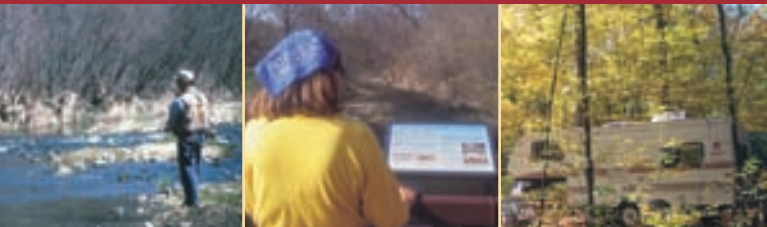


Park Attractions



In addition to Mystery Cave, other attractions await you at this 3,000-acre state park. Camping, hiking, fishing and touring Historic Forestville are all popular activities at Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park.

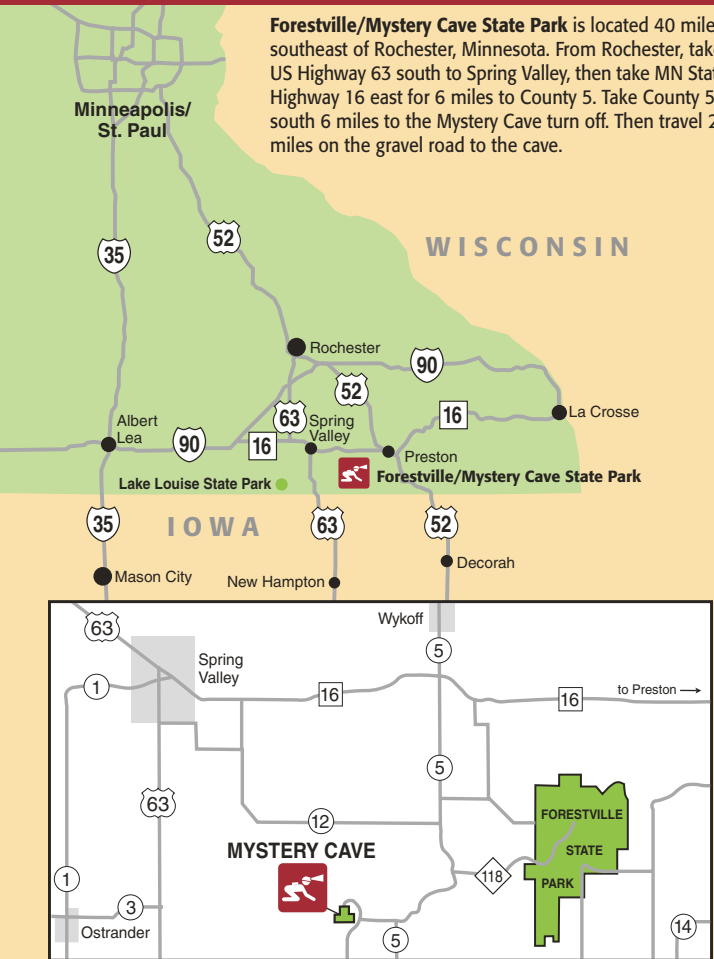


Costumed interpreters help visitors to imagine what life was like in the town of Forestville in the 1890s.

Historic Forestville. MHS

How to Get There

Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park is located 40 miles southeast of Rochester, Minnesota. From Rochester, take US Highway 63 south to Spring Valley, then take MN State Highway 16 east for 6 miles to County 5. Take County 5 south 6 miles to the Mystery Cave turn off. Then travel 2 miles on the gravel road to the cave.



Contacting Mystery Cave

Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park

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Preston, MN 55965
Cave (507) 937-3251
Main Park (507) 352-5111

Tour Reservations:

Online: www.stayatmnparks.com
Phone: 1-866-85PARKS (1-866-857-2757) Toll Free
TTY: 1-866-672-8213 Toll Free

For groups of 10 or more call:

(507) 937-3251

For school tours call:

(507) 352-5111



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For More Information

Minnesota State Parks/DNR Information

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(651) 296-6157 in the Twin Cities area
TTY: 1-800-657-3929 Toll Free

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Welcome

A visit to Mystery Cave begins with a stop at the Visitor Center

At the Visitor Center you may purchase tour tickets and receive an orientation to the cave and the park. View exhibits that explain the geology of the area and the history of the cave. During your visit stop at the information desk and Nature Store. An outdoor picnic area and restrooms are provided.



Visit the Nature Store

The Visitor Center Nature Store offers a wide variety of nature and park-related gifts. Take home mementos that enrich your visit along with some great gifts for children. Proceeds from Nature Store purchases fund resource management and interpretive projects in the park.

General Mystery Cave Information

- Mystery Cave is the longest cave in Minnesota with over 13 miles of natural passages.
- The temperature in the cave is a constant 48° F (9° C). Warm clothes are recommended.
- Flash cameras are allowed.
- There is a charge for tours. Call for current charges. Fees include tax.
- A state park vehicle permit is required to enter the park. Daily or annual permits are available on site.

Mystery Cave Tours



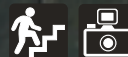
One-Hour Tour



Daily tours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day
Spring and fall weekends (Mid-April through October): 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is the most popular tour at Mystery Cave. You will see dramatically lit cave formations along with pools, lakes and long linear corridors. This tour involves 3/4-mile of walking on paved walkways and bridges. The tour is wheelchair and stroller accessible.

Two-Hour Tour



Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day, weekends and holidays only: 1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

This is a rustic tour with in-depth interpretation of cave geology. You will walk on narrow, winding gravel pathways, encountering numerous steps. Lighted only by the lanterns that you carry, you will experience some of the largest and longest passages in Mystery Cave. More physically challenging than the one-hour tour, this tour is not suitable for children under 5 years old. No sandals are allowed.

Wild Caving Tour



Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day: Prearranged tours only.

This is a real adventure! On this tour you will be crawling and squeezing through undeveloped portions of the cave. You will receive instruction and protective gear and will spend up to three hours underground. Participants must arrive with proper boots and gloves. This tour is available only to visitors 13 years and older.

School and Group Tours

Special group tours may be arranged by contacting the park.



Photo: Two Hour Tour