

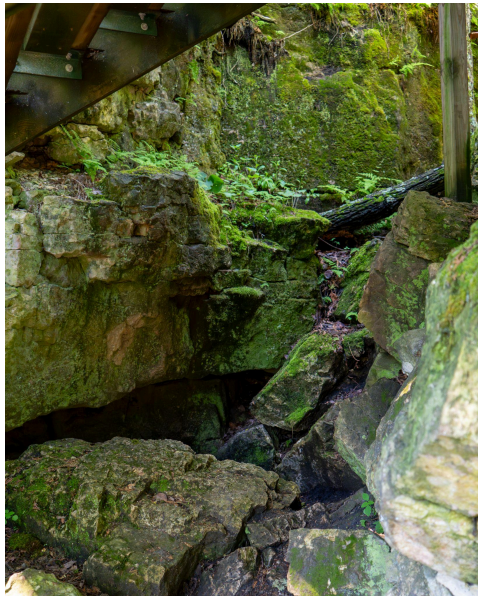
WGS Field Trip to The Cherney Maribel Caves.

On June 6th, the International Day of Caves and the Subterranean World (often celebrated as Cave Day) and National Caves and Karst Day in the United States, some club members participated in a private tour of the Cherney Maribel Caves. The tour was led by Andy Krahn & Al Schema of the Wisconsin Speleological Society.

The tour began with the walking down the stairs past a bluff of Niagara Dolomite containing voids where fossil gastropods once existed.



At the bottom was Staircase Cave.



We then went on to Split Rock Cave, so named due to the splitting of the rocks by the cave entrance.



Then Tartarus Cave, where if you look closely you can see an evil figure in the rocks.



We continued southwest towards the cave of treasures.

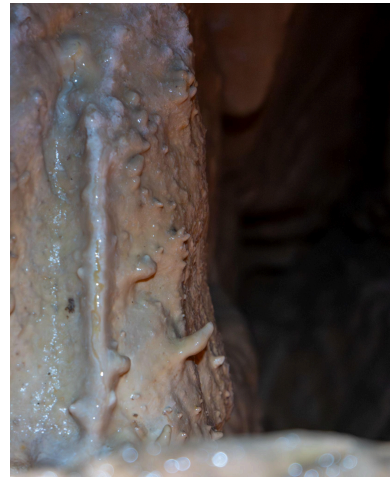


Then we hiked through the woods along the West Twin River to get a distant view of Coopers Cave and Pancake Cave. Aguaduice Cave has a metal pipe protecting the entrance and it goes back about 20 feet.

Our guides then unlocked the entrance to the the main attraction, the New Hope Cave. This cave is actively being made bigger as glacial debris is removed to clear the passageways. Inside we saw many speleothems (cave formations).

Here we see a helictite, formed as dripping water was blown upward by the cave wind.

Tiny dripping sodastraw stalactites cling tightly to the cave ceiling.



Our guide, Andy, explaining the cave formations.



Here we have our hardy group. Everyone had a wonderful time.



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