

# WHITE SCAR CAVE – GROUP VISITS

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## Facts to Assist Your Risk Assessment

White Scar Cave offers an 80 minute guided tour. Protective headwear is provided, and is fitted by cave staff. **Children with small heads should bring a woolly/baseball hat to ensure a reasonable fit.**

The tour takes place underground, and follows a set route of one mile in a largely natural environment. Most of the tour involves walking above a natural underground stream on weld mesh metal gratings.

The path in the cave is not flat, as it follows the natural inclination of the underground stream.

There are (to complete the tour) four separate low-roofed passages totalling 50 metres in length, and restricted height in one access tunnel.

There are along the route places where rock ledges protrude, reducing the passage width.

The underground waterfalls react to the outside weather conditions.

The underground stream varies in height due to outside weather conditions. This may affect access to the cave.

There are five separate flights of stairs: one of concrete (9 steps with no handrails) and four of metal (50, 5, 16 & 14 steps respectively, all with handrails).

In the cave near the start of the access tunnel to the Battlefield Cavern is a rest area, for use in case of need as decided by Group Leaders and/or cave staff.

## Conditions of Entry

Groups are admitted on condition that:

the above-mentioned facts fall within the acceptable risk policy of the group's Governing Body;  
group leaders are admitted in the ratio of 1 free of charge per 8 paying visitors;  
the leaders properly control their charges while on site and while underground;  
during the cave tour group leaders will spread equally among their group: front, middle and rear;  
the behaviour of the group is maintained to a standard set by White Scar Cave.

**It is the responsibility of the group leader(s) to inform White Scar Cave, in advance of the visit, of any educational, medical, physical or behavioural concerns affecting any member of the group's capacity to undertake the tour in accordance with these terms.**

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