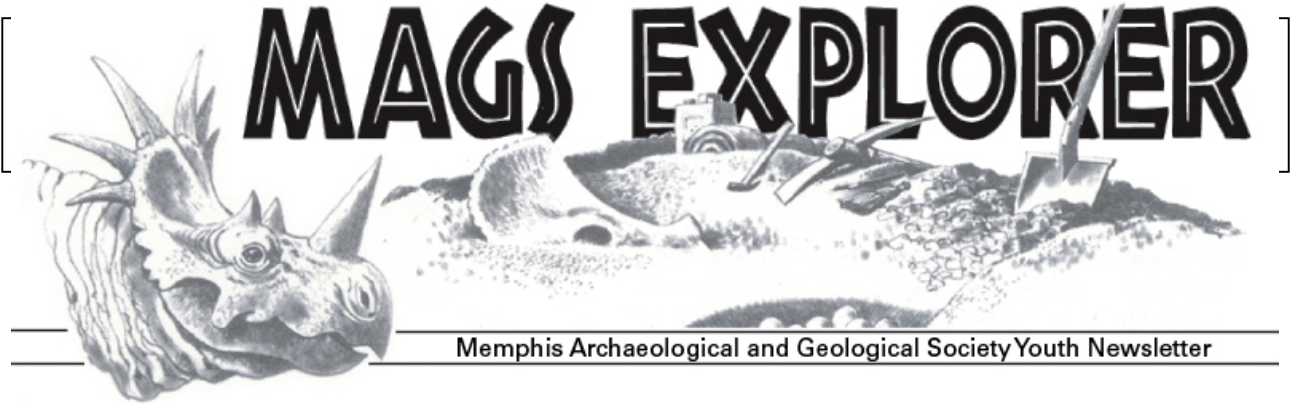


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Everyone has heard the phrase, “A picture is worth a thousand words.” Explore mining and history through digitized photographs



Mexican Hat or Balanced Rock in the background of placer miners. View in Oil Basin, 25 miles west of Bluff, Utah."



The Marriott Library has a wonderful collection of historical photographs. These are just two photographs from the collection that is available online.

Visit their web site at:

<http://www.lib.utah.edu/digital/site/histphoto.html>

Collections include: Beckwith Photograph Collection,
Great Basin Association Photograph Collection,
Green River Launch Complex, Utah State Historical Society Collection

Just what is a surface mine?

Surface Mine - A mine that is usually within a few hundred feet of the surface. It may also be known as an area, contour, open-pit, strip, or auger mine.

Things to do - Mid-South Area

Memphis Zoo - (901) 333-6754

Backstage Pass

Saturday, June 17

An American Association of Zoo Keepers Event

\$30 for adults

\$10 for children (ages 5 and up)

Spend a special evening with zookeepers as they give you a backstage look at some of their favorite things to see and do at the Zoo. Events include a giraffe feeding and other behind-the-scenes tours

Did you know?

On June 1, 1927, New Jersey experienced the highest intensity earthquake for that state

Aren't you glad it is not 1927 and you are not living in New Jersey.

*From Earthquake Information Bulletin,
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Visit Blanchard Springs Caverns

<http://www.fs.fed.us/oonf/ozark/recreation/caverns.html>

(888) 757-2246

Tours

Dripstone Trail Tour - 1 hour long - Tours travel one way, 4/10 mile total, through the most highly decorated level of the Caverns. This trail is accessible to strollers and wheelchairs with strong assistance. Tours depart often; the last tour is at 4:15 PM.

Discovery Trail Tour - 1½ hours - Tours travel one way through the middle level of the Caverns, passing under the Natural Entrance and beside the cave stream before emerging into highly decorated rooms. With nearly 700 stair steps, this tour is not recommended for those with walking or health problems. Tours depart often; the last tour is at 4:00 PM. The Discovery Trail Tour is only open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

Wild Cave Tour - 3-4 hours - Open by reservation only. This is a strenuous trip through undeveloped parts of the middle level. Participants should be in good physical condition and be prepared to climb and crawl. Limited to at least three but no more than twelve people per tour; each person must be at least ten years old. A responsible adult must accompany ten- to twelve-year-olds.

Rates

Rates are subject to change. Please call 1-888-757-2246 between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. CST for current rates.

Adults - \$10.00 for Dripstone/ Discovery Tour

Children age 6-15 - \$5.00 for Dripstone/ Discovery Tour

Golden Age Passport Holders - \$5.00 for Dripstone/Discovery Tours

Wild Cave Tour - \$65.00; \$25.00 deposit, balance on day of tour; no other discounts apply

Golden Age Pass - \$10.00

Season Pass - Adults \$25.00; Children 12.50; Golden Age Passport holders \$12.50

Special Rates: Half price discounts are available to senior citizens aged 62 and up with a Golden Age Passport, disabled visitors. Complimentary tours are available to ex-prisoners of war and Purple Heart recipients with a POW/PH card, available at the Visitor Information Center.

[View the seasonal calendar](#) (pdf)

Cave Weather

Blanchard Springs Caverns has a constant year-round temperature of 58°F and nearly 100% relative humidity. You may want to bring a lightweight jacket. The paved trails tend to be wet, so you should wear low-heeled, nonslip shoes.