

KCC Caving Information and Gear List For Top Section

Karamu Caves Classic Experience



Karamu caves are situated 30 minutes away from KCC. The Top Section of the Cave involves exploring the first 200 metres into the mountain and takes approximately 2 – 2.5 hours.

We cater for a range of ability levels when venturing into the cave. Each ability group will usually reach the same destinations in the cave but take different routes to get there. For example; one group may go over a formation of rocks and a more challenging group may go underneath those same rocks yet still come out the other side near the same place.

Each of our guides use discretion to analyse which path best suits the group they are leading through the cave.

With large groups of 20 – 40 people, cavers are split between KCC guides to ensure smaller groups and manageable sizes.

You may pre split your group according to ability and fitness level:

Sightseeing/ Easy:	Moderate:	Challenge:
<p>Mostly walking in open spaces in the cave.</p> <p>In this ability group you have the comfort of larger spaces while still experiencing the underground. Minimal climbing and crawling. On the way out, each caver is given the option to challenging themselves with smaller spaces.</p>	<p>A mix of walking, crawling, and small spaces within the cave.</p> <p>In this ability group you have the added challenge of smaller spaces and getting muddy. It also involves some a bit of climbing.</p>	<p>A mix of walking, crawling, tight spaces, and climbing in the cave.</p> <p>In this ability group you have the added challenge of tight spaces, climbing rock faces and getting good and muddy.</p>
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When Groups cave with KCC...

You need to come prepared to get muddy and somewhat wet. A positive attitude goes a long way.

Before caving with KCC your group organiser needs to relay any necessary Medical information including allergies.

Inform guides on any group members with relevant health issues (asthma, epilepsy, diabetics, physical impairments, nut/ dairy allergies etc.)

Groups need to provide their own transport to and from caves.

If staying at KCC groups may convoy behind the camp vehicle to the caves, maps and directions are also available.

Groups need to bring:

Enough adults to supervise children at a ratio of 1 adult to 5 children

Note: children are considered 14 years and under

Any necessary Medication

Asthma inhalers, epi pens, etc.)

Old Warm Clothes

Preferably long pants and long sleeved shirt

Covered Shoes

Preferably grippy

A spare change of clothes

And a plastic bag for wet clothes

Groups are recommended to bring:

Overalls (KCC has a limited supply of adult sized overalls that May be available)

To save clothes from going AWOL.

Thermal Underwear

To keep warm once wet

A Snack

To eat after you get out

A Towel

To dry off or to sit on, on the journey home