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(S.D.)-National Parks Offer Free Weekends In Honor Of Veteran's Day



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(Hot Springs)-Wind Cave National Park will offer free tours over Veterans Day Weekend in honor of veterans and current members of the U.S. Armed Force.

Tours will be offered at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. Saturday, November 9th, through Monday, November 11th. Visitors will walk along the Garden of Eden Tour Route and view boxwork formations for which the cave is famous. This 1/4-mile tour is moderately strenuous with approximately 150 steps and lasts one hour.

"We would like to take this opportunity to honor the sacrifices made by our service men and women on this holiday weekend and invite all our visitors to enjoy the land they fought to protect by visiting one of our national parks," said park superintendent Vidal Davila.

Tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Cave temperature is approximately 53 °F. A light coat or sweater and sturdy walking shoes are recommended. All tours begin at the visitor center located 1/2-mile off US Highway 385.

For more information, please contact Wind Cave National Park at [605-745-4600](tel:605-745-4600). Many other national parks will be having special activities and fees waived as well. A full list of all National Park Service events can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/findapark/event-search.htm>

(Information courtesy Wind Cave National Park)