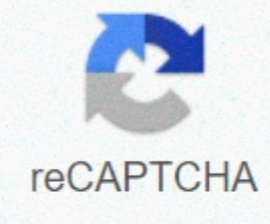




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Today, Crystal Lake Caves are the fastest live show cave in the state of Iowa, and grow every day. 6684 Crystal Lake Cave Rd, Dubuque, IA 52003 Crystal Cave Cave Travertine stalactites straw soda and bulbous stalagmites at Crystal Cave Coordinates 44°49'49"57N 92°15'07W / 44.832567°N 92.251950°W / 44.832567; -92.251950 Coordinates: 44°49'57N 92°15'07W / 44.832567°N 92.251950°W / 44.832567; -92.251950 Discovery 1881 Crystal Cave is a cave located in Wisconsin's Pierce County, near Spring Valley Town on Highway 29. The cave was discovered in 1881 by local brothers George and William Vanasse. Crystal Caves is a multi-level solution cave formed in a dolomite subway in the Prairie du Chien Group. Dolomite was established 485 million years ago during the Low Ordovician Period when the shallow oceans warm covered much of Minnesota and Wisconsin. It is Wisconsin's longest known cave. [1] The Geological Crystal Cave is a type various stages of the completion cave consisting of three levels. It covers a depth of 69 feet (21 m.) and is 4,600 feet (1.4 km.) long, fully contained in the Prairie du Chen Group. Bedrock forms a cave wall formed during the Ordovician Age. Ordovician. level is the widest of three, having developed along the existing Northeast to the southwest of the joint trend in bedrock. Dating cave periods began to form have proved difficult because of erosion by glacier waters and current fragment deposits Glaciation Wisconsin from the terminus near the Superior Ice Laurentide lobus. The commonly accepted theory of the formation of this cave is that it is formed by a weak carbonic acid solution formed from rainwater and snow mixed with the carbon biogenic dioxide found at the top, which then infiltrates the existing joints and fractures in the bedrock, extending it into opens that make up some of these developed [1] Speleothems Caves contain a variety of formations, mostly concentrated in the southeastern part of the cave, where optimal conditions for their growth. Speleothems found in caves take some form, the most common of stalactites (including variants known as soda straw), stalagmites, columns, stream rocks, draperies, and ribbons, but also include helictites, and cave pearls in more rare conditions. [1] The discovery of the Cave was discovered in 1881 by William R. Vanasse, a local youth who discovered the entrance to the cave when he was exploring a leaf-filled sink in a farm field near his home. The early exploration of the cave was done by William and his sister George. The brothers raped into a cave using a rope through the original entrance, now located near the gift shop. [1] Commercialization of Caves and surrounding property was developed into a presentation cave by local advertisers and amateur geologist Henry A. Friede of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Friede has been keen to open a show cave for some time, having been inspired by the success of similar business ventures, such as Blue Mounds (now known as the Mounds Cave) and a show cave near Harmony, Minnesota. The land was purchased by Friede and shortly thereafter, on November 2, 1941, work had begun to remove the glacier debris left in a cave that filled many routes in the second and third levels. At the same time, Alvin Peterson, a local architect, was engaged by Friede to design the entrance building. A small model of the front entry arch present in the picnic area by April 1942 most of the debris was removed and construction was started in an entry building designed by Peterson. The newly burned Crystal Cave was opened on The Memorial Day weekend of 1942,[2] but the plan was disrupted by heavy rainfall in the area. The opening of the cave was adjourned until 7 June 1942. [3] Further exploration of the period following the opening of the cave in 1942 The public saw little exploration of more than 400 m (1300 ka.) excavated to open the original tourist route. This is Known side indicators in the cave are considered too narrow for exploration by Friedes and subsequent owners. This remained the case until 1986, when the cave was acquired by Blaze geologists and Jean Cunningham. Cunninghams opened caves (and surrounding property) for exploration by both the Minnesota Speleological Survey, and the Wisconsin Society of Speleology, leading to the discovery of several additional routes. The new route is considered a wild cave which means that none of their commercial development is planned. [1] The policy continued when the cave was under new ownership in 2012; The cave was bought by Eric, and Kristen McMaster. [4] Other caves Since the opening of the property to cave settlers, several other caves have been found. These caves are not open generally to the public, only accessible during private events. [1] The only exception to this was the Southern Portal cave, which was opened to the public via Wild Tours in early August 2015. [5] Weather station In September 2014, a weather monitoring station was installed at the property. The station is run by the Citizens Weather Watchers Program to provide more accuracy in the weather forecast for the surrounding area. [6] Bomb shelters In late June 1942, the cave was designated a public bomb shelter when Henry Friede offered it for such a purpose to the Spring Valley Village Board, Wisconsin. 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