



Carlsbad Caverns National Park Trip Assistant

How Much Time?

Time spent here almost entirely depends on what tours you want to take and ultimately what ones you're able to reserve. I'd recommend them all, but Slaughter Canyon Cave and Hall of the White Giant were my favorites.

Need to Know

- To enter the park and complete the self-guided cave tour through the Natural Entrance you must secure a **Timed-Entry Permit** (it does not include the park entrance fee).
- Guided **cave tours** also require reservations.
- Reservations are not required for Bat Flight Programs, which typically begin in May, but it depends on the bats.

Maps

Carlsbad Caverns National Park Map: **PDF** | **JPG**
Cave: **PDF** | **JPG**

Google Map w/ Attractions

All 63 National Parks Map: **PDF** | **JPG**
Southern National Park Service Units Map: **PDF** | **JPG**

Highlights

Carlsbad Caverns
Slaughter Canyon Cave
Walnut Canyon Drive
Rattlesnake Springs



Favorite Trails

There are a few trails, but you'll find more exciting hiking nearby at White Sands

or Guadalupe Mountains national parks or Lincoln National Forest.

Activities

Cave Tours

Caving
Hiking
Backpacking
Stargazing

See this [Google Map](#) for pins to favorite attractions. Most of the attractions are underground! There are no in-park campgrounds or lodges. You will find more in Whites City and Carlsbad or nearby at Guadalupe Mountains National Park.

Road Trip

Here's a [Google Map](#) to help plan road trips from the east (Hot Springs), north (Great Sand Dunes), west (White Sands), and south (Guadalupe Mountains). It's a good start, but I'd highly recommend making your own.

There's much more to our country. Here's another [Google Map](#) with points of interest across all types of public land.

For campers, here's a [Google Map](#) with National Forest campgrounds. National Park campgrounds are difficult to reserve (there are about 200!). With nearly 5,000 national forest campgrounds, you can usually pull in and find a spot.

Highlights

[Palo Duro Canyon SP](#) (TX)

[Rio Grande Gorge Bridge](#) (NM)

[\(Rio Grande del Norte NM\)](#)

[Bandalier NM](#) (NM)

[Valles Caldera NP](#) (NM)

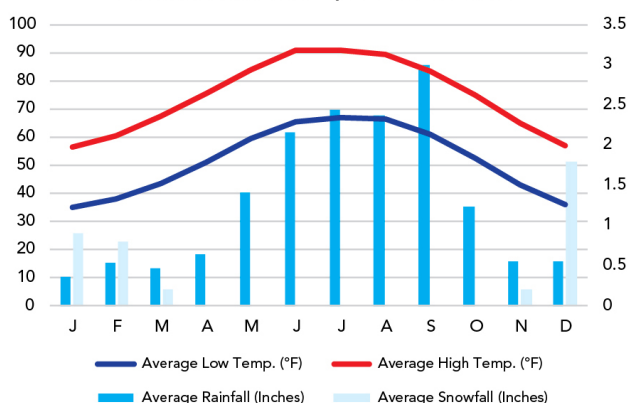
[Valley of Fires](#) (NM)

[Sunspot Solar Observatory](#)
[\(Lincoln National Forest\)](#)

When To Go

Weather

Carlsbad Caverns: 4,434 ft Elevation



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