

Key Access for Cleversburg Sink Cave

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Access:

Keys will be made available through regional caving organizations that are knowledgeable of proper and safe caving practices. If you are interested in exploring this cave, you should contact someone in one of these organizations. The Franklin County Grotto web page www.karst.org/fcg has links to several regional organizations that have access to the cave and will also indicate current water level in the cave. The water level will vary from dry to more than 30 feet. If there is more than 3 feet of water, there is a very limited amount accessible cave passage.

Contacts for key:

Primary: Jonathan Peterson email at cleversburg@karst.org
Alternate Ken Jones email at cleversburg@karst.org or call (717) 267-2669
Gate/Lock Maintenance: Howard White email at hwhite@karst.org

Key User Responsibilities:

The person obtaining the key agrees to exercise his/her discretion as to the suitability and/or competence of any individual entering the cave with them. They will also ensure that participants are properly equipped with lights and helmets, and that the cave, formations, cave life and gate are not damaged.

The key holder agrees to the following procedure regarding the cave gate and lock.

- *Upon entry to the cave re-lock the gate to prevent unauthorized access.
- *After all parties have safely exited the cave must be securely locked.
- *Cave visitors shall be discouraged from using Southampton Township Park restroom facilities while attired in dirty cave gear.
- *Trash: If you bring it with you, then take it away when you leave.
- *If you observe damage to the cave gate, notify Franklin County Grotto.

Keys should be promptly returned to Franklin County Grotto after your trip. Do not inquire at the local government office for use of the cave key except in an emergency situation.

Keys are not to be duplicated.