

# Is going caving in Belize fun?

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Belize is an ideal location for the formation of caves. With abundant limestone and a wet climate, caves abound in many places throughout Belize. Chiquibul, at 600 ft. wide by 1600 ft. long, is the largest known cave room in the western hemisphere.

Caving is a dangerous sport, and it is advisable to check with the locals before exploring any caves on your own. Because of the isolation of many caves, they have not been thoroughly explored. In fact, many caves are closed to public exploration because:

- \* most have archaeological significance
- \* many caves systems are subject to sudden flooding
- \* few maps exist

Having said all that, there are a number of caves that are safe and easy to visit. These include:

Actun Tunichil Muknal - Cayo's newest jungle cave attraction. Discovered in 1989, today this water cave boasts a large and diverse collection of preserved Maya artifacts. Good physical fitness is required to visit this one.

Caves Branch - Guided cave tubing - Float in rubber tubes deep within the Caves Branch River system.

Chiquibul Cave System - Central America's Longest Cave/

Chechem Hah Cave - Near the Guatemalan border this cave is impressive for its mother lode of huge intact Maya storage jars called "ollas".

Barton Creek Cave - Canoeing here is a popular Cayo attraction featuring natural bridges, skeletal remains and Maya artifacts.

Rio Frio Cave - With possibly the largest cave opening in Belize, is located in the Mountain Pine Ridge. It has its own parking lot and steps for easy walking.

St. Herman's Cave - Part of Blue Hole National Park and is easily visited.

Che Chem Ha - Cayo

Blue Creek - Toledo

Ben Loman's - Manatee Lagoon

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