

BLUE SPRINGS CAVE / SCOTTS GULF HIKE

WHEN: Saturday & Sunday January 28th and 29th (Camping Saturday Night and Hiking on Sunday is optional)

MEET: Saturday Morning 9:00am at Lot 66 on the Ag. Campus

RETURN: Saturday by 11:00pm or Sunday by 7:00pm

Preregistration is MANDATORY.

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Blue Springs is Tennessee longest cave at 40+ miles and is well known for its spectacular and bizarre formations. Three trips will be available:

1. *For beginners* - Cathedral Room. This trip is intended for beginning cavers, and will require moderate to strenuous physical exertion. Crawling, scrambling over boulders, walking over uneven terrain, wading in mud and water, and some short climbs will be required. Be prepared to get muddy. This trip will be about 5 hours long.
2. *For experienced cavers* - Mega Junction. This trip is for experienced cavers only and will require strenuous physical exertion. This trip will be about 6-8 hours long.
3. *For the demented & masochistic* - Destination to be determined. This trip will be 8-10 hours long.

GEAR LIST

CAVING CLOTHES

- Preferably synthetics

- You will get wet and muddy, don't wear anything you're not willing to throw away.

- Boots
- Long Socks
- Pants
- Long Sleeve Shirt
- Change of clothes for the ride home, including dry shoes.
- Towel
- Plastic bag for muddy clothes

Tip: Purchase used clothing and a book bag from a thrift shop.

CAVING GEAR

- Knee Pads
- Gloves
- Elbow Pads (optional)
- Helmet
- 3 Sources of Light Including:
 - Headlamp
 - Back-up Flashlight / Headlamp
 - Extra Batteries
- High Energy Snack Food
- Plenty of Water to Drink
- Day Pack

CAMPING GEAR

- Winter Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping pad
- Pillow
- Tent
- Winter clothes
- Crazy Creek Chair
- Cooking utensils
- Dinner
- Breakfast

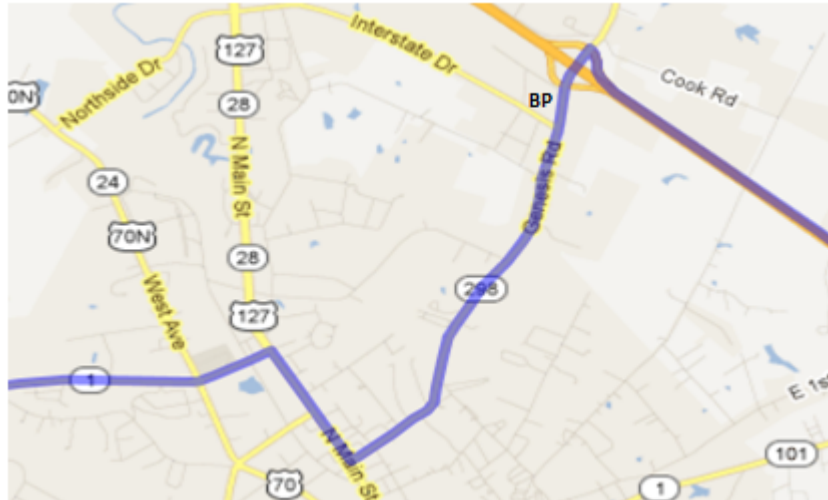
- With the exception of elbow pads, all cave gear is required.

We'll bring the club's stove and propane grill for cooking.

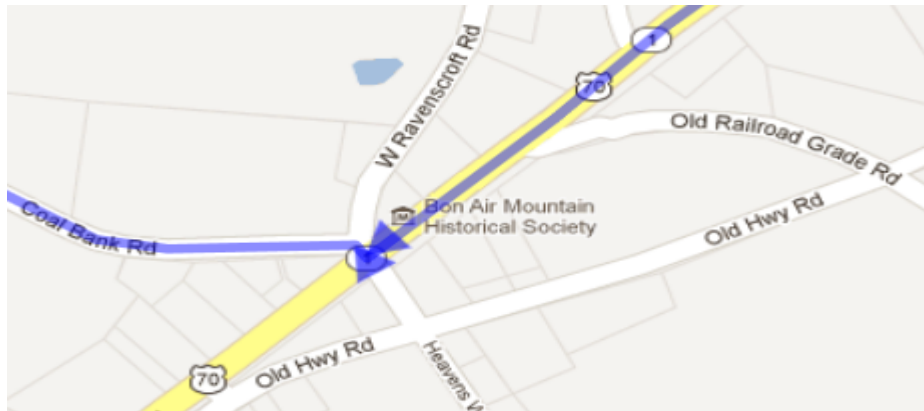
The ultimate knee pads: Trace Long Style Softball Slider kneepads. Coat with tool grip. They run small, so order a size up.

DIRECTIONS: FROM LOT 66 TO 446 CARR RD., SPARTA, TN 38583

1. From UT, Travel West on I40 toward Nashville.
2. Take exit 320 for TN-298/Genesis Rd toward Crossville and Turn left on TN-298 S/Genesis Rd. We will stop and regroup at the (2cd) Shell station on the right (last call for civilization). The Shell Station is the corner of Genesis Road and Interstate Drive. It has a Dairy Queen.
3. From the Shell Station, turn right on Genesis Rd and travel 2.4miles. Turn right onto N Main St.
4. Travel 7/10 of a mile and turn left at Light # 9 / Elmore Rd.
5. Continue straight onto TN-1 W/US-70 West.



6. Travel 16 miles to DeRosset, TN. (You're getting close when you pass the white water tower on the right.) Turn Right onto W Ravenscroft Rd and make an immediate left onto Coal Bank Rd.



7. Continue on Coal Bank Rd for about 5 miles. Coal Bank will change from pavement to gravel. At the bottom of the mountain, Coal Bank Road will change back from gravel to pavement. Once you are back on the pavement, take the first left onto Carr Rd. Carr Rd is a gravel road with a cattle grate where it joins Coal Bank Road. Parking for the cave is on the grass a short distance on the left. The nearest address for the cave is **446 Carr Rd., Sparta, TN 38583**.

