

# RICKWOOD CAVERNS STATE PARK



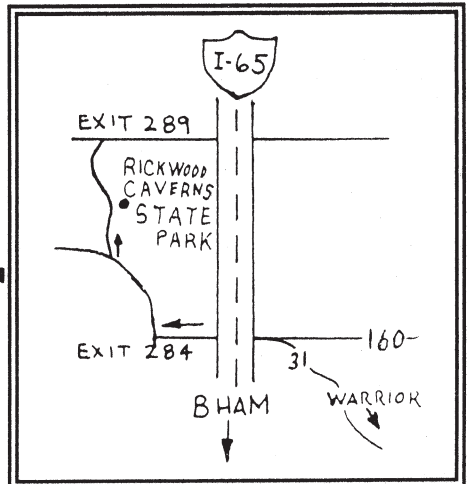
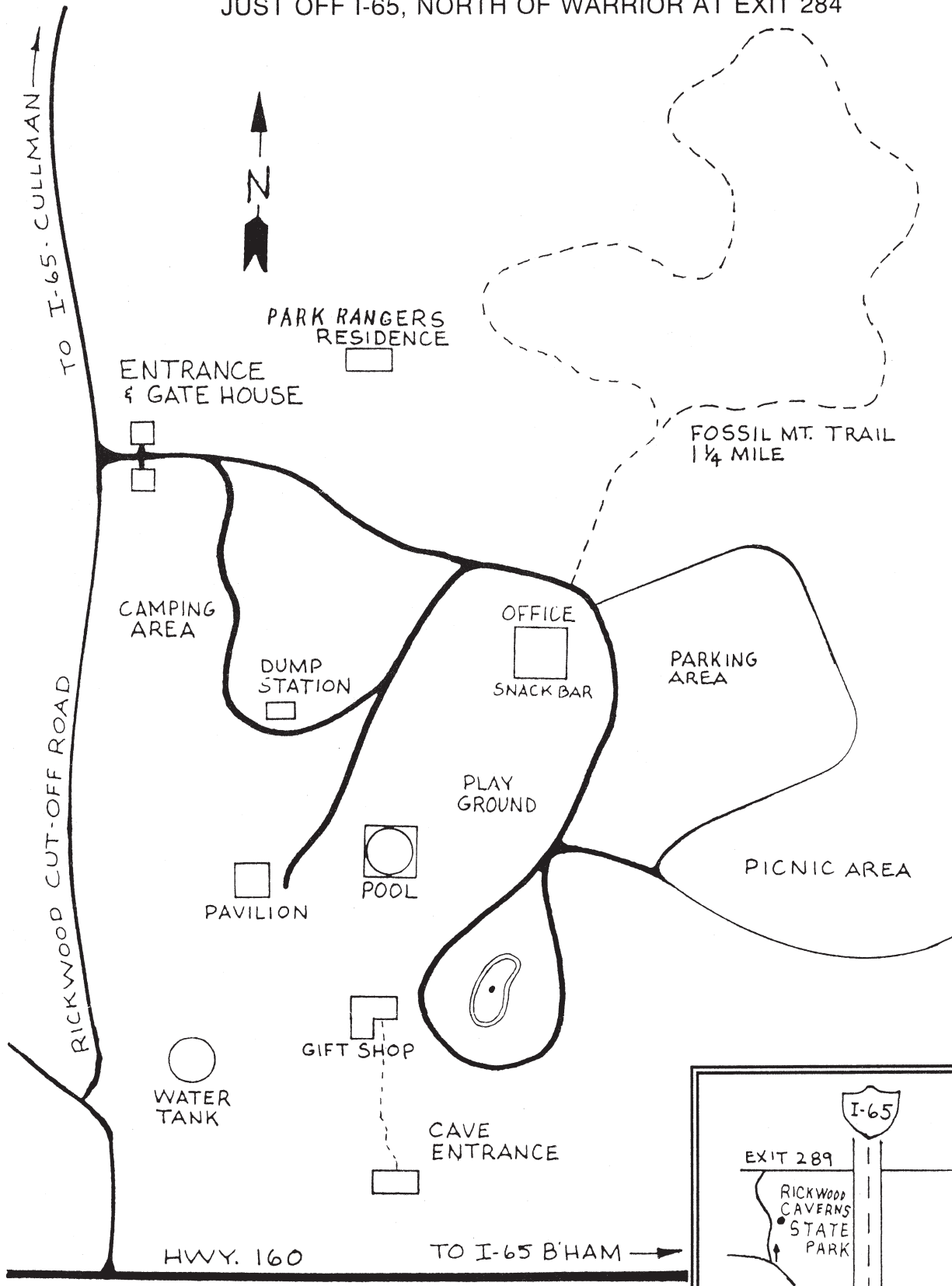
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## •WELCOME TO A NEW AND EXCITING EXPERIENCE!!!•

**RICKWOOD CAVERNS** is the first operational caving park in the entire Alabama State Park System.

The underground "miracle mile" is composed of magnificent passages and beautifully lighted rooms accented with thousands of sparkling white limestone formations.

The caverns themselves were water-formed during the Mississippian period over 260 million years ago. To this day, a large portion of RICKWOOD CAVERNS are still considered active "living formations." Yes, active indeed, as sparkling water dropules constantly drip from stalactite to stalagmite or silently flow across the faces of colorful live drip-stone formations in their age-long growing process which began over 100 million years ago. YES!!! AT RICKWOOD CAVERNS the secrets of the earth actually unfold before your eyes.

It's hard to believe that the cave area itself was once an ocean bed; but true it is. Bits of shell as well as fossils of marine life are clearly visible along the cavern ceiling and walls to attest to this amazing fact. And...the blind cave fish which inhabit the crystal clear cavern pool—where did they come from? This and many other questions will be aroused during your guided tour of the "miracle mile" at RICKWOOD.

By-the-way, don't forget your cameras. The photographic opportunities are exceptional both in the park and in the cavern. You won't want to miss the 2,000 year old artifact display either.

### •CAVERN OPERATIONAL SCHEDULE•

- HOURS:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
- MONTHS:** March through Memorial Day – Weekends Only  
Memorial Day through Labor Day – Everyday  
September through October – Weekends Only  
November, December, January & February – CAVE CLOSED
- CAVE ADMISSION:** Adults 12 and over – \$12.00  
Children 6 thru 11 – \$6.00
- PARK ADMISSION:** Ages 6 to adult – \$1.00
- GROUP TOURS:** Special groups of 25 or more (school, civic, commercial organizations, etc.) can be arranged for by appointment, year-round, at office.

### •OTHER PARK FACILITIES•

**CAMPGROUND** – RICKWOOD provides both tent and modern campsites. Facilities include restrooms, seasonal showers, dump station, electric and water hookups. Tents, trailers and motor homes all WELCOME. No maximum size limitation. Camping fees Mon. - Thurs. are \$18.00, \$21.00 Fri. and Sat., plus tax per night for up to 4 people.

**PICNIC AREA** – RICKWOOD's picnic area is complete with tables, grills, shelters and plenty of shade trees. Hiking trails and playgrounds are also available. A great place for company picnics and family reunions. Contact the office at 205-647-9692.

**SWIMMING POOL** – RICKWOOD's olympic size swimming pool is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily during summer season. Swimming fee is \$4.00 per person per day. Approved swimwear required.

**OTHER AREAS** – The park also provides for your convenience and entertainment a meeting room, hiking trails, and playgrounds.  
All rates are subject to be changed as circumstances may require.

•PLEASE NOTE OUR HIKING TRAILS ON THE MAP.•