

APPENDIX A: IKC MANAGED CAVES

(last revised 10/15/2025)

BUDDHA CAVE:

Property address: 855 Buddha Rd, Bedford, IN

Cave Patron: Jeff Cody (317-888-9898)

Access status: Liaison accessible. A rigid ladder (it is suggested a 20' or 24' extension ladder depending upon placement) is necessary to access the cave beyond the entrance room. Vertical gear or a cable ladder with belay is **required** to access the lower sections of the cave via the canyon drop. A "Letter of Permission" must be displayed in the vehicle(s) windshield.

LOWRY CAVE:

Property address: ~8700 S State Road 3, Commiskey, IN

Cave Patron: Jasper Beavers (812-343-7490 or jay3130@yahoo.com)

Access status: Patron-only accessible for now due to a limited parking and access road issues. The road gate combo is "2401"

Camping: Available to IKC members and guests, please coordinate with the Property Manager (Jasper Beavers). No toilet facilities.

ROBINSON LADDER CAVE:

Property address: 4000 State Road 66, Milltown, IN

Cave Patron: John Benton (830-305-1026 or JMBenton1952@gmail.com)

Access status: Because Robinson Ladder Cave is a Priority 3 Indiana bat hibernacula, the cave is closed September 1 through April 30 each year. From May 1 to August 31, the cave is Liaison accessible. The road gate combo is "2401"

Camping: Available to IKC members and guests, please coordinate with Property Manager (John Benton). No toilet facilities.

SHILOH CAVE (Quarry entrance):

Cave Patron: Jim Adams (317-945-8604 or JKAdams@aol.com)

Access status: Patron-only accessible due to a limit of 6 trips per year and other restrictions. A maximum of three vehicles can be parked on the property, and a "Letter of Permission" must be displayed in the vehicle(s) windshield.

SUICIDE CAVE:

Cave Patron: Kevin Smith (317-412-3667 or FreeWheeler2Go@yahoo.com)

Access status: Patron-only accessible. A key is required for visitation.

SULLIVAN CAVE:

Property address: 2088 State Road 54, Springville, IN

Cave Patron: Goni Iskali (SullivanCave@gmail.com)

Access status: Effective November 1, 2025, all scheduling and waivers must be completed through the Save Our Caves website (<https://permits.saveyourcaves.org>).

The cave gate key will be obtained on-site via an electronic lock box with a code provided once the cave trip is approved. Overflow/snow parking at 2088 and 2220 State Road 54. The road gate combo is "2401"

Camping: Available to IKC members and guests. Scheduling and waivers is also arranged through the Save Our Caves website. Port-a-john available.

UPPER TWIN CAVE:

Property address: 4000 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, IN

Cave Patron: Dave Everton (812-272-2300 or DEverton@indiana.edu)

Access status: Patron-only accessible. Trips from May 15 to November 1 must turn around at the designated spot. Trips from November 1 to May 15 can include the DNR portion of the cave with WNS training and DNR permit (discuss requirements with Dave Everton). Due to the potential impact on the cavefish, group-size is limited to a maximum of ten and no more than one trip on a given day. The road gate combo is "2401"

Camping: Available to IKC members and guests on the Shawnee Karst Preserve property, please coordinate with the Property Manager (Keith Dunlap: 317-882-5420 or keith.dunlap@juno.com). No toilet facilities.

WAYNE CAVE:

Property address: 8307 Gardner Rd, Bloomington, IN

Cave Patron: Dave Everton (812-272-2300 or DEverton@indiana.edu)

Access status: Liaison accessible. A key is required for visitation. The road gate combo is "2401"

Camping: Available to IKC members and guests, please coordinate with the Property Manager (Cris Seuell: 812-606-4810 or CSeuell82@gmail.com). Port-a-john available.

INCIDENTAL CAVES:

Some of our cave properties have "incidental" caves in addition to the featured cave on the property (e.g., Chase Cave on the Buddha Karst Preserve, Mr Potato Pit on the Wayne Cave Preserve, Breakdown Falls Cave on the Robinson Ladder Cave Preserve, Whittaker Cave on the Shawnee Karst Preserve, Wilkerson Cave on the Lowry Karst Preserve). Permission to visit these caves would normally granted by the Property Manager and there is a "generic" liability waiver that needs to be signed before visiting any of these incidental caves.