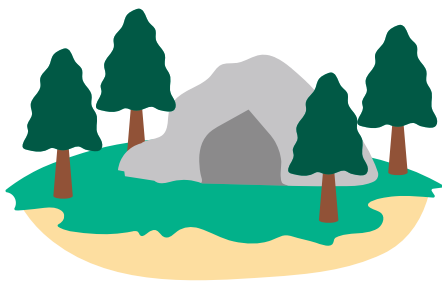


Please return to exhibit holder when finished



# Cave

*Tips for caregivers to help kids learn  
through play!*

---

## Talk

- Talk about the tools people might use to explore caves:
  - helmet, flashlight, gloves
- Discuss the kinds of animals that might live in a cave:
  - bats, rodents (most bears do not hibernate in caves)
- Share how the cave and darkness make you feel.

---

## Play Together

- Play "I Spy" to identify the different rock formations you and your child find in the cave.
- After reading the signs, use what you learned to give a guided cave tour to each other.

---

## Explore

- Use your senses to explore the cave- describe each sensation.
- Use your cellphone flashlight to peek in dark corners!

## *Ideas to Learn Together Throughout the Children's Museum*

- Let your child lead the way
- Ask open-ended questions that require more than a "yes or no" answer
- Let your child do the work
- Encourage safe risk-taking

# CAVE

**Explore this reproduction of a Virginia limestone cave. How many hidden tunnels and different formations can you find?**

**Fun Fact: Caves are made over many years when water dissolves limestone rock to form underground tunnels!**

