

ONYX CAVE PERMIT

Date of Trip _____ This permit is valid for one trip on the date specified only. Entry without a valid permit is considered trespassing. (IEM use only. Trip # _____)

Trip Leader: 1. State purpose and intended route of your trip _____

2. I will adhere to the above plan and understand that additional policies may also apply (as discussed and agreed upon with the Conservation Chair or Designee). I understand that deviating from the stated plan may jeopardize the safety of trip members and the cave. **Leaders Initials:** _____ 3. The gate must be kept locked during your visit and upon leaving. I fully understand the operation of the Onyx Cave Gate System.

Leaders Initials: _____ 4. I have received a copy of ONYX MANAGEMENT POLICIES and TRIP LEADER BRIEFING GUIDE. **Leaders initials:** _____ 5. The \$100 Key Deposit will be forfeited if the key is not returned on the pre-agreed date unless you call the keyholder to make other arrangements. The key is private property and must not be duplicated. 6. A completed and signed copy of this permit (either another original or photocopy) must remain in the Trip Leader's possession while in Onyx Cave. 7. Failure to observe any of these rules or loss of the key may result in permanent forfeiture of key privileges.

Permit and key issued to: (Leader) _____ **Key Issued By:** _____ **Key No.** _____ **Key will be returned on:** _____

I testify that these people have signed an Onyx Cave permit. I promise to thoroughly review and discuss relevant cave policies with all trip members before cave entry.

Signed X _____ Date _____ Witnessed by Keyholder X _____ Date _____

We, the undersigned, have read, understood, and agree to abide by these and all other rules, regulations, and policies for Onyx Cave:

1. All trip members are required to follow the trip leader's directions.
2. **White-nose Syndrome:** Each visitor to Onyx Cave will follow equipment restrictions and decontamination procedures as written by US Fish and Wildlife Service and Onyx Cave Management Policies.
3. **Equipment Required:** Each person will wear a hard hat with chin strap and mounted light, AND have at least 2 additional sources of light (no candles). Each person will carry a cave pack which will include a sturdy, sealable container for human waste. ALL human waste must be packed out. At least one first aid kit per group. Gloves. Recommended: Sturdy hiking/climbing boots with lug-pattern sole.
4. **Onyx Cave Register:** All visitors agree to legibly SIGN IN upon entering and SIGN OUT upon exiting.
5. **Ropes/Rigging:** Hand-over-hand techniques are not recommended. Only natural rigging points are allowed. Installation of new permanent anchors is prohibited.
6. **Travel Restrictions:** Permanent forms of trail marking are prohibited. Non-permanent forms must not damage cave and must be completely removed. Do not enter areas that have been marked or cordoned off. The group cannot split up, nor can it meet up with another group in the cave.
7. **Activities Prohibited (not inclusive):** Littering; carbide dumping; smoking; alcohol/intoxicants; graffiti; making mud balls or sculptures; throwing mud or any other material; hammers, bolts, pitons; pets; glass bottles/containers; firearms and fireworks; fires; digging/excavations; unauthorized mapping; dropping food crumbs; wearing climbing gear when not climbing; clothing that sheds, has glitter/rhinestones, etc.; use/release of any foreign chemical scent.
8. **Photographs** taken in Onyx Cave, and written description and comments about photos, will not be published or distributed by any method with the cave name or location attached. Remove location metadata.
9. **Wildlife:** Disturbing bats and other wildlife is prohibited. Refer to Trip Leader Briefing Guide for details.
10. **Arizona Cave Law:** (posted at Onyx Cave entrance and in Onyx Cave Management Policies). Any form of damage or vandalism within Onyx Cave is prohibited.
11. **Safety:** Call 911 for serious emergencies. The Trip Leader is required to provide reports of major and minor accidents/incidents to the Conservation Chair.
12. **Damage/Littering:** Please report new damage/litter observed. Packing out litter left by others trips if possible is appreciated.

Please type or print clearly in ink. Everyone entering Onyx Cave must be listed on the permit and sign an Onyx Cave Permit. No changes or substitutions allowed after key is issued.

NAME 3 people minimum (at least 2 adults)

PHONE

FULL ADDRESS

ZIP

SIGNATURE

Electric

Yes/No

LEADER: _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

Parental Permission for Person Under 18 Years of Age

I, the undersigned, have fully read and understood the Onyx Cave Permit and rules, have discussed them with my child, and hereby give my permission for my child to visit Onyx Cave.

X _____ Parent of _____ Date _____ Phone _____

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