

List of Recommended Bat Hibernacula Closures

Winter, 2010-11

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

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Virginia DCR Natural Heritage Program

Due to their significant use by bats as hibernacula, cavers are requested not to visit the following Virginia caves or the indicated sections thereof from October 15 through April 15:

<u>Cave</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Banes Spring	Bland	
Blowing	Bath	
Breathing	Bath	WNS + in 2009
Buchanan Saltpetre	Smyth	
Buddy Penley	Bland	WNS +
Bundy's #2	Russell	
Clark's	Bath	WNS + in 2010
Coon	Bland	WNS + 2010
Gap (Cudjo's, Big Salt)	Lee	Managed by Cumberland Gap National Historic Park
Glenwood Church	Tazewell	
Grassy Springs	Lee	Managed by Cumberland Gap National Historic Park
Hamilton	Bland	
Higgenbotham #1 and #2	Tazewell	WNS + in 2010; Owned by VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; closed due to year-round bat use
Hupman's Saltpetre	Highland	WNS + 2010
Kelly	Wise	Closed until further notice by US Forest Service as part of blanket regional closure
Lowmoor	Allegheny	
Millers Cove	Roanoke	Closed until further notice by US Forest Service as part of blanket regional closure
New River	Giles	
Newberry-Bane	Bland	WNS + in 2010
Paul Penley	Bland	
Parsonage	Highland	
Peery's Saltpetre	Botetourt	
Rocky Hollow	Wise	Closed until further notice by US Forest Service as part of blanket regional closure

Rufe Caldwell
Mountain Grove Saltpetre

Repass Saltpetre Cave
Shires Saltpetre

Spring Hollow
Starr Chapel

Stonley's
Tawney's

Tilsons Saltpetre
Wares
Ward Cove
Witheros
Wittigs
Woods Terry

Craig
Bath Closed until
further notice by US Forest Service as part of
blanket regional closure
Bland WNS + in 2010
Craig WNS + in 2010;
Closed until further notice by US Forest
Service as part of blanket regional closure

Bland
Bath WNS + in 2010;
Closed until further notice by US Forest
Service as part of blanket regional closure

Tazewell WNS + 2010
Giles WNS + in 2010;
closed from signature wall to sinkhole
entrance, including Saltpetre Room

Smyth
Allegheny
Tazewell
Bath
Rockingham
Highland

List of WNS Positive Virginia Caves (2010/12/1)

<u>Cave</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Year</u>
	<u>Documented</u>	
Breathing Cave*	Bath	2009
Clover Hollow Cave	Giles	2009
Endless Caverns	Rockingham	2009
Hancock Cave	Smyth	2009
Newberry-Bane Cave*	Bland	2009
Beer Can Chasm	Giles	2010
Buddy Penley Cave*	Bland	2010(?)
Catawba Murderhole	Botetourt	2010
Clark's Cave*	Bath	2010
Coon Cave*	Bland	2010(?)
Higgenbotham #1*	Tazewell	2010
Hupmans Saltpetre*	Highland	2010
Links	Giles	2010
Newcastle Murderhole	Craig	2010
Pighole	Giles	2010
Repass Saltpetre Cave*	Bland	2010
Shire's Saltpetre*	Craig	2010
Starnes	Giles	2010
Starr Chapel Saltpetre*	Bath	2010
Stonley Cave*	Tazewell	2010
Tawney's Cave*	Giles	2010

Recommended seasonal closure due to use as a bat hibernacula.