

CAVE ARCHAEOLOGY

Tentative Class Schedule/Agenda

Subject to Change

Sunday

7:00pm-9:00pm Class meets at Hamilton Valley Field Station.
Welcome, introductions, and brief overview.

Monday

8:00am-10:00am Lecture: Introduction to Cave Archaeology
10:00am-10:15am Break
10:15am-12:00pm Lecture: Archaeology of the Mammoth Cave Area
12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch
1:00pm-6:00pm Field Trip: Mammoth Cave Historic Entrance to Violet City and Carmichael Entrance to Cleaveland Ave. (with breaks).
6:00pm-8:00pm Supper
8:00pm-10:00pm Free time and informal discussion.

Tuesday

8:00am-1:30pm Field Trip: Salts Cave Vestibule to Mummy Valley
(with breaks, take lunch).
2:00pm-5:00pm Hands-on session in rock art reproduction.
5:00pm-7:00pm Supper
7:00pm-10:00pm Free time and informal discussion.

Wednesday

8:00am-9:00am Discussion: Readings and activities to date.
Background information on surface archaeology.
9:00am-11:00am Field Trip: Stop 1: Cedar Sink, Owl Cave.
11:00am-4:00pm Stop 2: Crumps Cave Sink and Vestibule (take lunch).
Exercise in field mapping and real rock art recording.
4:00pm-5:00pm Stop 3: Sand Cave.
5:00pm-7:00pm Supper
7:00pm-9:00pm Field Trip: Floyd Collins Crystal Cave and Mammoth Cave Baptist Church cemetery

Thursday

8:00am-1:00am Field Trip: Blue Spring Hollow (take lunch)
1:00pm-2:00pm Break at Hamilton Valley
2:00pm-4:00pm Lecture: History of Saltpeter Mining and Early Tourism
4:00pm-6:00pm Supper
6:00pm-9:00pm Field Trip: Mammoth Cave Historic Tour route

Friday

9:00am-10:30am Discussion and Review
10:30am-11:00am Break
11:00pm-5:00pm Field Trip: Lower Mammoth (with breaks, take lunch)

5:00pm-7:00pm
7:00pm-8:00pm

Supper
Summary and class evaluation.

Saturday

Morning

Students taking course for credit: individual meetings to finalize topic for class project. Prepare public science talks; instructors will give advice and feedback on drafts.