

GROANING CAVE HAZARDS DISCLOSURE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

This disclosure form is to be read and signed by all persons desiring access to **GROANING CAVE**. The purpose of this document is to help cavers understand the risks and hazards that may be encountered in the cave. **GROANING CAVE** is a wild, undeveloped cave which presents numerous hazards to anyone entering the cave. These hazards include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1 Difficult Terrain--A normal trip requires crawling, squeezing through constrictions, climbing, skirting and bridging deep pits and canyons, walking on loose rocks, and walking and crawling through mud and water.
- 2 Climate--Cavers will be exposed to the extremes of dry and wet conditions. Temperatures are normally below 40 degrees F (4 degrees C).
- 3 Rock Falls--Cave floors, walls, and ceilings contain loose rock. Rock falls are a normal and frequent occurrence.
- 4 Complex and Restricted Passages--Groaning Cave contains extensive, complex and sometimes restricted passages, some of which are confusing, maze-like, unmarked and unmapped. There is a high risk of becoming lost, disoriented or trapped in the cave.
- 5 Poor Light Conditions--Groaning Cave is totally dark.
- 6 Harmful Organisms, Animal, Mammals, Reptiles, Insects and Toxic Gases--Some or all may be present in Groaning Cave.
- 7 Gate Failure--Cavers could be trapped in the cave due to improper use or mechanical failure of the gate or lock.
- 8 Physical and Psychological Stress--Caving subjects individuals to extreme and abnormal stresses. Cavers also tend to experience psychological stresses such as claustrophobia, agoraphobia and acrophobia.
- 9 Rescue Difficulty--Cave rescue is difficult, dangerous and expensive. Cost of the rescue may be borne by the rescued individual.
- 10 Other Hazards--A trip into Groaning Cave will subject a caver to other unknown hazards and risks. This document attempts to list the most commonly encountered hazards and risks, however, it should not be considered as an all inclusive listing.

Last Name (Print clearly)

First Name, Middle Initial

Date (MM/DD/YY)

I have been informed of the hazards attendant to exploring Groaning Cave, and I agree that the Federal Government and its employees shall be held harmless from any liability whatsoever for mental or physical damages or injury resulting from entering and/or exploring the above cave, and that the Federal Government assumes no responsibility therefore.

Address:		
Street	Apt./unit #	
City	State	Zip
Date of Birth:		
Month	Day	Year

Signature
Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18)

How many times have you been to Goaning Cave? Please circle one:

0 - 3 4 - 9 10 or more

Print Clearly

Incomplete or illegible forms will be rejected.