

SMALLIN CIVIL WAR CAVE



Welcome Cavers!

We invite you to visit Smallin Civil War Cave this year for a memorable field trip full of wild life, geology, history, and more!

Smallin Civil War Cave is located north of Ozark, MO - less than 3 miles off highway 65.



The History

Smallin Civil War Cave was inhabited by the local Osage tribe when it was documented by Henry Rowe Schoolcraft in 1818. He was greeted by members of the tribe who called the cave *Winoca* ("Underground Spirit").

When Christian County was settled, its residents used Smallin Cave for shelter, food storage, and as a gathering place in the cool mouth during hot summer days.

During the Civil War, folklore says that the cave was used by both the Union and Southern Troops. The Local area is rich with Civil War history spanning from the first major battle in the western theater to the hanging of the last of the Baldknobbers.

Wildlife and Geology

Smallin Cave is a geological wonder teeming with life, and your visit will often include sightings of bats, salamanders, cave crickets, and rare Bristly Cave Crayfish. The white shells and sightless eyes of the crayfish are bound to make a lasting impression on your students, as well as to give a personal first-hand look into the beautiful, fragile world beneath us.



(Above) Bristly Cave Crayfish in Smallin Cave

The Burlington layer of limestone contains the remains of a shallow ocean that once covered the Ozarks. Smallin Civil War Cave is encased in this layer, revealing the fossils of an ancient coral reef. Many of these fossils can be viewed from the visitor trail and in the display area of the gift shop.



(Above) One of the many fossils in Smallin Cave

Your adventure will last approximately 1 - 3 hours depending on additional activities and the size of your group. School group rates require a minimum of 20 visitors.

Basic Field Trip package:

- One bus driver per group and one teacher per 20 students are admitted free
- \$5.00 per student base price
- \$10.00 per adult guest

Additional Options are available including:

- 30 minute class - (\$2)
- hands on gem panning - (\$1)
- hands on fossil panning - (\$2)
- **Guided** nature walk - (\$1)
- Scenic picnic area, crawl fort and gift shop are available free of charge



Plan for your Trip

Please remind your students to wear good walking shoes and dress for the weather.

How to reserve your adventure

You may book your group by phone, email, or in person. Let us know if your school or group is tax exempt.

You can contact us at: Phone 417-551-4545 or Smallincave@centurylink.net

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