

# DCG TAG Closed Cave and Cave Access List

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Please share this information with all your caving friends!

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<http://www.dogwoodcitygrotto.org/ccl.html>

## 2011-2012 Deer Hunting Seasons

TN: Sep 24 – Jan 8 AL: Oct 15 – Jan 31 GA: Sep 10 – Jan 1

## Pigeon Mountain WMA Permit Now Required!!!

All activity on Pigeon Mountain (including caving) now requires the possession of a “Georgia Outdoor Recreational Pass” which must be obtained online or by phone well before your visit. Annual passes are \$19, but other options are available. See <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/Georgia-Outdoor-Recreational-Pass> for more information.

## SPECIAL NOTICE: WHITE NOSE SYNDROME

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has recommended a **voluntary** moratorium, effective immediately, on **all caving activity** in states known to have hibernacula affected by WNS, and all adjoining states, unless conducted as part of an agency-sanctioned research or monitoring project. **This includes Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia.** The SCCI has officially closed access to some of its caves in Tennessee, as well as Fern Cave (Surprise Pit) and Anderson Cave in Alabama. A special permit policy has been developed for the remaining preserves. All caves in the Southern Region of the U.S. Forest Service are closed. The State of Tennessee has closed **ALL** caves on state land. This includes State parks, forests, TVA land and Wildlife Management areas. The Nature Conservancy has followed suit. Closed caves include favorites such as Rumbling Falls Cave and Camps Gulf Cave. Most Alabama and Georgia state-owned caves will remain open for visitation, but clean caving and a reduced amount of visitation has been requested.

For the most up-to-date information, go here: <http://www.caves.org/WNS> or <http://www.scci.org>

## Closed Caves

The following caves are closed! Please go somewhere else.

GDD153	Afterbirth Cave	AJK392	Four Wells	GWK133	Matthew Sink
THM26	Airplane Cave	TVB144	Fox Hole	AJK285	McAllister Sink Cave
ADK1891	A. J. Cave	GWK14	Fricks Cave (WNS)	ABA1115	McClungs Hole
ADK781	Allen Switch Cave	TBE6	Friddle Cave	TJF66	McGee Cave
ASH357	Anderson Cave (WNS)	AJK290	Gary Self Cave	AMS186	Merrill Cave
GDD99	Arm Pit #2	TPU334	Goffton Ghyll	AMG203	Mikes Wolf Cave
AJK1033	Balcony Sink	AJK1993	Graham Cove Cave	TCD9	Mill Cave
TBD10	Barbecue Pit	TCD6	Grassy Cove Slp. Cave (WNS)	AJK2310	Mega Well
ABA14	Bangor Cave	TCB133	Greenhouse Cave	TCN18	Melton Hole
GDD23	Baxter Cave	AJK1278	Gross Hole	AJK379	Montague Cave
AJK413	Bell Spring Cave	AMS38	Guntersville Cavern	TCH4	Neptune Saltpeter Cave
TMU1	Benderman Cave	AJK847	Hairy Pit/Flowing Spring Cave		Newsome Sinks Area (AL)
TMN197	Bicentennial Cave	TDK17	Hall Cave	TCD117	Nirvana
TVB1	Big Bone Cave (WNS)	AJK1600	Hambrick Sinks Cave	AJK2697	Obscure Magnificence
TCN1	Blue Crystal Well	TDA10	Hardins/Junkyard Cave (WNS)	TRB11	Old Mill Cave
AJK831	Borderline Cave	TBE23	Harrison Spring Cave	AJK2569	Pauls Cave/The Cataract
GKH54	Blowing Springs #2/Chelsea Gulf	TRU8	Herring Cave	TPU305	Patriot Pit
GDD69	Boxcar Cave	TWY7	Holley Creek Cave (WNS)	GWK89	Peacock Cave
ADK1868	Browns Cave	TRB7	Honey Run Saltpeter Cave	AJK581	Peacock Cave
GDD139	Bulldog Cave	TMN16	Honeycutt Cave	GDD61	Pearsons Pit
AJK2290	Cairn Blowhole	TMN17	Honeycutt Pit	AMG191	Petersons Pit
TVB1	Camps Gulf Cave (WNS)	TGD16	Hubbard Slp. Cave (WNS)	TJK32	Pilot Knob Cave
AJK1000	Canyon Cave	AJK2179	Huddleston Hole	GDD359	Poplar Spring Cave
TCR1	Carter Saltpeter Cave	AMG157	Hughes Cave	GDD60	Poplar Springs Pit
ABA640	Catfish Cave	GDD62	Hurricane Cave	AJK	Procession Mtn. Pits
TCN41	Cave of the Domes	AJK2347	Inglis Hollow Cave	TMN129	Pryor Cave Spring
TGN3	Cedar Creek Cave	TCF6	Jarrell's Cave	AMS188	Quarry Cave
AMG208	Chapel Cave	AJK273	Jim Cave	TDK69	Quarry Tube
TMN 8	Dancing Fern Cave	GDD17	Johnsons Crook Cave	AJK669	Rainpot
AJK1945	Dark Well	TSM4	John Fisher Cave	TCO2	Rattling Cave (WNS)
AJK2080	Daves Double Drop	AJK2512	Kaolin Pit	GDD624	Razor Cave
AJK1518	Davis Cove Cave	TMN459	Kelly Chasm	TMN111	Reams Cave
GDD31	Dead Mans Pit	GDD208	Kenimer Pit	TMN112	Reams Pit
AJK391	Devils Den	TSQ15	Keyhole Cave	TMN66	Roaring Rapids Pit
AMS564	Devils Dungeon	TRB10	Kilgore Cave	ACA15	Robertson Cave
AJK2302	DHAN Pit	ADK734	Kudzu Cave	ADK750	Rockeater Pit
AJK731	Dick Cave	AJK1558	Langston Cave	AJK1184	Rousseau Well
TCD18	Dorton Knob Smokehole	AMS319	Ledbetter Cave	TVB588	Rumbling Falls Cave (WNS)
TRN6	Eblen Cave	TOV22	Linder Mountain Cave	TCD62	Run To The Mill Cave
AJK614	Edgefield Cave	TOV120	Lize Still Well	AJK169	Russell Cave
TMN93	Ellis Pit	GDD101	Longs Rock Wall Cave	TFR23	Salt River Cave
AJK266	Engle Double Pit	GDD438	Lost Canyon Cave	AMD58	Scott Cave
AJK1033	Falling Cave	TMN20	Lost Pig Cave	TCO6	Sand Mountain Cave
AJK1302	Falling Spring Cave	TWR305	Lumber Yard Cave	TCD123	Serendipity Pit
AJK597	Fern Cave (WNS)	AJK668	Lusk Double Pot	TMN121	Sinkhole
AJK1737	Fireside Well	TMN342	Main Well	GGO372	Spider Cave

TAN3 Springhill Saltpeter Cave  
TPU56 Stamps Pit  
AJK954 Steves Pit  
AJK1518 Stolen Well  
AJK1513 Summers Pit  
TMN346 Swell Well  
TMN109 The Levels  
THM13 Tiftonia Pit

AJK274 Tom Cave  
AJK1400 Trenton Well  
TCD105 Trillium Cave  
TWR302 Underwood Shine Cave  
AJK1860 Vast Caverns  
AMS321 Walnut Cave  
AJK2000 Walrus Pot  
AL1667 Watery Cave

AJK281 Weigand Pit  
TFR30 Wet Cave  
TMR9 Will Stone Cave  
AMG192 Wolf Cave  
TFE12 Wolf River Cave (WNS)  
AJK615 Wynne Cave  
TCN29 Youngs Pit

### **Special Cave Access and Other Useful Information**

Animal Farm Cave (TN): Personal permission from the landowner, Mr. Cardin, is required to visit. Closed during hunting season.

Antler Pit (AL): Avoid during hunting season.

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

Anderson Spring Cave (GA): Cave is open, but access from the bottom is not. Come in from the top of the mountain down Rape Gap. All caving activity on/under Pigeon Mountain now requires a GORP pass, see <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/Georgia-Outdoor-Recreational-Pass> for more information.

Big Coon Valley (AL): Much of the Big Coon area is controlled by hunting clubs, please avoid this area during hunting season. Some caves in Big Coon Valley (such as Iliad/Odyssey, Iron Hoop and Elmo's Canyon) are on Skyline Wildlife Management Area land. Take care not to trespass on private property in accessing them.

Birthday Pit (AL): Closed during hunting season.

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

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

Blue Springs Cave (TN): Permission and a key from owner Lonnie Carr is required. Contact him at 931-761-2704.

Bowling Cave (AL): Permission required.

Brady Mountain Caves (TN): 1500 acres around Dorton Knob, Nirvana, Serendipity, Run To The Mill, etc. have been closed by the owner. Signs have been posted, but they keep getting torn down. Please avoid this area for the time being.

Bucks Pocket Cave (AL): Closed during hunting season.

Bugger Hole (TN): The landowners, Beecher & Bobbie Huff require visitors to sign a release. Visitors may call in advance and they will put one in the mailbox or one can be obtained by stopping at her house. The address is: 3972 Wolf River Loop, Pall Mall, TN Phone # 931-879-5314

Bull Cave (TN): Park permission is required. Trespassers will be prosecuted. Currently closed due to WNS concerns.

Cagle Chasm (TN): Closed after dark. A hunting club has leased the land and put up No Trespassing signs, but cavers are allowed to walk the trail directly to the pit. Cavers must be off the mountain before dark.

Case Cave (GA): See Sittons Cave below.

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

Charlie Smith's Caves (TN): Closed during hunting season. Contact Charlie's daughter Leann at other times, 423-837-7514.

Climax Cave (GA): You must sign a release form and drop it off at the owners house before going into the cave. There is a gate in the Sand Crawl. The Flint River Grotto is the contact for the key. No caving on Sunday. There have been reports of Histoplasmosis from trips going into South Climax.

Conley Hole (TN): Closed during hunting season.

Coronation Drop (AL): Closed during hunting season.

Crackerjack Cave (AL): Closed during hunting season. When it is not hunting season, you must contact the owner who lives nearby.

Cripps Mill Cave (TN): Large bat population, cave should be avoided October through May.

Cuyler Cave (TN): The Blowing Cave entrance (E2) of Cuyler Cave is closed. The Byrd entrance to Cuyler is open and requires a release form from Agnus Caughorn. Her number is 865-453-8887.

Deep Well (AL): Leased by the SCCi as part of the Long Island Cave Preserve. Please see [www.scci.org](http://www.scci.org) to obtain the required visitation permit. Closed during hunting season.

Diggings Pit: Closed during hunting season.

Doodlebug Cave (AL): A new house has been built back in Fanning Cove (below the cave). Talk to the owner before visiting.

Dry Creek Cave (AL): Permission required.

Eblens Cave (TN): Contact James Lewis of the East Tennessee Grotto at least two weeks in advance for access, 865-483-5880. Please do not try to contact the landowner directly.

Ellisons Cave (GA): On Crockford-Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management area. No camping at trail head parking lot. Designated camp area located 1/3 mile away on Blue Hole Road. No ropes are to be left stashed or rigged in the cave. Cave use cards are to be filled out at the Blue Hole Kiosk for use of any of the Ellisons entrances. All caving activity on/under Pigeon Mountain now requires a GORP pass, see <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/Georgia-Outdoor-Recreational-Pass> for more information.

England Cove Area (TN): This area is gated. Closed during hunting season. Contact Jerrell Killian of the Upper Cumberland Grotto for more info. This area includes Skagnasty Cave.

Eudy Cave (AL): Permission required.

Fargo Well (AL): See access info for Water Well (AL).

Fern Cave (AL): All entrances to Fern Cave (including Surprise Pit) are temporarily closed due to WNS.

Fiery Top Drop (TN): Closed during hunting season, October through January.

Flowing Stone Cave (GA): In Crockford-Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management Area, but do not trespass inside the chain link fence around the quarry or other private property below the cave. Also, you must fill out the required sign-in card at the kiosk just inside the main DNR gate. All caving activity on/under Pigeon Mountain now requires a GORP pass, see <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/Georgia-Outdoor-Recreational-Pass> for more information.

Floyds Pit (TN): Email Robby Black at [cavecrew@blomand.net](mailto:cavecrew@blomand.net) for access information.

Fox Mountain (GA) Caves: Cemetery, Rustys, and Byers Caves are open for visitation, but do NOT park at Sue's Market (Rising Fawn Market). There is a new gravel 100 yards to the south that curves past a trailer to a better parking area. Please use this route coming and going to all Fox Mountain caves. Hurricane Cave is temporarily closed due to an unstable lower entrance. See the SCCI website at <http://www.scci.org> for more information.

Gourdneck Cave (TN): The cave is leased by the Southeastern Cave Conservancy. See the SCCI website at <http://www.scci.org> for access information.

Grassy Cove Saltpeter Cave (TN): The cave is now owned by the State of Tennessee, and is closed due to WNS concerns.

Graves Cave (AL): Gated. For access contact members of the Birmingham Grotto, specifically Tony 256-550-1159, Dave 205-616-1490, or Scott 205-914-7487. The lock is a changeable combination lock like used at Sinking Cove. We plan to change the combination monthly.

Greens Well (AL): Closed during hunting season (September thru May). Contact Mr. Tony Andreoni at 256-881-1962 for access at other times.

Grindstone Cave (TN): Grindstone Cave (TN): Open by permission. Contact owner Michael Hillis at 423-236-2785, or [mhills@southern.edu](mailto:mhills@southern.edu).

Gross Skeleton Cave (AL): Permission required. For permission to enter upper entrance, contact Mr. Ken Albrecht, 1044 County Road 77, Scottsboro, AL 35768 (256-259-0744). Permission will only be granted to groups that call ahead and which are led by an NSS member. The owner of the bottom entrance, Mr. Weeks, does not want people to drive through his property, but has allowed cavers to hike through.

Guess Cave (AL): See Jacobs Mountain Cave Preserve information below. The horizontal entrance is often silted shut, and the vertical entrance requires a low-air-space swim.

Guffey Cave (AL): Gated. Dan Harbin, the landowner can be reached at 256-878-9489. Cave is closed during deer hunting season!

Guys Cave (AL): Closed during deer and turkey season. Permission required from the owner at the end of the road at all other times.

Haggard Cave (TN): Hank Lee (423-837-5709) lives near the cave and suggests that you park in his drive instead of along the paved road. Please call him before visiting for directions.

Halley's Hole (AL): See Jacobs Mountain Cave Preserve information below.

Halls Pit (AL): Closed during hunting season. Owner allows very limited visitation. Contact Tim White at southeast@ncrc.info for access information.

Hang 'Em High Cave (TN): All caves in the Franklin-Marion State Forest are closed due to WNS concerns.

Hardins Junkyard Cave (TN): Leased by the SCCI. Contact Bill Overton at [cavekrazy@aol.com](mailto:cavekrazy@aol.com) for access information. Temporarily closed due to WNS.

Hering Cave (AL): Get permission from owner, Magnolia Woodard.

Hermit Cave (TN): Closed during hunting season. Contact Charlie Smith's daughter Leann at other times, 423-837-7514.

Horse Skull Cave (AL): Owned by the SCCI. The parking area is separately owned by Royce Cornelison, and he wants to be contacted before anyone parks on his property. He can be reached at 423-240-1819, or [royce@pc-const.com](mailto:royce@pc-const.com).

House of Happiness Cave (AL): Gated. The occupants of the nearby house do not have a key. Trips must be prearranged at least one day in advance through the landowner's son. Liability releases are required. Contact Scott Fee ([scottfee@caves.org](mailto:scottfee@caves.org)) for access information.

Hubbards Cave (TN): Access restricted due to presence of Gray Bats and historical artifacts. Contact Tim Curtis of the Spencer Mountain Grotto for details.

Hurricane Cave (GA): The lower entrance is temporarily closed, as a section of the concrete culvert has partially collapsed.

Jacobs Mountain Cave Preserve (AL): The 65+ caves on this property are leased by the Southeastern Cave Conservancy. SCCi membership is required for all visitors. The preserve will be closed for deer season beginning November 12th. For permit information and access at other times, contact [jacobsmountain@scci.org](mailto:jacobsmountain@scci.org), or visit the SCCi website.

Johnson's Crook Area (GA): This area should be considered off limits for now. This includes Lost Canyon Cave.

Kenamer Cave (AL): The cave is owned by the Southeastern Cave Conservancy. See the SCCI web site at <http://www.scci.org> for access info.

Keystone River Cave (TN): Closed during hunting season. Contact the owner Daniel Titus at 931-686-2768 for other times.

Kingston Saltpeper Cave (GA): This cave is owned by a private foundation, but administered by the NSS. It cannot be accessed without crossing gated private property. Contact Larry Blair (NSS member, GA) for information.

Lamons Cave (AL): Contact the Huntsville Grotto for access information. These caves are absolutely closed during hunting season!

Lowery Cave (GA): Lowery Cave is a Gray Bat hibernaculum and should not be visited during hibernation season.

Manitou Cave (AL): Contact True Adventure Sports at 256-997-9577.

Maria Angela Grotto: See Nunley Mountain Cave System.

Mink Cave (AL): Mink Cave is owned by Ken Albrecht (who also owns the upper entrance of Gross Skeleton). See entry for Gross Skeleton (above) for Mr. Albrecht's address. Do not go to Mink Cave without Mr Albrecht's permission.

Morrell Cave (TN): The owner charges \$5.00 a head "for parking"; owner has release forms and keys for the gated entrance.

Mystery Falls (TN): Gated. Contact Buddy Lane of Signal Mountain, TN for access information.

Nasal Cavity (AL): Closed during hunting season.

Nash Waterfall Cave/Pit (GA): All caving activity on/under Pigeon Mountain now requires a GORP pass, see <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/Georgia-Outdoor-Recreational-Pass> for more information.

Neversink (AL): The cave is owned by the Southeastern Cave Conservancy. See the SCCI web site at <http://www.scci.org> for access information.

Newsome Sinks area: This area is closed. 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.

Norsemans Wells (AL): See Jacobs Mountain Cave Preserve information above.

No Turkey For Jerry Pit (AL): Closed during hunting season.

Nunley Mountain Cave System: The landowners of the Maria Angela Grotto Entrance consider all caves and passages on and under their land to be closed.

Old Blowing Cave (AL): Closed during hunting season.

Paint Rock River Cave (AL): See Jacobs Mountain Preserve information above.

Pettijohns Cave: All caving activity on/under Pigeon Mountain now requires a GORP pass, see <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/Georgia-Outdoor-Recreational-Pass> for more information.

Pipeside Pit (AL): Pipeside is closed during hunting seasons. Contact Milton Polsky of the NSS for permission.

Pretty Well (AL): Closed during hunting season.

Rattling Cave (TN): Now leased by the SCCI. The cave will be closed during the winter months, Sept. 15th to April 30th. Contact [rattling@scci.org](mailto:rattling@scci.org) for more info. The cave is currently closed due to concerns about bats and White Nose Syndrome.

Rawhide Horror Hole (TN): Closed during hunting season.

Rebel Cave (TN): The caver landowner has become concerned about the overuse of his property. Please try to limit trips to Rebel Cave for now.

Richard O'Hara's Bloody Elbow Cave (AL): Closed during hunting season.

Roaring River area (AL): This includes Roaring River Cave, Skylight Cave and others in the area. Closed during all hunting seasons. Please contact Andrew Monaghan for permission at the following email address: [cheaha@gmail.com](mailto:cheaha@gmail.com)

Sawmill Well (TN): Closed during hunting season. Contact Charlie Smith's daughter Leann at other times, 423-837-7514.

Shelta Cave (AL): Gated. Owned by the NSS. Contact Bill Torode of Huntsville, AL to arrange access.

Signal Light Pit (TN): Large groups should park at the fireworks store and walk the extra 5 minutes to the cave.

Sinking Cove Cave Area (TN): This area is accessible only during non-hunting seasons. All caves in the area are administered by the SCCi, please contact them before your trip. At least one SCCi member must be present on all caving trips. For more details, see the official Sinking Cove Management Plan on the at the SCCi's website, [www.scci.org](http://www.scci.org).

Sittons Cave (GA): Caving reservations can be made for Sittons and Case Cave up to 11 months in advance by calling Cloudland Canyon Park at 706-657-4050. Caving Permits and vehicle registration must be completed at the park office prior to entry. The gate code to the caver parking lot will be issued at this time. The two caves will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday of each week. There will be no entry to the caves during the months of February, May, August, and November. A maximum of 12 people will be allowed in each cave on open days. Cavers will be allowed in before 2:00 PM and must be out 30 minutes before sundown.

Solution Rift (TN): Closed during hunting season. Contact Charlie Smith's daughter Leann at other times, 423-837-7514.

Snail Shell Cave (TN): Now owned by the SCCi, permission is required before visiting. See their website at [www.scci.org](http://www.scci.org) for more information, or contact Bob Biddix at [snailshell@scci.org](mailto:snailshell@scci.org).

Stephens Gap Cave (AL): Stephens Gap is closed during hunting season. Please contact Milton Polsky of the NSS to obtain permission to visit the pit.

Steward Spring Cave (AL): Gated. Contact [stewardspring@scci.org](mailto:stewardspring@scci.org) for access information.

Student Park Cave (TN): Open by permission. Contact owner Michael Hillis at 423-236-2785, or mhills@southern.edu.

Summers Double Pot (AL): Closed during hunting season.

Surprise Pit (AL): Now owned by the SCCI. Contact [fern@scci.org](mailto:fern@scci.org) at least two weeks in advance for access. Temporarily closed due to WNS.

Talley Cave (AL): The ladder has been removed, so it is now a vertical cave. Also, permission is required to visit the cave. Please contact cave manager, Brad Barker at 706.766.5158 or [zero22884@gmail.com](mailto:zero22884@gmail.com) for access.

Talucuh Cave (AL): Get permission from Greg Henderson, 2236 Talucuh Rd, Valhermosa Springs, AL 35775 205-778-9290. Show him your NSS Card. Please use only the main entrance.

23 Dollar Pit and other pits on hillside (AL): See Halls Pit info.

Torode Pit (AL): See Jacobs Mountain Cave Preserve information above.

Tumbling Rock Cave (AL): The SCCI has acquired Tumbling Rock Cave. The cave is open primarily on weekends. Adult visitors will be asked to make a donation when they visit the cave. Regular members of the SCCi will be asked to make a \$7 donation. SCCi Sustaining Members will not be asked to make a donation, as they already donate to the SCCi each month, and the SCCi uses a portion of those donated funds to support the Tumbling Rock Cave Preserve. Non-members age 18 and over will be asked to make a \$10 donation. Visitors under the age of 18 will not be asked to donate, however they must be accompanied by an adult. See <http://www.scci.org/preserves/tumblingrock> for the latest information.

Ulla Cave (GA): A gate has been established at the entrance. Visitation is limited to no more than 12 visitors per day and by reservation only. To reserve a date to visit the cave, go to the Wildlife Division Website [www.georgiawildlife.com](http://www.georgiawildlife.com). Then using the search engine box on the upper right corner of the page type in "ULLA" and you will find a link to the "Recreational Permit". Click on this and the caver application form opens. Complete all the required fields and submit. Authorization to visit the cave will be sent by email. Please allow a minimum of 72 hours for a response. After you receive your authorization all cave visitors will still be required to check-in at the cave kiosk located next to Dougherty Gap Road in the head of the cove. The sometimes sump located near the entrance is 14 feet below the nearby creekbed level. Heavy rain will close passage for long periods of time. Use caution! All caving activity on/under Pigeon Mountain now requires a GORP pass, see <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/Georgia-Outdoor-Recreational-Pass> for more information.

Valhalla (AL): Valhalla (and other caves nearby) are now owned by the SCCi. Access to the preserve will be available during the dates and periods determined and announced by SCCi. There will be no access without special permission during hunting seasons. At least one member of any visiting group must be a current member of the SCCi or the NSS. Advance notification is required before visiting the property. Notification may be given by contacting one of the SCCi Valhalla property managers or by sending email to the property management committee at [valhalla@scci.org](mailto:valhalla@scci.org). For more details, see the Conservancy's website at [www.scci.org](http://www.scci.org).

Vernal Well and Vinson Cave (AL): Please contact the owner, Dan Brown at 121 Black Hawk Rd before entering any cave on this property.

War Eagle Pit (AL): Closed except by special arrangement. Contact Milton Polsky of the NSS.

WashPot (AL): Closed during hunting season.

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

Welch Bowling Cave (TN): Access is limited to assure privacy and minimize disturbance for the elderly owners. Contact local caver, Robert Oakes, [roakes@blomand.net](mailto:roakes@blomand.net) to arrange visits. This applies to the main entrance and the Kritter Trax entrance.

Wicked Splendor Cave (TN): See note for Blowing Spring Cave.

Williams Saltpeter Cave (AL): See Jacobs Mountain Cave Preserve information above.

Wils Welsh Well (AL): Closed during hunting season. This applies to nearby Wils Welsh Well and Fargo Well also. At other times, talk to the Proctor family below the caves.

Wolf River Cave (TN): Now owned by the SCCi, check their website at [www.scci.org/preserves/wolfriver](http://www.scci.org/preserves/wolfriver) for more information. Closed from Sept. 1st to May 15th to protect the Indiana bat hibernaculum. The cave is currently closed due to concerns about bats and White Nose Syndrome.

Xanadu Cave (TN): Gated. Call Chris Kerr for access. He is listed in the NSS Membership Manual.

Yates Cave (TN): contact Doug Plemons (POB 190134 Nashville TN 37219-0134, or at "caver22889@yahoo.com". Doug is one of several contacts who can arrange for infrequent visitation. This applies for nearby Dry Cave as well.

Yell Cave (TN) - The cave is closed April 1 - Sept 1 while the Gray Bat maternity colony is in the cave. The cave is also the landowners water supply and permission is required to visit the cave Sept 2 - Mar 31 when the bats are not present. Contact cave managers, Lynn Roebuck [prezlgirl@charter.net](mailto:prezlgirl@charter.net) or Brian Roebuck [solow@charter.net](mailto:solow@charter.net) for access information.

### **Other access of concern to cavers:**

Scottsboro Mountain (AL): The road up the mountain is gated. Cavers are still welcome, contact Andy Zellner (see below) for access information.

Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA: All activity on Pigeon Mountain (including caving) now requires the possession of a "Georgia Outdoor Recreational Pass" which must be obtained online or by phone well before your visit. Annual passes are \$19, but other options are available. See <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/Georgia-Outdoor-Recreational-Pass> for more information.

Information about hunting seasons:	Alabama Wildlife Management: 334-242-3469	<a href="http://www.outdooralabama.com/hunting">www.outdooralabama.com/hunting</a>
	Tennessee Wildlife Management: 615-781-6500	<a href="http://www.state.tn.us/twra/wildlife.html">www.state.tn.us/twra/wildlife.html</a>
	Georgia Wildlife Management: 706-295-6041	<a href="http://www.georgiawildlife.com">www.georgiawildlife.com</a>

**NOTE:** This list may not include every closed cave in TAG. It is complete only to the best of our knowledge. MANY other caves are closed during hunting seasons. Contact your local Grotto for information about caves in your area before attempting to visit. If you have any additions, updates, corrections, or questions about this list, please contact Andy Zellner at:

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