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The Wisconsin Speleological Society (WSS), a grotto of the National Speleological Society (NSS), is a nonprofit organization devoted exclusively to cave exploration and study. The WSS and volunteers have been involved with the removal of cave sediments deposited by the glaciers at Ledge View and Maribel for many decades. New discoveries are revealed every year. If you would like to learn more about the WSS or become an active volunteer, please visit the website below.

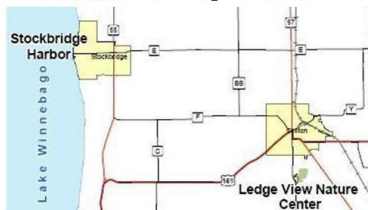
www.caves.org/grotto/wss/

Take nothing but pictures

Leave nothing but footprints

Kill nothing but time

Directions to Ledge View caves



The Nature Center is on Short Road, one mile south of Chilton, between HWY. G & Irish Road. Watch for signs.

Directions to Maribel caves

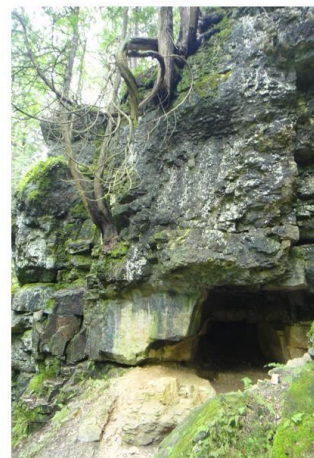


From the junction of I-43 & state HWY. 147 one mile east of Maribel, go east on 147 0.3 mile, then north on CTY HWY. R 0.6 mile to the entrance of Cherney Maribel Caves County Park. Proceed .25 mile to the parking area.

Other caves to visit in Wisconsin

Cave of the Mounds (608) 437-3038
www.caveofthemounds.com *A National Landmark*
 Crystal Cave (800) 236-2283
www.acoolcave.com *WI longest cave*
 Eagle Cave (608) 537-2988
www.eaglecave.net *WI 1st developed cave*
 Kickapoo Indian Caverns (608) 875-7723
www.kickapooindiancaverns.com

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**EXPERIENCE THE
 EXCITING LAND
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*Less than an hour drive from
 Green Bay & Fox Cities areas.*

www.wisconsincaves.org

Ledge View Caves



Ledge View Nature Center
Chilton, Calumet County
N44° 00' 05" W88° 09' 19"
920-849-7094

Email: ledgeview@co.calumet.wi.us
www.ledgeviewnaturecenter.org
Caves tours April thru November
Call ahead for tour schedule

Explore Ledge View's caves:

Naturalists will explain the biology, geology, and history of the caves. The two + hour guided tour of Carolyn's Caverns will take you to such places as the Bat Room, Dave's Sink, Wayne's World, The Whale's Throat, and the more recent discoveries: The Wishing Well, Temptation Alley, The Silver Passage, and Thunder Dome. For those who like more adventure, inquire about an all crawling tour of Mother's Cave. A small fee is charged for all cave tours. Discounted rates are available to schools and groups, but reservations are required. There is a half mile walk to the caves with access using stairs and ladders.

What can I expect?

Bring your sense of adventure!

Caves maintain a year round temperature of around 46° F, so bring a light jacket. These caves are semi-developed show caves, so lighting is not permanently established. The caves do not have concrete to walk on. The floors are natural stone or soil. Walking inside the caves is not very difficult, but if you wish to explore the caves more extensively, you will need to climb ladders and crawl through small passages. Bring along appropriate clothing. The caves may be wet. You will probably have to walk across small puddles, and your clothes will get dirty going through the passages. Remember to bring along such things as a change of clothing, gloves, knee/elbow pads, rubber boots, a flashlight, and camera.

What people are saying:

"We never knew there were caves in this area. The rest of the park is very beautiful. You can easily spend a whole day here with your family."

"Our children just loved the caves, & the tour guide was very knowledgeable. We will be back."

Maribel Caves



Cherney Maribel Caves County Park
State Natural Area #48
Manitowoc County
N44° 17' 10" W87° 46' 37"
920- 683-4189 Adam Backus
920- 860-6123 Mike Sobush
www.maribelcaves.com
Park open April thru October
Call ahead for cave tours

Take a self-guided tour of Tartarus, Coopers, Split Rock, Pancake, Spring, and Staircase Caves during park hours or see the larger Maribel New Hope Cave by experienced tour guides. Guided tours take approximately one hour and are free at this time, but donations are appreciated for the continued work going on at the park. Groups of ten or more should call in advance for tour arrangements. If you plan on exploring this park's caves, remember to bring along a flashlight and plan on getting dirty. There is a quarter mile walk to New Hope Cave from the parking lot with access using door by face of escarpment.

