

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Kentucky Heritage Council Archaeology Conference**  
**Mammoth Cave National Park**  
**March 16<sup>th</sup> Site Tour Information**  
**Co-Sponsored by the Western Kentucky University Department of Folk Studies and Anthropology**

The site tours this year will include the Mammoth Cave curatorial facility and the Violet City Lantern Tour of the cave. The cave tour will be led by Dr. George Crothers, Director of the UK Museum of Anthropology and Office of State Archaeology and Associate Professor of Anthropology.

Having a good idea of the number of tour participants will be extremely helpful in the planning process, so we are asking that people **register for the tours by Friday, March 9, 2012** with Yvonne Sherrick ([yvonne.sherrick@ky.gov](mailto:yvonne.sherrick@ky.gov) or 502.564.7005, ext. 112). Payment of registration fees may be made in advance by check or at the on-site registration desk in the Rotunda Room of the conference hotel.

**Curatorial Facility Tour in the Science and Resource Management Building (1:00-1:45 pm):**

- Rotating tours of the curatorial facility will begin at 1:00 and 1:20 pm.
- Parking is limited, so folks are encouraged to carpool as much as possible (directions on following page).
- Attendees should plan to depart the curatorial facility no later than 1:45 pm in order to return to the Visitor Center in time for the departure of the cave tour.

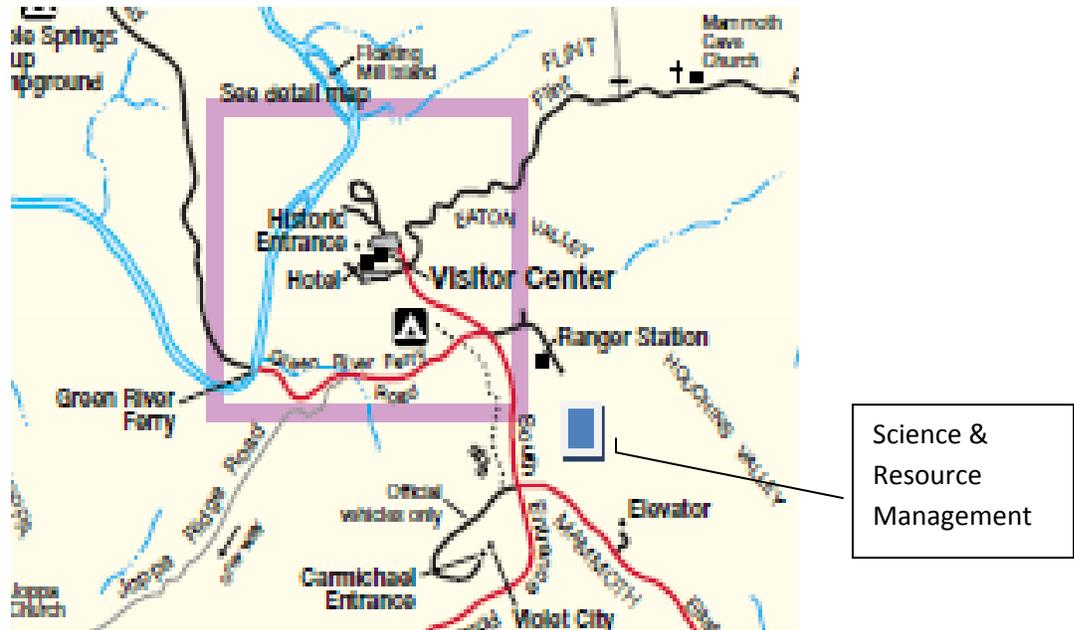
**Mammoth Cave Violet City Lantern Trail Tour (2:00-5:00 pm) Please Read the Following Carefully:**

- Please meet at the Visitor Center for a 2:00 departure time.
- The cave tour will begin at the Historic entrance and follow the Violet City Lantern trail.
- The tour covers approximately 3 miles and will take approximately 3+ hours to complete.
- Lanterns will be provided, but if you wish to bring a flashlight you may.
- Most of the trail is dirt, so please wear appropriate, sturdy shoes.
- Please note that there are many stairs on this trail.
- Participants must stay on the trail and stay with the group at all times.
- The temperature will be a bit cool in the cave, so bring appropriate attire.
- No helmets are required.
- Cameras are allowed, but camera bags are not.
- No backpacks, guns, or knives are allowed.
- Smoking, tobacco chewing, snuff dipping or use of any tobacco products are prohibited.
- You may bring water, but must carry any containers out with you. Eating and drinking of any items other than water is not allowed.
- There are no bathroom facilities.
- All participants on cave tours must walk on bio-security mats immediately following the conclusion of their tour. No exceptions. Additional information on the White-Nose Syndrome and prohibitions for items you might carry may be found at: <http://www.nps.gov/macawhitenose.htm>.
- Persons with joint problems/walking problems (knee, hip, joint replacement, etc.), heart problems, breathing problems, or other significant medical issue should reconsider taking this tour. **A rescue from this portion of Mammoth Cave could take hours should a medical emergency occur.**

For more information about this and other tours at Mammoth Cave, please visit: <http://www.nps.gov/macawhitenose.htm>

Also, we encourage people to take advantage of the opportunity to visit the new (albeit incomplete) Interpretive Center. You can make time for this either before the afternoon tours or sometime during the course of the weekend events.

## Directions to Curatorial Facility



Exit the Mammoth Cave Hotel Parking Area via the Hotel Access Driveway.

At the intersection of the Access Drive and the Entrance Road (in red on this map), turn RIGHT.

Proceed south, past the CAMP STORE on your right.

Approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile past the Camp Store, there will be a crossroad intersection. Turn LEFT.

Near the end of this road (marked in black on this map), there will be a set of APARTMENTS on your right. There will be ample parking at these apartments.

From the parking area at the apartments, walk along the road to a brick building on the right.

This building will have a wooden sign in front that reads SCIENCE AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT. This building houses the Curatorial Area.

NOTE: Parking in front of the Science and Resources Management building is extremely limited. If a participant has a physical limitation requiring closer parking, please notify Event Staff, and parking will be made available in front of the building.