

## Kingston Saltpeter Cave Management Plan

The following Preserve Management Plan was adopted by the Board of Governors of the National Speleological Society (NSS) to define management of the Kingston Saltpeter Cave Preserve. The intention of this plan is to protect the property and promote good relations between the NSS, the owner of the property and neighboring land owners. Please observe the rules and encourage others to do the same so that this unique and outstanding cave sight may be enjoyed by all. Contact the NSS Kingston Saltpeter Preserve Committee at [kingstoncommittee@caves.org](mailto:kingstoncommittee@caves.org) if you have any questions or need to request special arrangements.

1. All visitors to the cave property must sign a release and disclaimer before entering the cave.
2. All parties must have a valid permit signed by the Preserve Committee Chair. The permit is valid only for the day or dates reflected on the permit.
3. Access to the preserve is available only by permit.
4. The person arranging the trip must be a current member of the NSS. All cavers visiting the property are strongly encouraged to join the NSS to help with its mission. When requesting a permit the identity of the NSS member who will accompany and be responsible for the activities of the group must be given. A permit will be issued in that person's name who will be responsible for insuring that all members of the group abide by the terms of the permit and the management plan.
5. Parking is limited to that designated parking area.
6. Please do not block any roadways or any other vehicles.
7. Please lock all gates securely.
8. To minimize the impact on the cave, the property and the wildlife, the NSS requests that groups visiting the property be no larger than 8 people.
9. All visitors accessing the preserve are required to pack out all waste and leave nothing on the preserve property or the cave.
10. Please keep noise to a minimum in order to avoid disturbing wildlife and other visitors.
11. Use of the cave for any commercial activity or purpose including guided or commercial caving or other similar activity known as "cave for pay" is not allowed in accordance with the NSS commercial use policy.
12. Any unauthorized visitors or vandals encountered on the preserve should be reported immediately to the NSS preserve manager with efforts made if possible to obtain the identity of those individuals.
13. Collection or removing of cultural or other artifacts is not allowed.
14. Collection or removal of wildlife, plants, minerals or other items found on the property or in the cave, including scientific specimens is not allowed without the express written permission from the NSS, the Kingston Saltpeter Preserve Committee and the owner of the property.
15. Hunting on the preserve is not allowed.

16. Modification of the caves or property including the placement of bolts or other artificial anchors is prohibited without the express written permission from the NSS and the owner of the property.
17. By entering the cave you certify that you are in a good state of health and that you are aware of the obstacles in this particular preserve and are capable of doing the vertical rope work required to safely negotiate the cave passage.
18. Camping in the cave and on the preserve is not allowed. Fires of any type are not allowed.
19. Upon exiting the cave, please do not change clothes in any public area and respect the privacy of our neighbors.
20. Consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or use of illegal drugs is not permitted in the cave or on the preserve.
21. Smoking in the cave is not permitted.

### **Commercial Use Statement**

The NSS Board of Governors reaffirms its standing policy that bans the commercial use of our properties, and specifically, prohibits any activity where a charge of any type is made or a payment of any type made to anyone organizing or leading a trip to the cave preserve.