



To Join

*Send the ACC Membership Application to:
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For more information, and a membership application visit the ACC website: www.acave.us

For Cave Owner Assistance Contact: ACC

*Telephone: (804) 740-0339
Call us and we will call you back on our toll-free line, or email at john@acave.us*

ACC members would be glad to talk with you about any cave related concerns you have and how ACC can assist you.

What we are

The Appalachian Cave Conservancy, Inc. is a cave conservancy of the National Speleological Society and a nonprofit, tax-exempt Virginia corporation, founded in 1978 for the purpose of protecting caves through effective stewardship and conservation procedures.*

** Formerly the Perkins Cave Conservation and Management Society*

Appalachian Cave Conservancy

Saves Caves by bringing cave owners, cavers, and speleologists together.



Providing a Variety of Cave Conservation and Stewardship Services to Cave Owners in Southwest Virginia and Eastern Tennessee



Who we are

The Appalachian Cave Conservancy (ACC) is made up of concerned cave owners, cavers, cave managers, speleologists, and other specialists, who appreciate, study, map, photograph, and explore caves and karst landscapes. Caves of the southern Appalachians play an important role in the cultural history, water supply, and ecology of the region. A goal of ACC is to find the best solutions for conserving these caves.

How ACC can help

One of the purposes of ACC is to assist landowners with their responsibility of managing karst and cave resources. ACC can offer convenient alternatives when a cave becomes a problem, especially for absentee landowners and those concerned about trespassing and vandalism. Our members can also arrange for the appropriate scientific and technical assistance needed to study unique cave values such as paleontology, hydrology, and biology.

What we do

No fees are charged for cave related services. Instead, ACC forges partnerships with cave owners, cavers, and other groups to raise funds needed for bat-friendly gates and conservation practices. We also provide free consultation and information. Once partnerships are formed, ACC works closely with cave owners to develop appropriate agreements and strategies specific to each setting.

How we do this

We are volunteer speleologists, cavers, cave managers, and cave owners who give their time and effort to help land owners who have cave entrances on their property. Often ACC can match cave owners with an appropriate qualified resource person who lives in the vicinity. Presently all ACC managed caves are in southwest Virginia and eastern Tennessee.

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