Tours

Guided tours through the Caverns of Sonora leave from the visitors center in groups of 12 or less throughout the day. The historic section of the cavern is seen as you enter the site of the natural entrance. The tour then progresses into the active, living area where the entire cavern is covered with formations. The tour takes about 2 hours and covers nearly 2 miles of trail. The tour then exits through a tunnel in the northern section of the cave.



Special Group

Tours

Special tours at special prices are available for groups of twelve or more by advance reservation. The group educational tour is one mile and can be completed in an hour. Tax exempt rates for schools, churches, scouts, and etc... are available to save you even more. Schedule your groups early, as the months of April and May fill up every year.

Underground Classroom

A great interactive class in the Caverns Hilton Room offers hands-on activities such as a fossil dig. This classroom is most appropriate for grades K through 6th and lasts about an hour. Cave biology, geology, paleontology, and speleology are covered during the slide show presentation in the Underground Classroom. Grades 7th and up may book the advanced Classroom that includes a belaved descent into Devil's Pit. A minimum of twelve people is required for all workshop reservations.

Cave Photography Clinic & **Photography Tours**

Want to try your hand at cave photography? Sign up for our private 3-hour photography tour where you have the option to either work solo or one on one with a knowledgeable and experienced guide. Learn about the geology of the cave while learning some tricks of the trade for achieving great shots while underground. Experiment with different types of lighting and learn various techniques of cave photography.

WORKSHOPS FOR GROUPS OF 12 OR MORE

Discovery Challenge

For the adventurous there is "The Discovery Challenge." With caving gear provided, an experienced caver will lead you into a maze of passages away from the developed trails. A rappel of about fifty feet down into the Devil's Pit is the ultimate experience.

Please make reservations for these tours at least two weeks in advance.

Gift Shop

The visitor center, built in 1961, is a ranch barn design with vaulted ceiling and exposed oak beans. Come in and taste the many varieties of real, home made cream and butter fudge. Take a stroll on our Nature trail directly above the cave!



Camping

Our R.V. Park and campground is nestled in the heart of a working ranch. There are forty-eight sites complete with good water and electricity. Several of the RV sites are pull-through. The campground also has clean restrooms with showers.

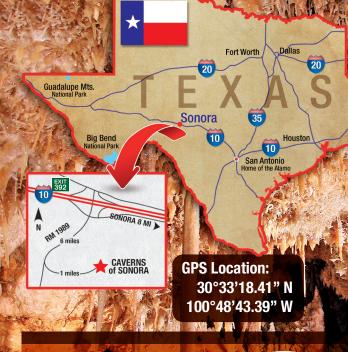
Gemstone Panning

Gemstone Panning is great fun for all ages. We have small and large gemstone and fossil bags. Pick one that suits your particular interest and enjoy the fun.

Located on a working ranch, The Caverns of Sonora is a World Renowned show cave, a National Natural Landmark and is recognized as one of the most beautiful show caves on the planet. Our guided walking tour takes you through this remarkable cave, which is over 98% actively growing. It contains some of the world's most beautiful and rare formations.



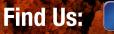
National Speleological Society co-founder, Bill Stephenson, said after seeing Caverns of Sonora for the first time: *"It's beauty cannot be* exaggerated, even by Texans."



OPEN DAILY Winter Hours: **Tuesday after Labor Day** to Feb. 28th 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Summer Hours: March 1st through Labor Day 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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