

Indiana Karst Conservancy  
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Yes, I would like to help the IKC protect Indiana's unique cave and karst features! Enclosed is:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for IKC membership dues at \$15 per year (dues expire March of each year, please pro-rate @ \$1.25/month)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation to the general IKC fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation restricted to a specific IKC project (ie: Land Acquisition). Please specify,  
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\_\_\_\_\_ I know of an area worthy of protection, please contact me.

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Make checks payable to the *Indiana Karst Conservancy, Inc.* and mail to the Indiana Karst Conservancy, P.O. Box 2401, Indianapolis, IN 46206-2401. The IKC is an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with membership dues and donations fully tax deductible. A canceled check is considered an acceptable receipt but if you would like a separate receipt, please specify.

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# Indiana Karst Conservancy



The Indiana Karst Conservancy (IKC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and conservation of Indiana's karst features. It is affiliated with the National Speleological Society.

Formed by concerned citizens who actively protect karst features—including their associated archaeological, biological, and geological significance—the IKC manages, protects, and acquires karst areas in Indiana.

It also supports research and promotes education related to karst and its appropriate use as many abuses arise from lack of understanding and knowledge of karst.



## Karst?

Karst is a term first applied to a plateau in the alps of Yugoslavia. It has become popular throughout the world and characterizes regions of limestone or other soluble rocks, sinkholes, sinking streams, springs, and caves.

South central and south-eastern Indiana contain such areas—there are extensive sinkhole plains with as many as 1,000 sinkholes/square mile, large valleys with no surface drainage, and rivers and streams that disappear into the ground. Some are of national significance.



Source: Project Underground

Unfortunately, some of these areas have been damaged. An organized effort has been made to protect and increase awareness of the importance of karst features.

## Abuse?



The beautiful karst features of Indiana are in danger. For example, some are being used as trash dumps for toxic chemicals and caves are being vandalized.

Fortunately, these vital features often take up only a small portion of land, presenting an opportunity for the IKC to become involved in property management and land acquisition.

After purchase, these properties are open to individuals and groups. The exception would be where scientific research or other special protection considerations require limited visitation, for example, protecting hibernating species.

## Can I Help?

**Yes!** You can help protect and preserve Indiana's karst features by becoming a member of the IKC for only \$15 per year. You can also help by making an additional monetary donation or by volunteering your time.



Just fill out the form included in this brochure.

The IKC is an entirely volunteer

organization—its strength is in its membership. The main source of funding is from its vital membership dues and donations. By becoming a member, you have the opportunity to help preserve cave and karst features as well as educate the public about their environmental importance.

**Please act now, before it's too late...**