

This land gives life. The wind, cave, and bison on this land are sacred to Native Americans, including the Cheyenne and Lakota. Each is connected to enduring stories of life, survival, and transformation.

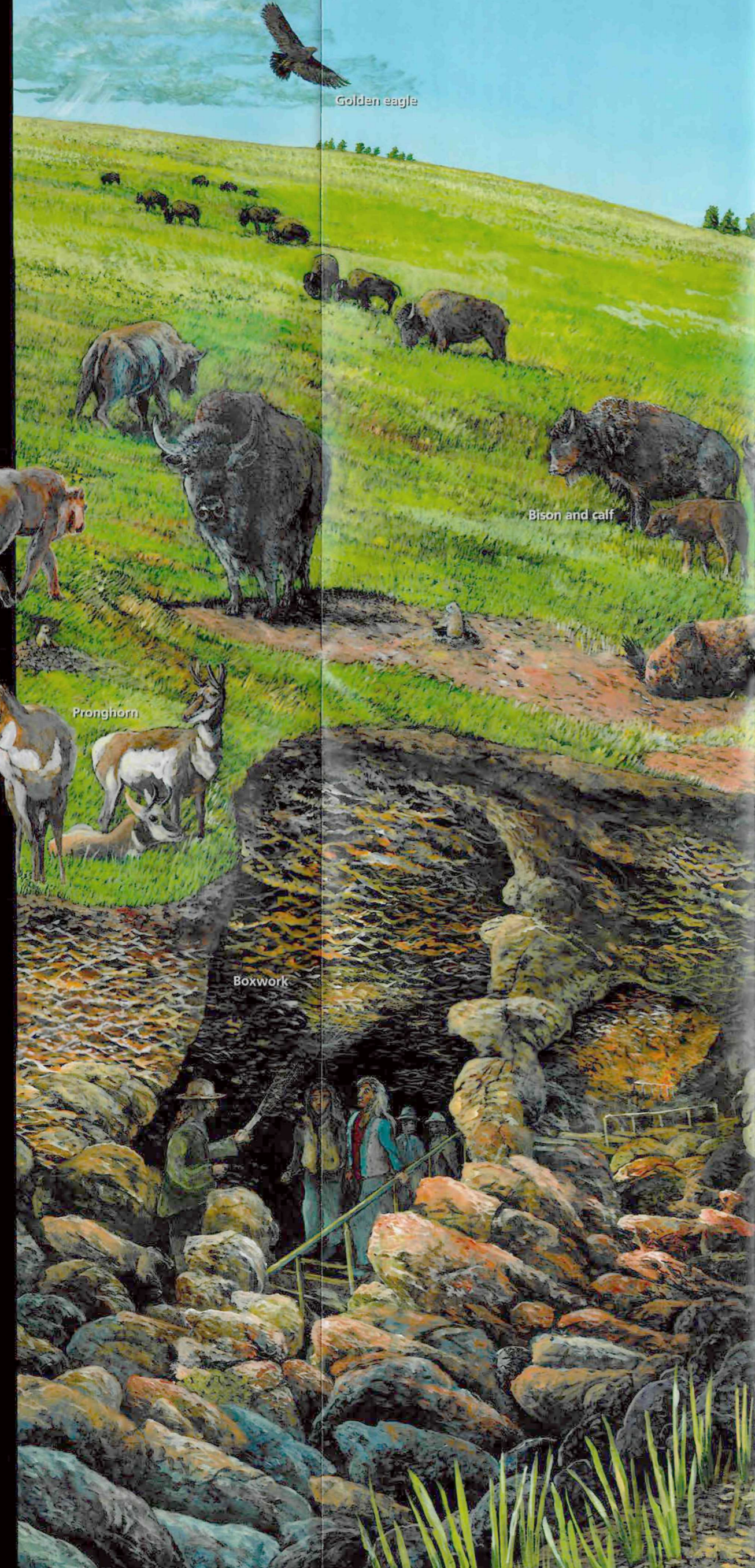
Bison, pronghorn, and prairie dogs are among the wildlife here. Nestled against forested hillsides, the prairie's swaying grasses give

glimpses of colorful wildflowers. Gentle breezes carry the sweet scent of ponderosa pine and the airy songs of meadowlarks.

Beneath the prairie is one of the world's most complex cave systems, full of frostwork, flowstone, and popcorn formations. The cave is also abundant with boxwork, a formation rarely found elsewhere.

Since 1903, Wind Cave National Park has protected the cave system and, since 1935, the prairie habitat. Many people come here to discover miles of passageways, enjoy the plants and wildlife, and learn about the area's significance to cultures and science.

Explore the worlds of Wind Cave and the ongoing stories that make this land special.



Golden eagle

Bison and calf

Pronghorn

Boxwork



Prairie dog town

Western meadowlark

Black-footed ferret

Prairie dog

Prairie bluebell



Beaver Creek Bridge

Ponderosa pine

Elk

Coyote

Northern flicker

Hairy woodpecker

Common chokecherry

Black-headed grosbeak

Red admiral butterfly

White-breasted nuthatch

Black-capped chickadee

Burrowing owl

Shooting star

Red squirrel

Star lily

Dung beetle

