



Destination Drive to Crystal Cave:

<https://crystalcavepa.com/home/>

A DARK NARROW HOLE leading into the side of a steep hill was accidentally discovered by William Merkel and John Gehret while they were blasting for limestone on a Sunday morning, November 12, 1871. AFTER THE SMOKE CLEARED and the surrounding dirt was removed, they realized that the opening was large enough to enter. CURIOSITY LED THEM INSIDE, but total darkness and fear of the unknown kept them from going any further. After purchasing Crystal Cave property for \$5000 in 1872, Samuel D. F. Kohler quickly built a rustic wooden door to stop unwanted trespassers from vandalizing and stealing specimens from the cave. From that point on, no one was allowed to enter the cave without him accompanying them. Today, Crystal Cave is a popular tourist attraction and has expanded into a venue offering many different attractions such as gemstone panning, an ice cream parlor, miniature golf, historic museum and trading post and a special hiking trail. Crystal Cave is only about 70 miles from the Kalahari Resort and is a family oriented destination.



Guided one hour tours are led by courteous guides who lead visitors 125 feet underground to the various formations within the cave. Temperature is a constant 54 degrees inside the cave, so a sweater or light jacket is advised. The tour includes a movie in the Crystal Cave Theater showing the history of Pennsylvania's first show cave. Because of the stairs leading down into the cave, this tour is not wheelchair accessible and not advised for handicapped people who require walking assistance.



Guided Tour rates/hours:

Ages 12 and up: \$19

Ages 4-11: \$14

Ages 3 and under: Free

Crystal cave is open from 9 – 5

See their website for full details: <https://crystalcavepa.com/home/>

Driving directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/hfTBPoSHgxfbMuBJ6> **No tolls.** 1hr 19 mins.
70.4 miles

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