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CONTACT INFORMATION

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*In case of emergency, call 911 first,
then Campus Safety at 423.236.2110.*

Safe Caving for This and Other Caves

For yourself

- Learn safe caving skills from responsible cavers.
- Inform someone outside the cave of your planned exit time. Provide this person with emergency numbers and pertinent information about your trip he or she will need if you do not check in as planned.
- Check the weather forecast before entering. A flooded cave can be dangerous.
- Wear a quality hardhat with chinstrap.
- Bring three sources of light.
- Let the slowest caver set the pace.
- Know your limits, rest frequently and watch for fatigue in others.
- Keep moving and dress warmly to avoid hypothermia.
- If you get lost, conserve your light.
- If you have no light, avoid trying to go anywhere, and stay warm and dry.
- If an immobilizing injury occurs, keep the injured caver warm and seek help from a local cave rescue organization.

For the caves

- Avoid disturbing cave organisms or their environments.
- Carry an appropriate container to remove your urine and feces from the cave.
- Don't smoke or light fires in the cave or near its entrance.
- Don't damage formations or other surfaces of the cave.
- Stay on established trails.
- Don't leave anything in the cave.

CAVE ACCESS POLICY

ORGANIZED, RESPONSIBLE CAVERS WISHING TO VISIT THE STUDENT PARK CAVE should contact the cave manager to arrange access. All groups entering the cave must follow these procedures.

1. Cavers can't cave alone without special permission from the cave manager. Group size is no less than three. Every child under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult from his or her immediate family.
2. All groups need to have a group leader responsible for the party. Before entering the cave, the group leader must pass a cave access test with a score of 100 percent. The test will cover the National Speleological Society's responsible/safe caving guidelines found in the booklet "A Guide to Responsible Caving." The cave manager will provide the group leader with a copy of this booklet at no cost.
3. The group leader is responsible for having each participant read and sign a copy of the liability waiver/cave procedures form and inform all participants of the visitation rules before entering the cave. Participants under age 18 must have a parent/guardian signature on the form. The group leader must return the signed forms to the cave manager before entering the cave.
4. The group leader must show that the group has the proper equipment (helmet and proper light source) needed to safely explore the cave.
5. During the cave visit, the group leader is responsible for seeing that cave conservation and safe caving practices are followed.
6. The group leader will be provided with a map of the cave to aid in safe exploration.
7. Monetary compensation of the group leader is strictly prohibited.



WELCOME

TO THE STUDENT PARK CAVE.

Owned by Southern Adventist University and managed by the School of Education and Psychology, this cave is an educational and recreational resource for students, Southern employees and the community. Though there is a gate, the cave is not closed. We would love to invite you to come and explore inside. Here are three ways to access the Student Park Cave.

1. Explore the cave with a small group (see cave access policy on back).
2. Join us for Open Access Day, the first Saturday of each month from 1:30 to 5 p.m., when the cave will be open to the public at no charge.
3. Enroll in our caving class, EDOE 152.

To make the most of your visit, please read the guidelines in this brochure carefully.

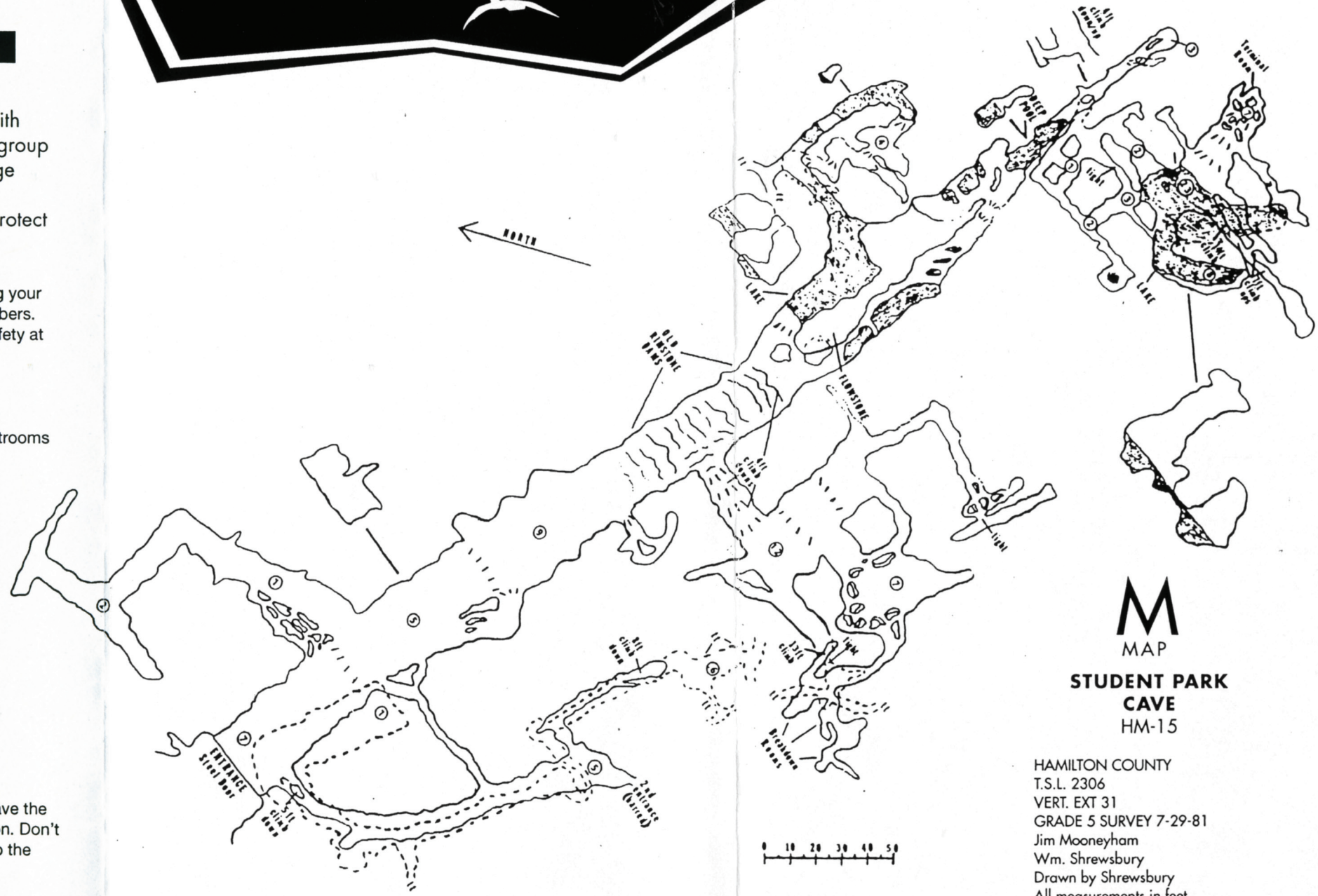
student park cave

Caving Procedures

THE CAVE IS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF Southern Adventist University. Those not affiliated with the university may visit the cave with an appointed group leader who will contact the cave manager to arrange access.

Please obey these rules and safety tips to help protect the cave, property, university and all visitors.

1. Let an outside party know of your caving plans, including your departure time. Provide this person with emergency numbers. For emergency rescue call 911. Next, inform Campus Safety at 423.236.2100.
2. Park your vehicles in the Student Park parking lot.
3. Please use the Student Park restrooms. There are no restrooms in the cave.
4. Change your clothes in the Student Park restrooms, and assure the restrooms are clean after changing.
5. Never cave alone.
6. Don't bring pets into the cave.
7. Always wear a helmet and carry three working sources of light.
8. Don't enter the cave under the influence of alcohol or other substances.
9. Don't smoke or bring drugs or alcohol into the cave.
10. Upon entering the cave, lock the gate behind you and leave the cave gate key near the entrance in the designated location. Don't lose or duplicate the key. After your visit, return the key to the cave manager.
11. Pack all trash out of the cave, and pick up all trash before leaving the park area.
12. Report any vandalism or cave disturbances to the cave manager.



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All measurements in feet

The University will vigorously prosecute any violations of the Tennessee Cave Resource Protection Act, TITLE 11 NATURAL AREAS AND RECREATION CHAPTER 5 GEOLOGY Section 11-5-108, Vandalism of Caves or Caverns.