



# We EXPLORE

## CAVE SCIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE BEGINS WITH EXPLORATION

Mammoth, Carlsbad, Lechuguilla, Wind, Jewel, Timpanogos; Florida springs and Hawaiian lava tubes; and more than 50,000 other caves—explored, studied and mapped by NSS members.

- Data collected by cavers are vital for:
- Federal, state and other cave managers
  - Research and advances in science
  - Planning commissions
  - Highway, water, and power system planners
  - Landowners



# We STUDY

## WE ARE THE NSS

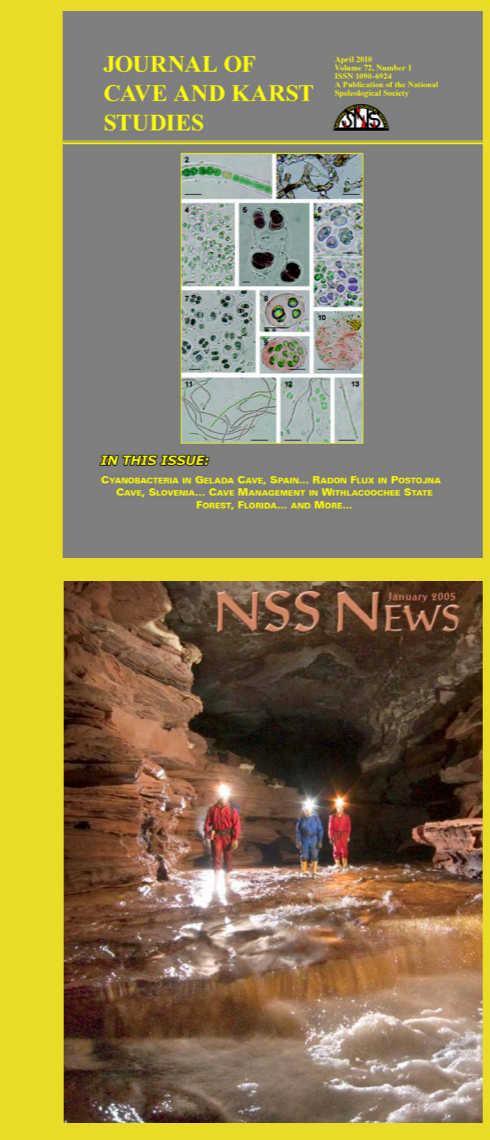
For 70 years, the **National Speleological Society (NSS)** has done more than any other organization to discover, explore, study, and conserve cave resources; teach caving techniques and safety; and encourage responsible management of caves.

The NSS and its 10,000+ members have unmatched knowledge about caves, their inhabitants, and their environments.

### NSS members are

- Scientists
- Explorers
- Educators
- Cartographers
- Conservationists
- Recreational cavers
- Resource managers

We publish the world's foremost scholarly speleological periodical, the *Journal of Cave and Karst Studies*; the monthly *NSS News*; and books on caves and caving.



We own the largest speleological library and provide grants for research, conservation, education, and exploration.



# We PROTECT

## OUR VIBRANT HERITAGE

- Protecting caves and their environments, groundwater, formations, archeological artifacts, flora, and fauna
- Advocating and teaching cave conservation
- Owning and managing 22 caves on 13 preserves, including those protecting endangered bats and other species

### In the face of **white-nose syndrome (WNS)**, the NSS provides

- A natural partner in management strategies
- Unmatched knowledge about caves and bat hibernacula
- Scientists conducting dedicated WNS research
- Critical manpower and skills
- Urgent research grants through our WNS Rapid Response Fund
- Knowledgeable advocates for conserving cave resources, including bats



To learn more and join, visit [www.caves.org](http://www.caves.org)

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