

Kartchner Caverns State Park

Experience a stunning limestone cave in Southeastern Arizona that boasts world-class features. This “live” cave, discovered in 1974, is host to a wide variety of unique minerals and formations. Water percolates from the surface and calcite formations continue to grow, including stalactites dripping down like icicles and giant stalagmites reaching up from the ground. Tour guides will unveil this fascinating underground landscape during a memorable 1½ hour tour.

The Discovery Center features museums exhibits, a large gift shop, regional displays, theater, and educational information about the caverns and the surrounding landscape. There are also campgrounds, hiking trails, lockers, shaded picnic areas, a deli, an amphitheater, and a hummingbird garden.

[Link to Kartchner Caverns SP](#)



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\$12,333,199

2006-2007 Site Facts
Visitation: 155,909
Economic Impact: \$12,333,199
Local Jobs Supported: 188

Kartchner Caverns State Park attracted 155,909 visitors in fiscal year 2007. The total economic impact of expenditures made by these guests, directly and indirectly, is estimated to be \$12.3 million, making the park a critical component of the local economy. In addition, tourism spending by park visitors at this level supports an estimated 188 jobs in Cochise County.

Arizona State Parks and historic sites make up a significant portion of Arizona’s tourism industry. Over 2 million people visited Arizona’s diverse state parks in fiscal year 2007 generating \$266 million in economic impact, \$22.7 million in state and local taxes and supporting more than 3,300 Arizona jobs.