the Utah County Building, 50 East Center Street, Provo, Utah.
Principal Contact: Rod Horrocks (801) 374-7414

Wasatch Grotto

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Clearfield Public Library, 562 South 1000 East, Clearfield, Utah.
Principal Contact: Wayne Bodilly (801) 451-2002

NOTE: Meeting times and locations are subject to change. Contact the listed Grotto representative to confirm meeting location and time.

CAVES TO VISIT



Timpanogos Cave National Monument

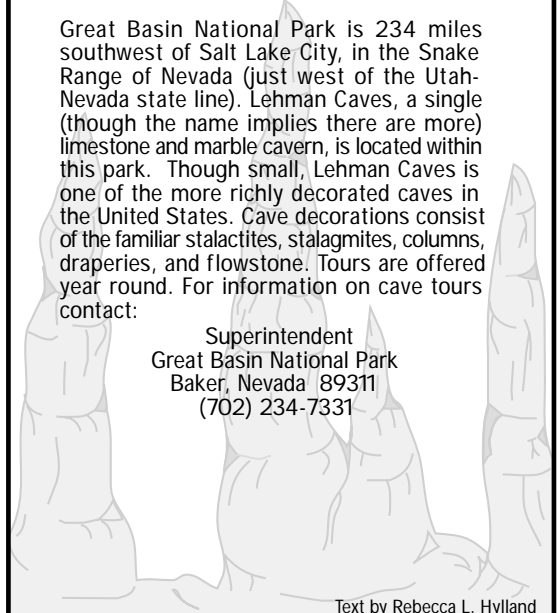
Timpanogos Cave National Monument is located in American Fork Canyon north of Provo, Utah. Timpanogos Cave consists of three limestone caverns connected by constructed tunnels. A strenuous 1.5 mile hike takes the visitor 1,000 feet above the floor of American Fork Canyon to the cave's entrance. Timpanogos Cave is open from mid-May to mid-October. For information on cave tours contact:

Superintendent
Timpanogos Cave National Monument
Route 3, Box 200
American Fork, Utah 84003
(801) 756-5239

Lehman Caves

Great Basin National Park is 234 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, in the Snake Range of Nevada (just west of the Utah-Nevada state line). Lehman Caves, a single (though the name implies there are more) limestone and marble cavern, is located within this park. Though small, Lehman Caves is one of the more richly decorated caves in the United States. Cave decorations consist of the familiar stalactites, stalagmites, columns, draperies, and flowstone. Tours are offered year round. For information on cave tours contact:

Superintendent
Great Basin National Park
Baker, Nevada 89311
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