

### Why Join the NCC?

The concept and beauty of an underground wilderness is just as real and often more fragile than surface wilderness. You can help in preserving this remarkable facet of our environment now and for future generations. Your membership and generous donations will support the **Northeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc. (NCC)** in implementing its goals.

### Mission:

The NCC is a not-for-profit corporation committed to the conservation, study, management and acquisition of caves and karst areas having significant geological, hydrological, biological, recreational, historical or aesthetic features. To these ends, the NCC combines the resources and expertise of affiliated cave explorers, educators, scientists, landowners and conservation officials.



Onesquethaw Cave

### History of the NCC

In 1978 the NCC, one of the nation’s first cave conservancies, was formed to accept the donation of Knox Cave in Albany County, NY when the National Speleological Society (NSS) declined to accept the cave. The NSS board was deeply concerned that the liability exposure was too risky, so the NCC was incorporated with Knox Cave as its sole asset.

In early 1999 the NCC became a membership based organization and began managing Onesquethaw Cave in Albany County for the Albany County Land Conservancy.

### NCC Caves

#### Albany County

**Clarksville Preserve** – our premier cave on 10 acres. A very good beginner cave and is the first caving experience for many people in the Northeast.

**Ella Armstrong Preserve** – nice vertical cave with historic significance.

**Knox Cave Preserve** is well known for a fifty-foot section known as The Gunbarrel. *Knox Cave* is closed during the winter season to allow colonies of bats to hibernate. *Crossbones Cave* was opened on the property in 1999. The vertical pit entrance leads to a few hundred feet of horizontal passage.

**Onesquethaw Cave Preserve** the second longest cave in the county. This is a horizontal cave and is open year round.

#### Schoharie County

**Sellecks Karst Preserve** is in Schoharie County and consists of 14.5 acres and contains *Sellecks Cave*, *Cave 575*, *Natural Bridge*, *Leyvs Cave* and numerous sinks. The preserve also protects a large watershed and makes for a nice hiking and picnic area.

### Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email      Electronic Newsletter Y / N      Discussion Group Y / N

Caving Affiliations \_\_\_\_\_

NSS Number if member \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues:

- Regular Member.....\$15.00
- Family.....\$5.00  
(non-voting – must reside with member)
- Student:.....\$10.00  
(non-voting)
- Benefactor.....\$50.00
- Institutional:.....\$100.00

Additional Donations: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer for: \_\_\_\_\_

The NCC is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, all donations are tax deductible.

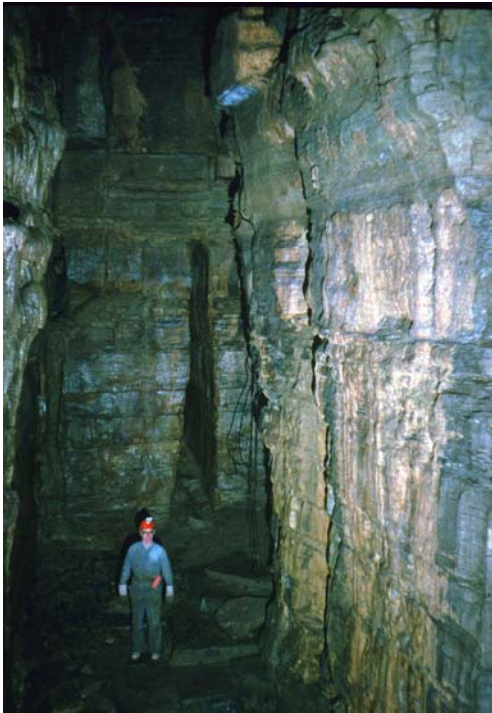
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P.O. Box 254  
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*Thank you for your membership!*

### *NCC Geographic Region:*

The NCC is particularly interested in cave and karst areas in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. The NCC encourages the exchange of information concerning conservation throughout the world.



*Knox Cave*

### *Please help in our efforts to preserve caves and karst in the Northeast.*

- Become a member
- Receive our newsletter
- Join our discussion group on the internet
- Attend meetings and activities
- Visit a cave or karst area
- Volunteer for committee work
- Make a tax deductible financial or land donation



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the Northeast since 1978