

Wild Cave Tours

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TRIP NOTES

"A totally different perspective on life- magnetic. Another million trips would be great!"

Nicole Rankin, Brisbane, Australia (extract from Visitors' Book)

"Excellent- not just a tour of a bunch of holes. A real introduction to the techniques and principles of caving." Eric Gunther, New York, USA.

If you're 14 years or over¹, tired of the crowds and concrete paths, then this is the sensible way to discover Tasmania's natural or "wild" caves. These are not the "tourist" caves. The maximum ratio is 6 to a guide, max 8 in a tour². Your specialist guides work under Tasmanian license and accreditation requirements. We are experienced caving club people who have provided professional caving trips for visitors since 1989. Bushwalking, fishing, quiet camping and many accommodation options are available locally.

¹ Talk to the operator if you believe your <14 child should be considered for a trip.

² Ask about our specially designed trips for larger groups: includes abseiling option.

The activity:

Half or full day trips in undeveloped (natural) caves of the Mole Creek Karst National Park and World Heritage Area. Each trip is different, because the style is tailored for you, graded easy to moderate. Vertical rope-work is not normally included³. *Options* include photography, music/voice, glow-worms, a peaceful wilderness experience, environmental interpretation, fossils, fauna, speleo-skills, adventure/challenges and good fun (ASF Minimal Impact Caving Code compliant).

³ For *group bookings*, a professional, accredited abseiling specialist is available, extending the experience with the vertical option (extra cost). Please ask.

Inclusions:

Guide/s, overalls, helmets & lights, gumboots, lunch and/or morning/afternoon tea if applicable.

You bring:

Your own vehicle (a short drive to the caves from meeting place).

Shorts and thermal-rated underwear, fleecy or woollen jumper to wear under your overalls in case of cold weather at any time of the year. Do not wear jeans or track-daks into the caves. Bushwalking boots optional (slippery, uneven ground; may get muddy/wet). Bring a raincoat in case, and change of clothes & footwear. Cameras & small musical instruments are welcome!

We meet:

Opposite James General Store (country supermarket), main St., Mole Creek (unless we make other arrangements). Driving time: 1 hr ex Launceston (take highway 1 towards Burnie) or ex Devonport (via Deloraine); 1 hr 20 minutes ex Cradle Mtn (allow more time in poor weather). Starting and finishing times are by arrangement, usually starting at 8.30 am.

Please note:

-Talk to your guide/s if you have any doubt about your ability to cope with the activity.

-Minor disabilities may not be a problem, but please ask.

-*"Contract- Acknowledgement of Risks"* and *"Medical Disclosure"* are to be completed before caving, for your safety. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Medical details at hand will assist emergency personnel to help you in the unlikely event of a medical or accident emergency.

-Second time/full day trips may involve a more advanced experience. Ask questions if unsure.

NATIONAL PARK FEES APPLY. Enquiries: <http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/>

*IN CASE OF *EXTREME* WEATHER please check by phone before 8 am on tour day.

Please advise ASAP if you need to cancel or change your booking (Cancellation Policy: see invoice).

-Phone Deb (03) 63678142

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