

Lost River Cave Boat Tour Safety and Accessibility Information

For individuals with or without disabilities who would prefer to experience the cave tour above ground there is free audio-visual materials available at the Visitors Center.

Be Aware:

- The underground boat tour is 45 minutes, with a 20 minute guided walk to the cave entrance and a 25 minute ride on the boat through the cave.
- The path to the cave's entrance is on a 30 degree slope descending towards the cave. One must ascend the same 30 degree slope upon completion of the tour.
- The tour will negotiate 15 steps, with as many as 12 in a single staircase along the guided walk. It is possible to take part in the tour with as few as 3 stairs.
- When the tour arrives at the cave entrance, guests navigate 3 steps to the pre-boarding area for instructions and a flotation device.
- Guests then descend a 40 degree ramp leading them to the steel-grated boat dock.
- Boarding the boat requires that visitors step down into the well of the boat; it will rock and sway as the balance is upset by the movement of passengers and the river current.
- The water depth is 4 and 5 feet along the tour route.
- On the boat tour, there is an area where the ceiling of the cave is very low. At this point, individuals in the boat bend forward (neck to knee) as the boat passes into AND out of the cave.
- In the extremely rare event that a person finds them self out of the boat, it will be necessary to maneuver through the water.
- Upon request, vehicles will be allowed to drive to the cave's entrance at certain times of the day.

Due to the natural environmental and unalterable properties of the cave's passageways, the inherent risks of a cave boat tour, and other possible elements of risk that exist, it must be understood that those taking the boat tour are doing so at their own risk.