

GROANING CAVE HAZARDS DISCLOSURE

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME & MIDDLE INITIAL

DATE

How many times have you visited Groaning Cave: 0-3 4-9 10 or more

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.

Address			
_____ Street			_____ Apt/Unit
_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip Code	_____ Phone Number
Date of Birth			
_____ Month		_____ Day	_____ Year

Signature

Date

Signature of Parent of Guardian (if under 18 years of age)

Date

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