

TAG Region Closed Caves and Cave Access — Mar 2016

This list is intended for responsible caving in the TAG region. The caves noted here are considered either closed or special access for a variety of reasons: private property, endangered species, WNS, bat hibernacula, permit/pass access, etc. Landowner relations are an important part of keeping caves open and accessible to the caving community. Please be respectful and avoid accessing any of these caves or properties without the proper permissions and/or permits.

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Closed Caves

The following caves are considered closed and should be avoided at all times. Please go somewhere else.

Afterbirth Cave GDD153	DHAN Pit AJK2302	Inglis Hollow Cave AJK2347	Obscure Magnificence AJK2697
Airplane Cave THM26	Dick Cave AJK731	Jackpot ^P TMN311	Old Mill Cave TRB11
A. J. Cave ADK1891	Double Pit Fissure TMN377 ^P	Jarrell's Cave TCF6	Patriot Pit TPU305
Allen Switch Cave ADK781	Eblen Cave TRN6	Jim Cave AJK273	Peacock Cave GWK89
Allison Well AJK1739 ^P	Edgefield Cave AJK614	Johnsons Crook Cave GDD17 ^P	Peacock Cave AJK581
Arm Pit #2 GDD99	Eiger, the TFE268 ^P	John Fisher Cave TSM4	Pearsons Pit GDD61 ^P
Balcony Sink AJK1033 ^P	Engle Double Pit AJK266 ^P	Kaolin Pit AJK2512	Petersons Pit AMG191
Barbecue Pit TBD10	Falling Cave AJK1033 ^P	Kenimer Pit GDD208	Pilot Knob Cave TJK32
Bangor Cave ABA14	Falling Spring Cave AJK1302	Keyhole Cave TSQ15	Poplar Spring Cave GDD359
Baxter Cave GDD23	Fellowship Well TMN295 ^P	Kilgore Cave TRB10	Poplar Springs Pit GDD60
Beech Spring Cave AJK347	Fern Cave AJK597 (ex. Surprise Ent) ^B	Kudzu Cave ADK734 ^P	Procession Pit AJK1893 ^P
Bell Spring Cave AJK413 ^P	Fireside Well AJK1737 ^P	Langston Cave AJK1558	Pryor Cave Spring TMN129 ^P
Benderman Cave TMU1	Four Wells AJK392 ^P	Ledbetter Cave AMS319	Quarry Cave AMS188
Bicentennial Cave TMN197	Fox Hole TVB144 ^P	Linder Mountain Cave TOV22	Quarry Tube TDK69
Big Bone Cave (WNS) TVB1	Freak Well AJK2155 ^P	Lize Still Well TOV120	Rainpot AJK669
Blackwood Pit AJK1844	Fricks Cave GWK14 ^B	Long Island Cave AJK1300 ^P	Razor Cave GDD624
Blowhole Cave TCN30 ^P	Friddle Cave TBE6	Longs Rock Wall Cave GDD101	Reams Cave TMN111 ^P
Blue Crystal Well TCN1	Gary Self Cave AJK290	Lost Mule Pit ^P TMN144	Reams Pit TMN112 ^P
Borderline Cave AJK831	Geiger Cave AJK459 (all entrances incl. Houston Hollow Ent) ^P	Lost Pig Cave TMN20	Rebel Cave TN
Blowing Spg#2/Chelsea Gulf GKH54	Goffton Ghyll TPU334	Lumber Yard Cave TWR305	Roaring Rapids Pit TMN66
Boxcar Cave GDD69	Graham Cove Cave AJK1993	Lusk Double Pot AJK668 ^P	Robertson Cave ACA15
Brownfield Pit AJK2489 ^P	Grassy Cove SLP Cave TCD6 ^S	Main Well TMN342 ^S	Rockeater Pit ADK750 ^P
Browns Cave ADK1868	Greenhouse Cave TCB133	Manitou Cave ADK13 ^P	Rousseau Well AJK1184
Bulldog Cave GDD139	Gross Hole AJK1278	Matthew Sink GWK133 ^P	Russell Cave AJK169 ^F
Cairn Blowhole AJK2290 ^P	Guess Creek Cave AJK593	McAllister Sink Cave AJK285	Sans Souci Cave AMG10
Canyon Cave AJK1000	Guntersville Cavern AMS38	McClungs Hole ABA1115	Salt River Cave TFR23
Carter Saltpeter Cave TCR1	Hairy Pit/Flowing Spg Cave AK847	McGee Cave Tjf66	Scott Cave AMD58
Catfish Cave ABA640	Hall Cave TDK17	Meeks Triple Well AMD4000 ^P	Sand Mountain Cave TCO6
Cave of the Domes TCN41	Halls Pit AJK1152 ^P	Mega Well AJK2310 ^P	Serendipity Pit TCD123
Cedar Creek Cave TGN3	Hambrick Sinks Cave AJK1600	Melton Hole TCN18 ^P	Sinkhole TMN121 ^P
Chapel Cave AMG208	Hang 'Em High Cave TMN350 ^S	Merrill Cave AMS186	Spider Cave GGO372
Conasters Well TFE265 ^P	Hardins/Junkyard Cave TDA10	Mikes Wolf Cave AMG203	Springhill SLP Cave TAN3
Crownover SLP Cave TFR6	Harrison Spring Cave TBE23	Mill Cave TCD9	Stamps Pit TPU56
Dancing Fern Cave TMN 8	Honey Run SLP Cave TRB7	Minnie Pit TMN279	Steve's Pit AJK954
Dark Well AJK1945	Honeycutt Cave TMN16 ^P	Montague Cave AJK379 ^P	Stolen Well AJK1518
Daves Double Drop AJK2080	Honeycutt Pit TMN17 ^P	Mystery Falls THM8^P	Summers Pit AJK1513 ^P
Davis Cove Cave AJK1518	House of Happiness Cave AJK974	Neptune SLP Cave TCH4	Swell Well TMN346
Dead Mans Pit GDD31	Hubbard SLP Cave TGD16	Newsome Sinks Area (AL) ^P	The Levels TMN109
Deep Well AJK3550 ^P	Huddleston Hole AJK2179	Nirvana TCD117 ^P	Thunder Maker Cave AJK2413 ^P
Devils Den AJK391 ^P	Hughes Cave AMG157	Not As Deep Well AJK3551 ^P	Tiftonia Pit THM13 ^P
Devils Dungeon AMS564 ^P		Obe Lee Cave TOV25 ^P	Tom Cave AJK274

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Trap Door Pit TFE283^PTrenton Well AJK1400^P

Trillium Cave TCD105

Twenty Three Dollar Pit AJK996^P

Underwood Shine Cave TWR302

Vast Caverns AJK1860^PWalking Fern AJK1598^P

Walnut Cave AMS321

Walrus Pot AJK2000

Watery Cave AL1667

Weigand Pit AJK281^P

Wet Cave TFR30

Wildman Cove Cave TMN76^P

Will Stone Cave TMR9

Wolf Cave AMG192

Wonder Cave TGD30^PYoungs Pit TCN29^P

Caves Closed During Hunting Season

2015-16 Deer Hunting Seasons

TN: Turkey Apr 2—May 15

AL: Turkey Mar 15—Apr 30

GA: Turkey Mar 26—May 15

Hunting Season & Wildlife Management Information

Tennessee: www.state.tn.us/twra/wildlife.html

Alabama: <http://www.outdooralabama.com/>

Georgia: www.georgiawildlife.com

Tennessee caves closed during hunting season

Animal Farm Cave (TN) - Closed during hunting season. At other times, personal permission from the landowner, Mr. Cardin, is necessary. DO NOT access ANY caves on the property without landowner consent.

Blowing Springs Cave (TN) - The Wicked Splendor entrance is closed during hunting season.

Conley Hole (TN) - Closed during hunting season. At other times, ask permission to park from landowner at bottom.

England Cove Area (TN) - Closed during hunting season. Gated area. This area includes Skagnasty Cave. Contact Jerrell Killian of the Upper Cumberland Grotto for access info.

Fiery Top Drop (TN) - Closed during hunting season.

Hermit Cave (TN) - Closed during hunting season. Landowner permission required at other times. Roy Smith: 423-837-7514.

Keystone River Cave (TN) - Closed during hunting season. Contact Daniel Titus for access information: 931-686-2768.

Martin Springs High Hole - Closed during hunting season. Contact owner Stan Sewell at stan@battlecreekpowersports.com at other times. You'll need to sign a release form and drop it by his place of business, Battle Creek Power Sports on Hwy 28 in Jasper, before going.

Solution Rift (TN) - Closed during hunting season. Landowner permission required at other times. Roy Smith: 423-837-7514.

Wicked Splendor Cave (TN) - The Wicked Splendor entrance of Blowing Spring Cave is closed during hunting season.

Alabama caves closed during hunting season

Antler Pit (AL)

Big Coon Valley (AL) - Avoid this area during hunting season - much of the Big Coon area is controlled by hunting clubs. Some caves in Big Coon Valley, such as Iliad, Odyssey, Iron Hoop and Elmo's, are in Skyline WMA and are open during hunting season. Be careful not to trespass on private property to access these caves.

Birthday Pit (AL) - Owner permission required at other times.

Bluff River Cave (AL) - Closed during hunting season. No permission necessary at other times. Do not block the road or park on or near the curve.

Bucks Pocket Cave (AL)

Coronation Drop (AL) - Owner permission required at other times.

Crackerjack Cave (AL) - Closed during hunting season. At other times, contact the owner who lives nearby.

Diggins Pit (AL)

Fargo Well (AL) - Closed during hunting season. This also applies to nearby Wils Welsh Well and Water Well. At other times, ask permission from the Proctor family below the caves.

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Greens Well (AL) - Closed during hunting season: Sept - May. Permission required at other times. Contact Tony Andreoni: 256-881-1962.

Guffey Cave (AL) - Closed during hunting season. Gated. Landowner permission required at other times. Contact Dan Harbin: 256-878-9489.

Guys Cave (AL) - Closed during hunting season. Landowner permission required at other times. Contact Scott Edens: 423-322-9371.

Halls Pit (AL) - Closed during hunting season. Permission required. Owner allows very limited visitation.

Lamons Cave (AL) - Closed during hunting season. Contact the Huntsville Grotto for access at other times.

Nasal Cavity (AL)

No Turkey for Jerry Pit (AL)

Old Blowing Cave (AL)

Pretty Well (AL) - Closed during hunting season. DO NOT park on the road below the cave. Use the SCCi parking for Limrock Blowing Cave.

Richard O'Hara's Bloody Elbow Cave (AL)

Roaring River Area (AL) - Closed during hunting season. Permission required. This area includes Roaring River Cave, Skylight Cave and others. Please contact Andrew Monaghan for permission at other times: cheaha@gmail.com.

Roaring River Cave (AL) - Closed during hunting season. See Roaring River Area for details.

Skylight Cave (AL) - Closed during hunting season. See Roaring River Area for details.

Summers Double Pot (AL) - Landowner permission required at other times. Call Linda Payne for access: 256-663-0817.

23 Dollar Pit (and other pits on hillside) (AL) - Closed during hunting season. Permission required. Owner allows very limited visitation.

War Eagle (AL) - Closed during hunting season and from Oct 1—Feb 31 (squirrel season)

Wash Pot (AL) - Closed during hunting season.

Water Well (AL) - Closed during hunting season. This also applies to nearby Fargo Well and Wils Welsh Well. At other times, ask permission from the Proctor family below the caves.

Wils Welsh Well (AL) - Closed during hunting season. This also applies to nearby Fargo Well and Water Well. At other times, ask permission from the Proctor family below the caves.

Special Access Caves

Pigeon Mountain Permit (GORP)

All activity in Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA (including caving) requires the purchase of a Georgia Outdoor Recreational Pass (GORP).

Visit <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/> for more info.

Bat Hibernation Season in TAG

Normally between September—early April; however, seasons can be shorter for some areas/caves. Take care not to disturb any hibernaculum when entering caves during these months.

Anvil Cave (AL) - Bluff entrance accessible from Flint Creek is still open. All other entrances are closed.

Anderson Spring Cave (GA) – GORP required for all caves in Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA. Cave can be accessed from the top of the mountain down Rape Gap. DO NOT access from the private property at bottom.

Bishop Cave (TN) - Contact Paul Snook for access info: 615-944-5669. DO NOT try to contact the owners.

Blue Spring Cave (TN) – Gated. Contact owner Lonnie Carr for permission and access: 931-761-2704.

Bowling Cave (AL) – Permission required.

Bugger Hole (TN) - Release form required. Visitors can stop by the house, or call in advance and owners will place a form in the mailbox: Beecher & Bobby Huff, 3972 Wolf River Loop, Paul Mall, TN 931-879-5314.

Buggytop Cave (TN) - The state of Tennessee is allowing access to caves on state land on a permit basis. Contact South Cumberland State Park for details. DO NOT enter Buggytop or any other caves within the park boundaries without the proper permit and authorization.

Cagles Chasm (TN) - Closed after dark. A hunting club leases the land and has posted No Trespassing signs; however, cavers are allowed to walk the trail directly to the cave. Cavers must be off the mountain before dark. DO NOT stop to bond with the dogs in the kennel.

Camps Gulf Cave (TN) - The state of Tennessee is allowing access to caves on state land on a permit basis. Contact Falls Creek Falls State Park for details. DO NOT enter Camps Gulf or any other caves within the park boundaries without the proper permit and authorization.

Case Cave (GA) – Permit required. Gated. Closed January, February, March, May, August, November, and December. Reservations can be made for Case and Sittons Cave up to 11 months in advance by calling Cloudland Canyon SP. Permit and vehicle registration must be completed at the park office prior to entry. Caves are open Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday of each week with a 12 person maximum. Cavers must enter before 2:00 PM and exit 30 minutes before sundown. Cloudland Canyon SP: 706-657-4050.

Cedar Ridge Crystal Cave (TN) - Gated. Contact the Chattanooga Grotto to arrange access.

Climax Cave (GA) - Closed on Sundays. A signed release form must be dropped it off at the owners house before going into the cave. There is no longer a gate in the Sand Crawl. There have been reports of Histoplasmosis from trips going into South Climax.

Cripps Mill Cave (TN) - Large bat population present. Avoid entering Oct through May.

Cuyler Cave (TN) - The Blowing Cave entrance (E2) is closed. The Byrd entrance is open, but requires a release form from owner, Agnus Caughorn: 865-453-8887.

Doodlebug Cave (AL) - Access horizontal (lower) entrance only. Pit entrance is on an adjacent property and is closed.

Dry Cave (TN) - Landowner permission required. This applies for nearby Yates Cave as well: Jeff Yates (615) 512-2510.

Dry Creek Cave (AL) – Owner permission required.

Eblens Cave (TN) - Contact East Tennessee Grotto at least two weeks in advance for access. DO NOT try to contact the landowner directly. POC: James Lewis 865-483-5880.

Ellisons Cave (GA) - GORP required for all caves in Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA. Designated camp area located 1/3 mile away on Blue Hole Road. DO NOT camp at trail head parking lot (Blue Hole Kiosk). Do not stash or leave ropes rigged in the cave. Complete required cave use card at the Blue Hole Kiosk for all Ellison's entrances.

Eudy Cave (AL) – Permission required.

Flowing Stone Cave (GA) - GORP required for all caves in Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA. DO NOT trespass inside the chain link fence around the quarry or other private property below the cave. Complete required cave use card at the kiosk just inside the main DNR gate.

Floyds Pit (TN) – Permission required. Contact Robby Black: cavecrew@blomand.net.

The Gouffre (TN) - Landowner permission required. The cave is WNS positive. Please decontaminate your gear and clothing before and after visiting this cave. Contact Hank Kemmer: 931-335-5678

Graves Cave (AL) - Gated. Contact the Birmingham Grotto for access. Lock combination is changed monthly. Birmingham Grotto: Tony: 256-550-1159, Dave: 205-616-1490, Scott: 205-914-7487.

Grindstone Cave (TN) – Landowner permission required. Contact Michael Hills: 423-987-3993 or mike@hiddenhillsfarm.com.

Gross Skeleton Cave (AL) - Permission required. Access upper entrance only. Reservation must be made in advance by calling ahead. Group must be led by an NSS member. The owner of the bottom entrance, Mr. Weeks, (256-572-9461) has allowed cavers to hike, but not drive vehicles, through his property. Upper entrance contact Ken Albrecht 1044 Co. Rd 77, Scottsboro, AL 35768 - 256-698-6042 kjalbrecht49@gmail.com.

Haggard Cave (TN) - Landowner permission required. Call landowner, Hank Lee 423-837-5709, prior to visiting cave for directions. Suggested cavers park in his drive instead of along the paved road.

Hering Cave (AL) – Park along the road near the cave. DO NOT park at the nearby Church.

Kenamer Cave (AL) - SCCi property. Permit required. A new gate has been placed on the road leading to the cave and an SCCi permit is required for access.

Kingston SLP Cave (GA) - Owned by a private foundation and administered by the NSS. It cannot be accessed without crossing gated private property. Contact NSS member Larry Blair for information.

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- Lost Creek Cave (TN)** - The state of Tennessee is allowing access to caves on state land on a permit basis. Contact Falls Creek Falls State Park for details. DO NOT enter Rumbling Falls or any other caves within the park boundaries without the proper permit and authorization.
- Lowry Cave (TN)** - Gray Bat hibernaculum. DO NOT enter during winter hibernation season.
- Mink Cave (AL)** - Permission required. Contact owner Ken Albrecht for access: 1044 Co. Rd 77, Scottsboro, AL 35768 256-259-0744.
- Morrel Cave (TN)** - Gated. The owner charges \$5.00 a head for parking and requires release forms.
- Nash Waterfall Cave/Pit (GA)** - GORP required for all caves in Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA.
- Nunley Mountain Cave System/Maria Angela Grotto (TN)** - The owner is allowing limited pre-arranged trips. You MUST contact Julianne Ramsey for her permission prior to going to this cave: jpr3e3@gmail.com.
- Pettijohns Cave (GA)** - GORP required for all caves in Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA.
- Rumbling Falls Cave (TN)** - The state of Tennessee is allowing access to caves on state land on a permit basis. Contact Falls Creek Falls State Park for details. DO NOT enter Rumbling Falls or any other caves within the park boundaries without the proper permit and authorization.
- Sheldon's Cave (AL)** - Accessible year round unless hunters are present (near Christmas & New Year's). Park along the paved road and walk through the field. DO NOT drive through the field. A No Trespassing sign has been placed on the gate entering the field.
- Shelta Cave (AL)** - NSS owned. Gated. Contact Bill Torode of Huntsville, AL to arrange access.
- Signal Light Pit (TN)** - Park at the fireworks store and walk the extra 5 minutes to the cave.
- Sittons Cave (GA)** - Permit required. Closed January, February, March, May, August, November, December. Reservations can be made for Sittons and Case Cave up to 11 months in advance by calling Cloudland Canyon SP. Permit and vehicle registration must be completed at the park office prior to entry. Caves are open Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday of each week with a 12 person maximum. Cavers must enter before 2:00 PM and exit 30 minutes before sundown. Cloudland Canyon SP: 706-657-4050.
- Student Park Cave (TN)** - Landowner permission required. Contact owner Michael Hillis for access: 423-236-2785 mhillis@southern.edu.
- Talley Cave (AL)** - Permission required. The ladder has been removed, so it is now a vertical cave. Contact cave manager, Brad Barker, for access: 706-766-5158 zero22884@gmail.com.
- Talucah Cave (AL)** - Permission required. Contact Greg Henderson for access: 2236 Talucah Rd, Valhermosa Springs, AL 35775 205-778-9290. Show him your NSS Card. Use only the main entrance.
- Tumbling Rock Cave (AL)** - SCCi property. Gated, generally accessible on Saturdays and Sundays. Contact the property manager for details prior to your trip: tumblingrock@scci.org.
- Ulla Cave (GA)** – GORP required for all caves in Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA. Gated. Reservation required - Limited to 12 visitors per day. Instructions for application: Go to the Georgia DNR website (www.georgiawildlife.com). Type ULLA in the *Search This Site* field in the and click the *WMA Recreational Use Request* link to view the application form. Complete all the required fields and submit the form. Authorization to visit the cave will be sent by email and can take up to 72 hours. All visitors will be required to check-in at the kiosk located next to Dougherty Gap Road in the head of the cove. Be aware that the cave sometimes sumps near the entrance, 14 feet below the nearby creek bed. Heavy rain will flood passage for long periods of time. Use caution and planning when visiting Ulla Cave.
- Vernal Well and Vinson Cave (AL)** - Landowner permission required. Please contact the owner, Dan Brown, before entering any cave on this property: 121 Black Hawk Rd.
- War Eagle Pit (AL)** - Closed during hunting season and from Oct 1—Feb 31 (squirrel season). Open all other times.
- Welch Bowling Cave (TN)** - Limited access. Respect elderly owner's preference for privacy and minimize disturbance. Contact local caver, Robert Oakes, to arrange access. This applies to the main entrance and the Ritter Trax entrance: roakes@blomand.net.
- Wynne Cave and Wynne Pit (AL)** - Landowner permission required. Mr. Wynne Hamrick requests that cavers ask his permission before visiting the caves on his property. He lives in the house below the caves. If he is not home, please come back another time.
- Xanadu Cave (TN)** - Gated. Contact Chris Kerr for access. He is listed in the NSS Membership Manual.
- Yates Cave (TN)** - Landowner permission required. This applies for nearby Dry Cave as well: Jeff Yates (615) 512-2510.
- Yankee Hole (TN)** - Please contact owner prior to visiting: Dan Curtis 9691 Highway 96, Murfreesboro, TN (615) 895-6927.
- Yell Cave (TN)** - Landowner permission required. Closed April 1 to Sept 1 while the Gray Bat maternity colony is in the cave. The cave is also the landowner's water supply and permission is required to visit the cave Sept 2 to Mar 31 when the bats are not present. Contact cave managers, Lynn or Brian Roebuck for access information: Lynn Roebuck pretzlgirl@charter.net, Brian Roebuck solow@charter.net.

SCCi Managed Caves in TAG

The following caves are owned, leased, or managed by the Southeastern Cave Conservancy (SCCi) and are considered protected natural habitat preserves. Please request all applicable permits and follow all SCCi regulations when visiting these properties. Visit the SCCi website for details: <http://www.scci.org/>. (*see Special Access section)

Anderson Cave (AL)	Horse Skull Cave (AL)	Lost Canyon Cave (GA)	South Pittsburg Pit (TN)
Fern Cave (AL) - Surprise Ent.	Howard's Waterfall Cave (GA)	Neversink (AL)	Stephens Gap Cave (AL)
Fox Mountain Preserve (GA)	Hubbards Cave (TN)	Rattling Cave (TN)	Steward Spring Cave (AL)
Frick's Cave (GA)	Hurricane Cave (GA)	Rawhide Horror Hole (TN)	Tumbling Rock Cave (AL)*
Glove Pit (AL)	Johnsons Crook Cave (GA)	Run to the Mill Cave (TN)	Valhalla (AL)
Gourdneck Cave (TN)	Kenamer Cave (AL)*	Sinking Cove Area (TN)	Varnedoe Cave (AL)
Holly Creek Cave (TN)	Limrock Blowing Cave (AL)	Snail Shell Cave (TN)	Wolf River Cave (TN)

Sensitive & Closed Areas to Avoid

Brady Mountain Caves (TN) - CLOSED by owner. These caves include Nirvana and Serendipity.

Bull Cave (TN) - CLOSED per WNS. DO NOT attempt to access. Trespassers will be prosecuted. When open, park permission is required.

Gaines Cove (TN) - CLOSED by owner. The family that owns the land entering Gaines Cove has asked that cavers refrain from gaining access through their property. This includes Go Hole, Ho Hole, Snake Well, Battle Creek Horror Hole, Eureka Pit, Curry's Chasm, and many others. There is now a locked gate on the road leading up the mountain. Please respect the owners and avoid this area.

Lookout Mountain (GA & TN) - All caves within the National Park Service boundary on Lookout Mountain are CLOSED. This includes: Battlefield Pits 1 & 2; Chambliss Cave; Twenty Seven Spider Cave; Whiteside Well; and others within the park boundaries.

Newsome Sinks Area (AL) - CLOSED area. This area is an endangered species habitat and the penalties for trespassing are severe. Caves in this area include: Mikes Wolf Cave, Peterson's Pit, Sycamore Cave, Hughes Cave, Rabbit Cave, and Chapel Cave.

Procession Mountain Caves (AL) - CLOSED by owner. These caves include Procession Pit, Blackwood Pit, and all over caves on Procession Mountain.

Other Areas of Concern to Cavers

Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA (GA): ALL activity in/on Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA (including caving) requires the purchase of a Georgia Outdoor Recreational Pass (GORP). Forest Rangers are no longer giving out warnings — you WILL be fined if you enter the WMA without a pass. 3-day, annual, and group passes are available. Caves in the WMA include favorites such as: Ellison's, Ulla, Four Kings, Anderson Spring, Flowing Stone, Richard's, Dragfold, and Pettyjohns. You can purchase a GORP on the Georgia DNR website or by calling 1-800-366-2661. Visit <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/> for more info.

Jacobs Mountain (AL): Part of Skyline WMA. No permission is needed to visit caves at any time; gates are open only from Oct 1 thru May 1 each year. Portions of Skyline WMA may be closed for turkey population studies through spring of 2015. Visit the [Outdoor Alabama](http://www.outdooralabama.com/) website for road closure updates. The northern third of the property (including Halleys Hole) is owned by the Federal Government and is considered closed due to WNS concerns.

Whitesides Mountain (NC): The western half of the south face of Whiteside Mountain (which includes the Cavers Rappel) is closed to climbing and rappelling January 15th through August 15th annually. For updates on the closure, refer to the Carolina Climbers Coalition website: <http://www.carolinaclimbers.org/>. Click on [Climbing Areas > Whitesides Mountain](#) at the top.

Relevant Abbreviations

DNR—Department of Natural Resources
 FWLT— Forever Wild Land Trust
 USFWS—U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
 GORP—Georgia Outdoor Recreational Pass
 NA—Natural Area
 NSS—National Speleological Society
 SCCi—Southeastern Cave Conservancy Inc.
 SLP—Saltpeter (Cave)
 SP—State Park
 TVA—Tennessee Valley Authority
 USFWS—United States Fish & Wildlife Service
 WFF—Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries
 WMA—Wildlife Management Area (usually State land)
 WNS—White Nose Syndrome

Red Underline Text indicates recently updated information.

Emergency Services


In the event that it becomes necessary to initiate a cave rescue, **call 911 as quickly as possible.**

Explain to the operator that this is a technical cave rescue and provide the following information: name of cave; general location, if possible (county, town, WMA, park, preserve, street, address, etc.); extent of injuries, if known; name, gender, age of injured person(s); your name and callback number.

In most situations someone on the trip ends up calling a rescue squad member directly; however, no official contact number is active. No official rescue personnel are authorized to respond until invited by local law enforcement or 911 operator. Once a rescue is initiated, the Incident Command Structure will take effect.

This list does not include every closed cave in TAG. It is compiled and updated to the best of our knowledge. There are many other caves that are closed during hunting seasons and by landowner request. Contact local cavers for information about caves in your area before attempting to visit them. We welcome you to pass this list along to others—but please keep it intact.

Your feedback and help is an important part in maintaining the accuracy of this information. Contact us with any updates, questions, suggestions, or concerns regarding this list.

 Join the [TAG Closed Caves and Cave Access](#) group on Facebook Or Email us at tagclosedcaves@gmail.com to post updates and view the latest list.



Thank you and safe caving.