

## **Cave Permit Information for: Individuals, Grottos and College Outing Clubs**

### **Notes:**

- \* Special rules apply to all minors. Managers must be notified if there are minors in the group.
- \* All caves require that you follow standard safe and conservation minded caving practices.
- \* The **National Speleological Society, Inc. (NSS)** and the **Northeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc. (NCC)** are completely separate 501(c)(3) organizations. Both are staffed by volunteers. Neither charge a fee for use of their properties but are happy to receive donations at the addresses listed below. We have combined this information to help make your visits to these caves easier.
- \* Contact your local caving club through [caves.org](http://caves.org) if you are looking for a guide as they may be able to help you.

### **Caves owned by the National Speleological Society Inc.**

[ 2813 Cave Avenue, Huntsville Al 35810 ; [www.caves.org](http://www.caves.org) ]

**Note: No cave for pay is allowed in NSS owned caves. Cave for pay means those groups where a leader receives payment for activities related solely to the cave trip. This may include but is not limited to, rental of cave equipment, transportation to the cave, and guide services. If you have questions, please contact a manager.**

#### 1. **Schoharie Caverns**

- Requires a general waiver once every 2 years
- Camping and cabin use by permission from Peter Teresco, <[pteresco@nycap.rr.com](mailto:pteresco@nycap.rr.com)>
- Minimum of 3 in party
- Gate combination needed to drive cars onto property
- Open Caving, no permit needed.

#### 2. **McFails Cave , Hanors/Disappointment,**

- Require a general waiver once every 2 years
- Read information sheet
- McFails leadership (see manager for details)
- Minimum of 4 in party
- Date-specific release form (sign in sheet)
- Window sheet
- Permission must be given by one of the management team

#### 3. **Gage Caverns, Greens, Keyhole**

- Require a general waiver once every 2 years
- Minimum of 3 in party
- Read information sheet
- Single trip form
- Belay equipment and ability to use it
- No camping. Cabin use by permission only.

**Caves owned or managed by the Northeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc.**

[PO Box 254, Schoharie NY 12157; [www.necaveconservancy.org](http://www.necaveconservancy.org) ]

**1. Knox Cave**

- Minimum of 3 in party
- Window sheet

**2. Crossbones**

- Minimum of 3 in party
- Read information sheet
- Date specific release form (sign in sheet)
- Window sheet
- Vertical equipment and knowledge
- Key needed

**3. Onesquethaw**

- Minimum of 3 in party
- Read information sheet
- Date specific release form (sign in sheet)
- Window sheet

**4. Sellecks, Levys, Cave 575**

- Minimum of 3 in party
- Vertical equipment and knowledge
- Open caving, no permits needed
- Park in our parking area

**5. Ella Armstong**

- Minimum of 3 in party
- Vertical equipment and knowledge
- Open caving, no permits needed
- Park at Knox and put a piece of paper with the word "ELLA" in the window

**6. Clarksville Cave**

- Minimum of 3 in party
- Open caving, no permits needed
- See kiosk for further details

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**1. Bensons**

- Read information sheet
- Date specific release form (sign in sheet)
- Vertical skills and equipment
- Minimum of 4 in trip
- Key to cave
- Window sheet