



Carlsbad Cavern Tours

Self-guiding Trails:

Big Room Route
1.25 miles (2km), 1½ hours
easy to moderate

Natural Entrance Route
1.25 miles (2km), 1 hour
steep and strenuous

Ranger-guided Tour:

King's Palace Tour
1 mile (1.6km), 1½ hours
easy to moderate

Cave tour routes wind through the chambers of Carlsbad Cavern, shown in the illustration above. Public tours view only part of the cave. Beyond these passages are more underground rooms,

many of them just as exquisitely decorated. Altogether over 30 miles of passages have been explored. The deepest chamber is 1,037 feet (316 meters) below the surface.