

Cave Bus

Location

This activity takes place inside a purpose-built Cave Bus provided by Cave Bus and is maintained by them.

Equipment

Helmets and head torches are provided. In the bus spare batteries and torches are available

Health & Hygiene

Appropriate clothing must be worn with consideration given to the prevailing weather conditions at the time of the activity and the fact that clothes will possibly get dirty.

Hazard	Hazard Effect	Risk Control Measures
Slips, trips, and falls	Breaks, Bruising, Bleeding	Participants must wear a helmet when inside the Cave bus. Instructors will ensure they are familiar with the Cave bus layout (including the emergency exits and emergency passageway). All emergency exit doors fastened from the outside to stop them failing.
Safety equipment	Breaks, Bruising, Bleeding	Instructors only to allow access to participants who have correctly fitted helmets, have suitable clothing that does not restrict movement, do not have jewellery on (dangling earrings, belly piercings) Instructors are to visually check that nothing restricts participants movement or could catch/snag/cause entrapment in the cave.
Headlamp failure	Panic, Mental Distress.	Brief participants not to worry if their lights fail; and have a spare torch handy to pass to participants. Open emergency exit doors to allow light into passage to calm any panicking participant.
Panic / Claustrophobia	Panic, Mental Distress.	Instructor to remain aware of participants within the cave so that can intervene to calm participant who may starting to panic before they become to distressed No part of the cave is more than 10m from an emergency exit. Instructor to open the nearest emergency hatches and assist participants to exit the cave.
Entrapment / Evacuation	Panic, Mental Distress, Physical Straining	Instructor to immediately open all hatches (allowing as much air and light in as possible). Assist and talk participants into freeing themselves by reversing their manoeuvres. In extreme circumstances instructors may need to physically intervene to enable participants to escape.
Inappropriate behaviour	Panic, Mental Distress,	As the tunnels are 'hidden' from adult sight instructors are to stay aware of movements of young people within the Cave Bus. Instructors listen to ensure that young people are still on the move and that young people aren't catching each other up. The top of the bus can be used as a waiting/passing place.