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WIND CAVE



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WIND CAVE NATIONAL PARK

HOT SPRINGS,
SOUTH DAKOTA

Wind Cave is a main attraction of this national park. The underground caverns stretch for 76 miles with many parts yet to be explored. Unlike the more common stalactites and stalagmites in most caves, Wind Cave is filled with strange and wonderful formations created by the crystallization of calcite. These delicate features are known as "boxwork," resembling honeycombs and "popcorn" and "frostwork" decorate the ever-changing caves.

The differences in atmospheric pressure above and below ground cause air to rush through the cave's natural opening, thus the name Wind Cave.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

A light jacket or sweater is recommended inside the cave where the temperature hovers about 53 degrees year-round. Wear comfortable, non-skid footwear. • Superintendent, Wind Cave National Park, Hot Springs, SD 57747 (605) 745-4600.