People go missing without a trace, never to be seen again. Unsolved, the missing people are left behind. Unable to be with their friends and family again. Years go by, people speculate abductions or aliens. The answer could be under our very noses.

Caves cannot be more than 9,800 feet long because of rock pressure.

Active caves have water flowing though it, relict caves do not.

Groundwater naturally dissolves rock with acid with over time; commonly known as karst cave.

Early humans of south Africa have dwelled in caves as far back as 180,000 years ago.

Only 1% of caves in the world have been discovered.

TAG have roughly 14,000 known caves- Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama. Used to be a shallow sea

Some cave chambers can be as big as entire cities.

[Cave Facts (softschools.com)](https://softschools.com/facts/earth_systems/cave_facts/3848/)

 Some states have so many caves, they just don’t bother with anything shorter than 30 ft (Tennessee).

Here’s a list with the most common ways for caves to form:

* Solutional – rainwater dissolves limestone
* Corrosional – a flowing stream that contains rock erodes a passage
* Faults – earthquakes offset rock, which creates chambers and passages
* Glacier caves – the ice is trapped and later melts away
* Sea caves – are formed by sea water corrosion

[15 Cool Facts About Caves (That aren’t obvious) – startcaving.com](https://startcaving.com/tips/cool-cave-facts)

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