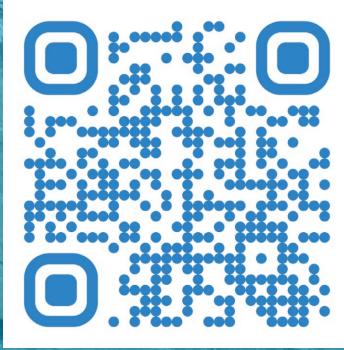


Join us in conserving these underground wonders by making a donation or becoming a member today!

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NCC Preserves

From our popular Clarksville Cave Preserve - where people of all ages have gotten their first taste of wild caving - to the beautiful and historic woods and trails of the Merlin's Cave Preserve and its challenging and pristine marble caves, the Northeastern Cave Conservancy offers a wide variety of above-ground and underground experiences. Take the time to walk the trails and examine the unusual beauty of the karst landscape where caves are formed. Underground visitation is welcomed, but some caves are only open seasonally to protect hibernating bats, while others require a permit for visitation. Learn more about the unique features of each of our preserves by visiting our website at:

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**Preserving caves & karst
in the Northeast since 1978**

OUR MISSION

The Northeastern Cave Conservancy (NCC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation composed of explorers, educators, scientists, landowners, and conservation officials volunteering together to promote the study, management and conservation of caves and karst areas in the northeastern USA through acquisition and cooperative agreements.

The purpose of the NCC is trifold: to further knowledge about significant geological, hydrological, biological, recreational, and historical features of the natural world; to share this knowledge through educational outreach programs with the general public and scientific community; and to utilize this knowledge to promote practical conservation efforts to maintain these wondrous natural features for generations to come.

WHY JOIN THE NCC?

The concept and beauty of an underground wilderness is just as real and often more fragile than that found in surface wilderness. You can help in preserving this remarkable facet of our environment now and for future generations. Your membership and generous donations will support the NCC in implementing its goals.



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JOIN US IN OUR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE CAVES AND KARST IN THE NORTHEAST

- Become a member
- Receive our newsletter
- Attend our meetings and activities
- Visit a cave or karst area
- Volunteer for committee work or preserve workdays
- Learn about White Nose Syndrome and how NCC efforts help protect bats & habitats
- Make a tax-deductible financial or land donation



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CAVE AND KARST CONSERVATION

In karst (limestone or marble) landscapes, water moves underground very quickly. The soil in such areas is often thin or non-existent. As a result contaminants move to the water table quickly. Because caves are like natural pipes, pollution may then move many miles without any change. Thus, a spill may contaminate a spring several miles away.

Thousands of people visit NCC caves annually and an additional unknown number visit the preserves to walk the nature trails and otherwise enjoy the karst landscapes.

All of our preserves were acquired with the help of conservation-minded individuals who volunteered to conduct fundraising events and navigate us through the acquisition process.

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