

Cave Day

Thursday, June 7, 2018

Total Miles: 100.5-102.2

Leave by 8 am, mine tours start at 10 am

This route will travel more modern roads to get you to the mine quickly for a tour and lunch. After lunch you will have the option to explore the hills on pavement or gravel. The gravel route will have creek crossings and will wind through the countryside, a little challenging route, but nothing a Model T can't handle. If you are planning to take the gravel route, please have a full tank before leaving Mt. Vernon. Lunch will be served at the mine from 11:00-1:00 at the shelter.

To Saltpeter mine: 45 mi

1	Depart Holiday Inn Express toward US-27	0.1 mi
2	Turn left onto US-27 N . You may turn left at a traffic light or make a U-turn at traffic light. How ever you do it, go North on US-27.	1.0 mi
3	Turn right onto KY-2292 at Mellow Mushroom on corner. Light 19	2.3 mi
4	Keep straight to follow KY-1247 North/Main St all the way through Somerset and through the town square.	1.5 mi
5	At flashing yellow light, turn right onto KY-39 and then cross KY-80 at traffic light	11.7 mi
6	Turn right onto Ocala Rd , Wheeldon's Grocery service station on corner.	2.4 mi
7	Turn left onto Paul Farley Rd after little bridge	0.9 mi
8	Bear left onto KY-3268 at stop sign (no sign)	0.6 mi
9	Bear right onto KY-934 at stop sign	0.7 mi
10	Turn left onto KY-935 after sharp bend	0.8 mi
11	Keep straight onto Bee Lick Creek Rd at sharp corner, then at next intersection, keep left to follow Bee Lick Creek Rd.	1.5 mi
12	Bear right onto Bandy Wallialla Rd, name changes to Bandy Rd	0.6 mi
13	Turn right onto KY-70 at stop sign. Old store on side of road near intersection.	0.4 mi
14	Turn right onto KY-3273 / E Level Green Rd	1.4 mi
15	Turn left onto Wabd Jones Rd . No sign, look for green 3 mile marker.	3.2 mi
16	Keep straight onto KY-1250 / Spiro Rd at Skaggs Creek Church	0.3 mi
17	At stop sign, turn left onto Doc Adams Rd (no sign)	0.7 mi
18	At stop sign, cross KY-461/ Lake Cumberland Rd. Busy road - Use caution! Road name changes to KY-2549 / White Rock Rd after crossing KY-461	2.6 mi
19	At stop sign/flashing red light, turn right onto US-150 / New Brodhead Rd	1.1 mi
20	Keep straight , road changes to US-25 . Please use caution as this is a busy road. Be sure to fill up at one of the gas stations here IF you are going to take the wilderness route back to Somerset.	5.4 mi

21	Turn left onto Mullins Station Rd (no sign). Look for concrete septic tank business and Pine Hill Holiness Church across the road from intersection. You will pass some big mine entrances and a train tunnel, you can get closer if you want - at your own risk.	5.3 mi
22	Turn right onto KY-1004 / Big Cave Rd , has yellow line	0.4 mi
23	Turn right onto Salt Peter Cave Rd in bend. Look for Salt Peter Preserve Sign	341 ft
24	Arrive at Salt Peter Cave Rd . If you plan to walk through the cave and do not want to walk up a bunch of steps, turn left into the first parking lot (limited area). If you are not planning to see the cave, OR will walk to the cave, follow road down the hill to the next parking lot. Lunch will be served at the lower parking lot in the shelter.	
	Salt Peter Cave Rd, Livingston, KY 40445	

Choose below to take the Gravel Route or Paved Route (In Grey) to Short Creek:

The Rugged Route to Short Creek: 40.2 miles

If you are looking for more back woods driving through some of the Kentucky Terrain, follow this route. One section of this route will be exciting on gravel and multiple creek crossings, but the road has been tested and does go through. Nothing a good T and good T driver can't handle! Which will we do? Definitely this one!

1	Go out of Salt Peter Preserve the same way you came in.	341 ft
2	Turn right onto KY-1004 / Big Cave Rd and go up hill.	1.6 mi
3	At stop sign, turn right onto KY-1955 / Red Hill Rd	1.2 mi
4	Turn right to stay on KY-1955 / Red Hill Rd	5.4 mi
5	At stop sign, turn right onto KY-490 / S Upper River Rd	0.1 mi
6	Turn left onto US-25 / S Wilderness Rd at stop sign	0.6 mi
7	Turn right onto Ford Hollow Rd this will be the 1st road to the right after leaving Livingston.	1.7 mi
8	Bear left onto Sand Hill Rd , Sand Hill Baptist Church on corner	2.7 mi
9	At bottom of steep gravel hill, turn left onto Long Branch Rd	1.0 mi
10	At stop sign, turn right onto KY-1329 / Lower River Rd (black top) and go under I-75	10.5 mi
11	Road will turn gravel and you will cross a creek. This creek is easy and has good bottom. Follow gravel road. There was an Indian reservation along this road.	
12	2nd creek, bottom is good. Go into the creek and turn left, keep to the right side of the creek and head for the islands, then you will see where to go. Last run, the islands had a little deep area before getting up on them.	

13	The other creeks are fine, just follow the nice gravel road through and you will be on black top. After you see the swinging bridge, this was a settlement where the Indians and the settlers would meet and trade - there is only a grave yard and a couple house trailers here now.	
14	Go up long steep blacktop hill and stop at top, then turn left onto KY-1249 / Sand Springs Rd	4.5 mi
15	Turn right onto KY-1956 / Billows Rd at stop sign	2.1 mi
16	At stop sign, !!!CAUTION!!! cross KY-80. Road name changes to Squib Ano Rd	1.7 mi
17	Follow road, name changes to W Adkins Arthur Rd	1.8 mi
18	Turn left onto Sandy Gap Rd at stop sign.	1.0 mi
19	Keep straight onto KY-1675 at stop sign. Adams Grocery Store is on this corner - gas, drinks, food, and ICE CREAM here!	3.7 mi
20	Keep straight onto Stab Rd at KY-1675 & KY-80 signs	377 ft
21	Immediately turn left onto Short Creek Rd and go down hill.	0.2 mi
22	Arrive at Short Creek when you see gravel parking lot. Stop here and explore! If you reach Delbert Bullock Rd, you've gone too far	

To Short Creek on PAVED ROADS: 38.5 miles

This route will speed up your route, and is very scenic, but will bypass the creeks and gravel.

1	Depart Salt Peter Cave Rd toward KY-1004 / Big Cave Rd	341 ft
2	Turn left onto KY-1004 / Big Cave Rd	5.6 mi
3	Turn left to stay on KY-1004 / Big Cave Rd	0.2 mi
4	Keep right to stay on KY-1004 / Big Cave Rd	3.3 mi
5	Turn right onto US-25 N / S Wilderness Rd	2.2 mi
6	Turn left onto KY-1249 / Sand Springs Rd	16.5 mi
7	Turn right onto KY-1956 / Billows Rd at stop sign	2.1 mi
8	Road name changes to Squib Ano Rd at stop sign	1.7 mi
9	Road name changes to W Adkins Arthur Rd	1.8 mi
10	Turn left onto Sandy Gap Rd at stop sign	1.0 mi
11	Keep straight onto KY-1675 gas pumps on left	3.7 mi
12	Keep straight onto Stab Rd	377 ft
13	Turn left onto Short Creek Rd	0.2 mi
14	Arrive at Short Creek Rd	

Short Creek to Somerset

Easy route back to Somerset: 17 miles

1	Depart Short Creek Rd toward Stab Rd, which is the same way you came in.	0.2 mi
2	Turn left onto Stab Rd at Stop Sign	0.5 mi
3	At stop sign, cross KY-80, road name changes to Leo Gilliland Rd	0.8 mi
4	Bear right onto Old Shopville Rd	2.1 mi

5	At stop sign, turn left and cross KY-80, road name changes to KY-692 . After crossing KY-80, there is a park on the left corner of KY-80 and KY-692	6.5 mi
6	At stop sign, turn right onto KY-192 , continue straight at light and cross KY-914.	1.1 mi
7	Keep straight onto KY-80 BR / E Mt Vernon St	1.4 mi
8	Go around fountain in town square and at stop sign turn left onto KY-1247	1.0 mi
9	Keep straight onto KY-1247	2.4 mi
10	Turn left onto US-27 S at traffic light	1.0 mi
11	Turn right onto Mercury Blvd at Holiday Inn Express	

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