



## Wind Cave National Park - South Dakota

# Hidden beneath the rolling prairie of the southern Black Hills is one of the world's longest caves

Swaying prairie grasses, forested hillsides, and an array of wildlife such as bison, elk, and prairie dogs welcome visitors to our country's seventh-oldest national park and one of its few remaining intact prairies. Secreted beneath is one of the world's longest caves, Wind Cave. Named for barometric winds at its entrance, this complex labyrinth of passages contains a unique formation – boxwork.

## Did You Know?



Fire is an important factor in protecting the prairie. Historically, fires burned across the prairie every 4 to 7 years. Fires burn the small trees that would otherwise march across the prairie and turn the grasslands to forest.