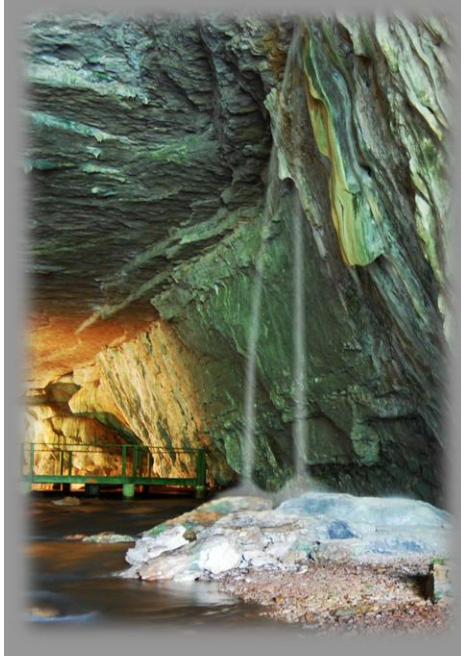


Smallin Cave

Senior Group Information



Greetings!

We are very happy to offer a new opportunity for a truly memorable experience for your residents in the Ozark area. Smallin Cave's six-story entrance leads its visitors along a well lit, wheelchair accessible trail into a world of natural beauty, history, and wildlife.

The History

Smallin Cave was inhabited by the local Osage tribe when it was discovered by Henry Schoolcraft in 1818. He was greeted by members of the tribe who called the cave *Winoca* ("Underground Spirit"). Years later, during the Civil War, a union spy named John Breazeale used Smallin Cave for shelter during the harsh winters. The cave was later used by pioneer families as summer storage for fruits and vegetables, and a source of red clay for pottery and log cabin chinking. Early settlers often enjoyed tranquil picnics in the shade of Smallin's huge mouth.

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 blind cave crayfish

In addition to the present populations of resident wildlife, there is also evidence of ancient wildlife encased in the Burlington limestone formation in the cave. Smallin is one of the few caves in the United States which contains fossils of starfish, a remnant of the shallow ocean which once covered the Midwest. These and many more fascinating marine fossils may be seen from the walkway in the cave. Remind your residents to bring their cameras: they'll want to capture memories and images of their day, and the beautiful, fragile world beneath us.



"We seemed suddenly to be holding some secret of the great works of nature, which had been hidden from the foundation of the world."

Henry Schoolcraft, 1818



We welcome and accommodate groups, both large and small. All trails used in Smallin Cave as well as the path in and around the gift shop are wheelchair accessible. The tour is an easy, pleasant walk.

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Times and Pricing

Smallin Cave tour will last approximately one hour. Daily business hours are 9 a. m. to 5 p.m.

Admission:

- \$5.00 per resident
- \$5.00 per chaperone
- Bus drivers admitted free

Additional Activities

- Sonrise Cave optional (Not wheelchair accessible)
- Unique cave gift shop
- Optional 20 minute cave video and mini-workshop
- Scenic picnic area

Preparing for Your Visit

Please prepare appropriately for an outdoor adventure by wearing suitable clothing, shoes, and rain jacket if necessary.

Booking Groups

Booking groups can be done several ways including email, telephone, or in person. Let us know if your group is tax exempt.

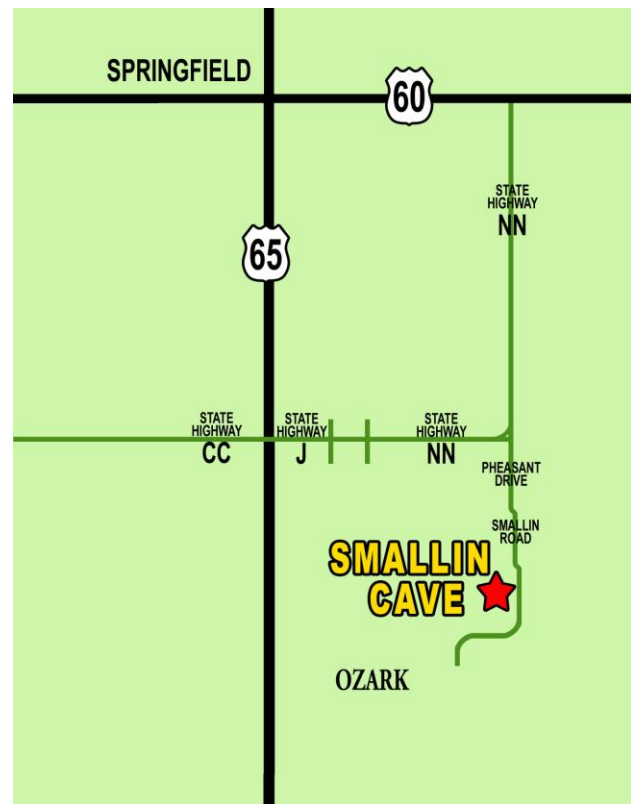
Please provide an email or physical address, and we would be happy to send further information!



To reserve a memorable experience for your residents please contact us by phone or email

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