

TOUR INFORMATION

Always a comfortable 64°F, the cavern offers a level and easy walk through one of nature's wonders.

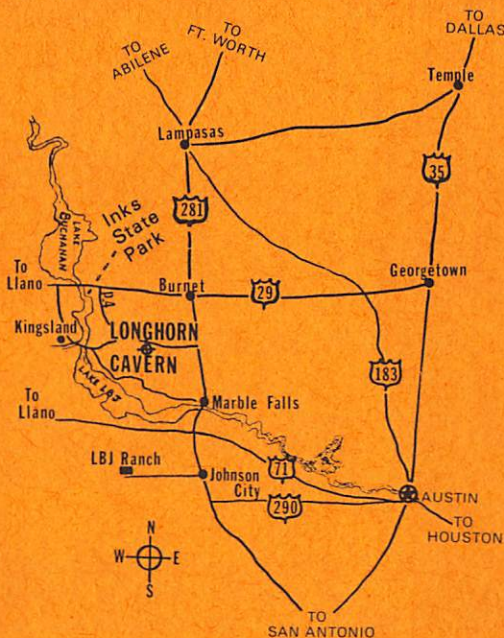
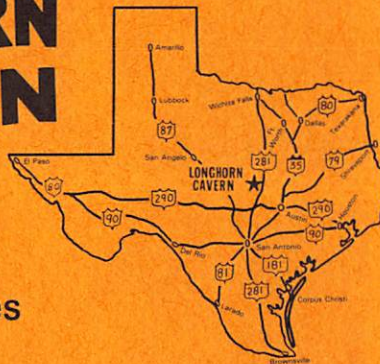
Tour length is approx. 1hr. and 25 min. and 1 1/4 mile round trip.

All tours are guided.

For your safety and comfort low heel shoes, with rubber soles, recommended.

LONGHORN CAVERN

ON PARK ROAD 4,
JUST SIX MILES
OFF US 281
NESTLED IN THE
SCENIC
Highland Lakes
AND NEAR THE
LBJ RANCH



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call
Tour Info. (512) 756-6976
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or write to:
Longhorn Cavern State Park
Route 2, Box 23
Burnet, Texas 78611

SUMMER TOUR HOURS:
Memorial Day thru Labor Day
every day
10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

WINTER TOUR HOURS:
Labor Day thru Memorial Day
Mon.-Fri.
10-1-3
Sat. and Sun.
10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
Closed Mon. and Tues.
Oct.-Feb.

LONGHORN CAVERN

STATE
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THE PARK

Longhorn Cavern State Park is located approx. 6 miles west and 6 miles south of Burnet, Texas on Park Road 4, off U. S. 281.

Longhorn Cavern was dedicated a state park in 1932 and a registered natural landmark, by the Department of Interior, in 1971. Most of the park improvements were done by the C.C.C., (Civilian Conservation Corp) who's handiwork can still be seen in the park today. The park covers 637 acres of scenic and rugged hill country in the heart of the Highland Lakes. Longhorn Cavern is just a 10 min. drive from Inks Lake State Park and a 45 min. drive from L.B.J. Ranch.

HISTORY

Fossil remains indicate that the cavern had a variety of animals that lived inside. Others, such as large beast of prey, used the cavern as a refuge in which to devour their prey. The presence of broken bones, flintchips; and spear and arrow-heads, suggests that the cavern was used, at least temporarily, by man.



DANCE HALL—NIGHTCLUB EARLY 1930's

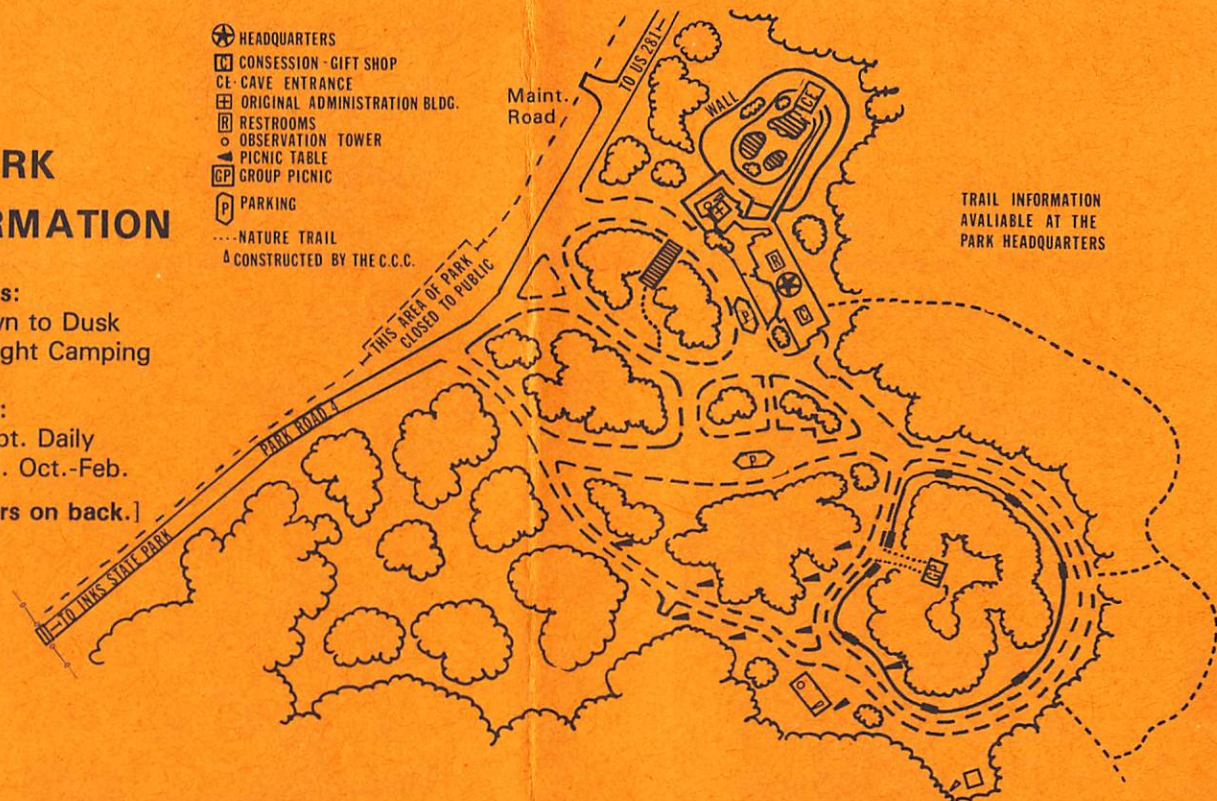
In more recent history the cavern was used as a confederate stronghold where gunpowder was secretly manufactured during the Civil War. The cavern was also rumored to have been a hideout by many desperados, including the legendary Texas outlaw Sam Bass. After the turn of the century the cavern was used as a meeting place for many of the Burnet-Llano county residents. This meeting place included a dance hall, nightclub, and restaurant.

PARK INFORMATION

Park Hours:
From Dawn to Dusk
No Overnight Camping

Park Days:
March-Sept. Daily
Wed.-Sun. Oct.-Feb.

[Tour Hours on back.]



NATURAL HISTORY

Longhorn Cavern is located in Backbone Ridge, which is a huge piece of Ellenburger Limestone formed by a shallow sea over 450 million years ago.

Through the following years this limestone was subject to great upheavals, climate variations, and the rise and fall of three more shallow seas. Longhorn Cavern is evidence of these great changes.

The cavern was first formed when the ground levels of water began to drop. As this downward movement occurred the water began to dissolve the limestone. This downward drainage continued until great underground streambeds were cut out of solid rock. It is this unusual combination of dissolving and cutting by water that makes Longhorn Cavern one of the most unique caverns of the world.

NEAR BY POINTS OF INTEREST

Located in the heart of the Highland Lakes, Longhorn Cavern is just 15 min. from 4 different lakes and friendly communities. Burnet, Buchanan Dam, Kingsland, and Marble Falls, all offer many modern motels and lodges for the weary traveler. Also excellent opportunities in camping, fishing, and hunting, are in the area.

Nearby parks include Inks Lake, Enchanted Rock, Pedernales Falls, and the L.B.J. Ranch.

PARK FEATURES

Besides adventures in history and nature the park also features;

Gift Shop
Snack Bar
Picnic Area
Trails

Scenic Park

Many Fine Souvenirs
Drinks and Sandwiches
Shaded Picnic Tables
½ mi. Nature Trail
1½ mi. Hiking Trail
Oak-Juniper Hill Country