



Why Should I Help the RKC?

The Rockcastle Karst Conservancy succeeds in its mission only by the service of its members. We are an all-volunteer organization. As such, we give whatever we can, depending on our particular circumstances. Volunteering your time is critical to RKC's ability to get jobs done. But, it takes more than hard work and endless volunteer hours for RKC to be successful in its mission:

Protecting Kentucky's karst environments and supporting access to caves in the Rockcastle County Region.

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No, it takes money, too. Keeping an organization running, purchasing office supplies, providing services to the members, maintaining and insuring our properties ... these all take money. Currently, member dues are our only source of recurring revenue. So, if you haven't renewed your dues for 2016, please do it now. Consider upgrading your membership to "Sustaining". For as little as \$5.00 each month, you can painlessly help us meet our operating needs.

If you can spare some additional cash, please consider an extra donation. Our vision to "Be the leading non-profit organization owning and protecting significant cave and karst resources", won't be realized unless we can grow our Cave Acquisition Fund sufficiently to aggressively seek out and buy karst properties. If you love caves, help us keep them available. RKC is presently researching multiple karst properties, each containing outstanding caves. But, these exciting purchases can't happen without the funds to complete the sales. We rely heavily on our members and other donors for these donations. Can you please help?



*Help Save Our Vanishing Karstlands !!!
Donate to the RKC Cave Acquisition Fund !!!
Your Dollars Will Last for Years !!!*

Preserve News

Great Saltpetre Cave Management Committee — Chaired by Jerry Brandenburg

While the property continues to be in good condition, GSP has seen a series of financial setbacks this past year. Both the tractor and the zero-turn mower required some unexpected, and unbudgeted, repairs. The pressure regulators in the water supply had to be replaced, The instant-on hot water heater in the kitchen was replaced. Drain pipes were added along the campground road to reduce standing water on the road during heavy rains. One of the WiFi routers has malfunctioned and needs to be replaced.

Additionally, the gravel road-bed down to the campground is suffering significant erosion. A mitigation plan has been devised, but the cost will be high. We applied for a grant from the Kentucky EMA, but didn't receive it. The application will be considered next year.



On a more positive note, Scout visitations are running higher than normal this past year, as were field trips from the local elementary schools in and around Rockcastle County.

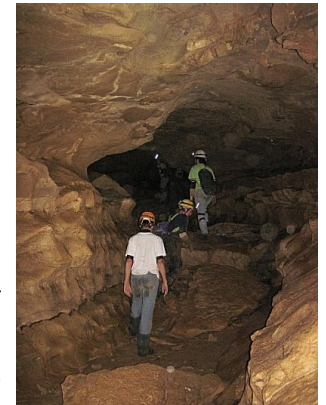
GSP continues to serve the Rockcastle community and serves as a goodwill ambassador for the Rockcastle Karst Conservancy. Please help us maintain that position.

Misty Cave Management Committee — Chaired by **Sean Cain**

Misty Cave is located in Jackson County. This past year the cave was used by members for numerous led trips. Primarily due to its remote location, the cave shows little wear and tear ... it's a great RKC property.



Misty Cave offers visitors a variety of passages, big and small. Challenging climbs and big domes are a delight for first-time cavers and old-timers, alike.



Cornhole Cave Management Committee — Chaired by **Mary Gratsch**



This entrance section to Goochland Cave, Rockcastle County's largest, offers RKC members exciting and challenging trips. Visitors can spend hours in the Cornhole section or push on for a through trip to the main Goochland entrance. Tight passages, dome climbs, big rooms, and a

wide variety of cave life, make Cornhole trips memorable to even the most seasoned caver. Having access to Goochland Cave provides RKC members with a unique insight into Rockcastle County karst development on a very large scale.

Your continuing support maintains this access.



Join RKC

*We can't do it without YOU!!!!
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The Rockcastle Karst Conservancy

Membership Application Form
Apply online at: www.rkci.org

Date

Name - Please print clearly

Street

City, State & ZIP

Email Address

Telephone

Membership Categories and Dues
(Circle Membership Type)

Memberships for Individuals — Voting

Individual Member \$15 / year (Apr. 1—Mar. 31)

Lifetime Member \$300 / one time

— OR —

Sustaining Member * \$5 - \$50 / month*
(Credit Card Charge via PayPal)

* Sustaining Memberships can only be done on-line
(Go to www.rkci.org)

Institutional Memberships — Non-Voting

Institutional memberships for groups that would like to support RKC are also available:

Supporting - Non-profit, grottos, and youth organizations—\$25/year
Supporting - All other organizations — \$50/year

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