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Surviving the CAVE

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1st Edition

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**An Infoline
for the
Rest of Us!**



Sherman & Let's Go Viral

Bestselling authors of "Water Should be Free"
and "Respect the Spot"

So you want to survive the cave.



STOP

SURVIVE THE CAVE! GO NO FARTHER

FACT: Even experienced spelunkers have become lost in trance state in this very cave.

FACT: You need training to rave. You need cave training and cave equipment to cave rave.

FACT: When you enter the cave, you may never want to leave.

FACT: It CAN happen to YOU!

**THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS CAVE WORTH DYING FOR!
DO NOT GO BEYOND THIS POINT.**

A Raver Safety Message From:
LET'S GO VIRAL • SHERMAN

**SEE SOMETHING,
SAY SOMETHING.**

Tonight, starting at 10 PM, Sherman and Let's Go Viral will be hosting their one-of-a-kind cave rave experience. Cave raving is not easy... even experienced electronic spelunkers have fallen victim to trance state, caused by the heavy vibrations roaring from deep within. Luckily, you have this useful survivor's handbook to ensure your safety and fun. We have also installed numerous safety features at the cave and have designated personnel to assist you.

This handy manual has everything you need to know to survive.

Shoes

It's no secret that this cave is located within the wilderness. From the starting point, it is roughly a 0.2 mile walk to reach the cave. The path to reach the cave is, as you can expect, is composed of dirt and moderately uneven.

We strongly recommend wearing shoes suitable for walking on an uphill hiking trail. Ones that you're not too mad about if they get dirty. If you want to tough it out on those nice ass platforms, kudos! We respect the commitment to fashion. We strongly recommend applying a rub-on leather cleaner or protector before embarking on the trail to prevent those beautiful leather shoes from becoming stained.

Warmth

Inside the cave itself, it will be moderately warm. However, the immediate surrounding area of the cave will be pretty cold. The low will be 52° fahrenheit tonight, so be sure to come prepared.

Best practice will be to wear a flexible outfit, one where you can easily take a layer off in order to account for the temperature difference inside the cave.

The Trail

The trail from the starting point to the cave is roughly 0.2 miles. However, don't be fooled! The first leg of the trail is moderately difficult because it is split by a sizable trench leading down the middle. This trench will vary in size and depth, so it is important to stay aware of where it is. We strongly recommend bringing a flashlight for use on the trail.

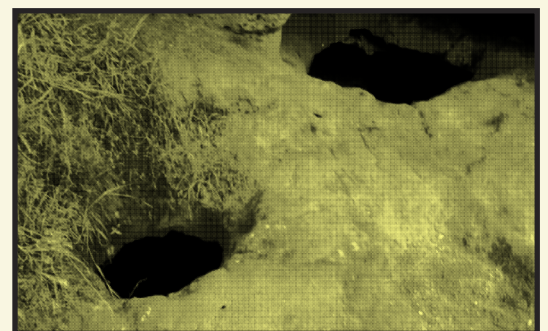
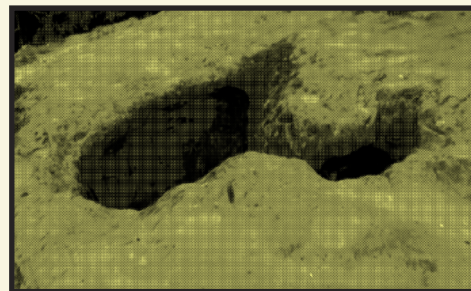
The second leg of the trail, after you make the left turn at the Sherman sign, is a lot more mellow. Just expect your legs to brush up against some plant life.

The trail will be loosely marked by glow sticks. **Please do not move them!** They are there to prevent your fellow explorers from becoming lost.

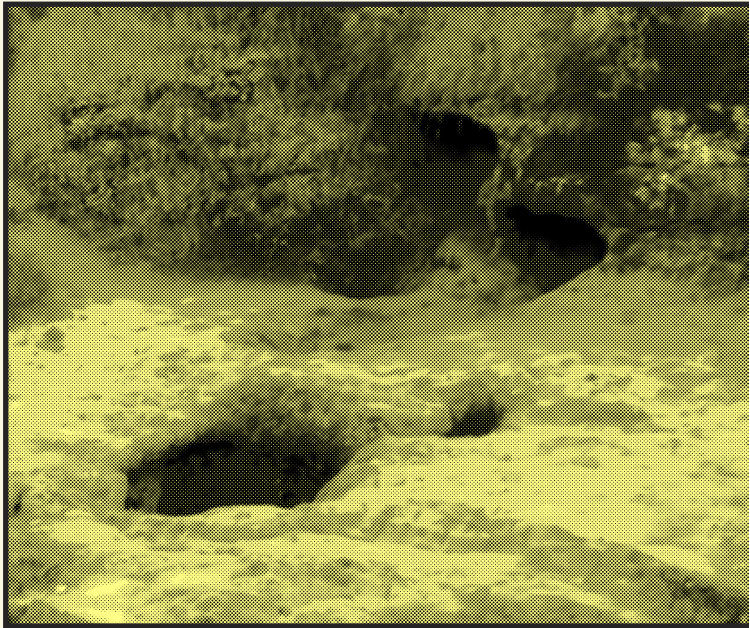
Holes

If you travel up one of the walls of the snug valley that the cave is at, you will be able to reach the top of the cave. Running along the top of the cave in that area is a collection of skylights which you can peer through down to the dance floor below.

Beware! Falling through any of these skylights will guarantee injuries not only for yourself, but for others too.

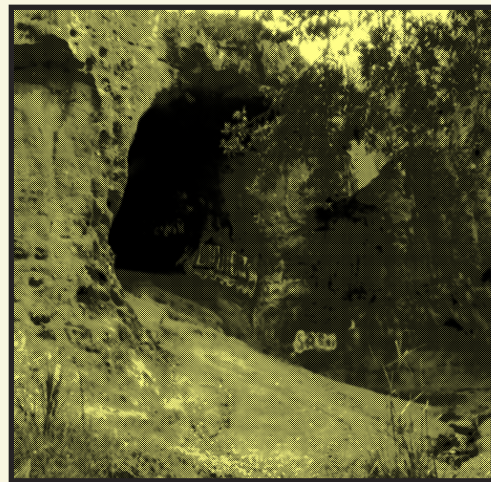
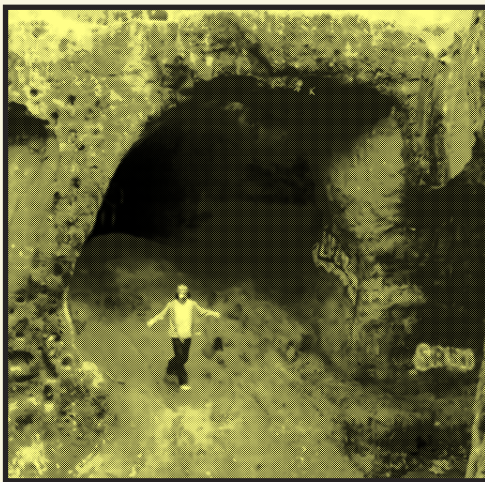


Safety.....



If you are too inebriated to reach the top of the cave, **YOU SHOULD NOT BE THERE.** For the safety of yourself and others, you must be aware of the holes and be able to easily avoid them.

The Entrance



The mouth of the cave features a moderately steep uphill slope to enter. While there are notches in the slope which provide footing, you still need to be careful when traveling up and down. For your safety, we have installed a safety line running along the left side of the cave which you can hold onto as you walk up the cave.

Safety.....

Do not mess around with the safety line! The rope being used is very strong and will easily hold your weight. That means that if you are not careful, you can trip someone. However fun it may be in the moment, do not use the safety line to swing. You will cause a safety hazard for yourself and others. After all, the event is in the cave! Just use the safety line for safe travel into the cave and then let someone else use it.

Poison Oak

In the area around the cave's location, there is some poison oak present. It is important to understand that poison oak can take **MANY FORMS** and does not look like one specific picture. Many people have the misperception that poison oak leaves feature some amount of red; that is not true. What poison oak **DOES** feature is prongs of three leaves protruding from the stem, ranging from barely red to very red stems.



The poison oak present around the cave is very green, featuring no to barely any red on the leaves. We have cut down as much poison oak as we could in the immediate area, but if you choose to venture off away from the event area, do so at your own risk of poison oak exposure!

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.

What should I do if the cops show up?



The main reasons that underground events get rolled by authorities are because someone calls in a complaint, or the cops follow someone who looks like a "raver" back to the party location. At this specific location, there should be no reason that a police officer does a regular patrol through the area, so there is a low risk of being followed. However, that means that if you spot a cop, they have been called in.

I see a cop. What should I do?

Relax, act cool. There could be a variety of reasons why there is a cop present in the neighborhood. However, chances are that they're there to give someone a ticket for shitty parking. However, just because they're not there because of the event doesn't mean you're in the clear. If you spot a cop, do not, under any circumstances, walk in the direction of the party. Cops understand that people are not going to readily tell them where the secret event is. So cops will be sneaky and trail you to it.

Oh shit, that cop is coming over here.

It is imperative that if a cop attempts to talk to you, you either say nothing or reply with the absolute bare minimum of words. Cops are not your friends. Cops are not "just curious". They are trained to coerce you into admitting things which you otherwise did not mean to admit, and they WILL hold everything you say against you.

The R.A.V.E. Act

**DO NOT USE ANY WORDS RELATED TO RAVING,
ELECTRONIC MUSIC, PARTIES, OR EVENTS.**

Cops are specifically directed to shut down RAVES, due to the Illicit Drug Proliferation Act (also known as the R.A.V.E. [Reducing Americans' Vulnerability to Ecstasy] Act passed in 2002. This act has been strongly criticized for its threat to free speech. It is of utmost importance that you do not make any references to raves, parties, electronic music, or events. **AT. ALL.**

Some specific words and phrases to avoid are:

***Rave, Kandi, Music, Event, Party, Techno, Hardcore,
Electronic Music, E (or X), Ecstasy***

Remember, it is not illegal to be under the influence of substances. But it IS illegal to be under the influence of substances in public (Public Intoxication laws) and possess substances on person (Possession laws).

Your Rights

YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO SHOW ID

In most situations, it is lawful to refuse to show your ID to a police officer in California. The only situations in which you are required by law to show ID is at a lawful traffic stop for a violation or if the officer has reasonable suspicion that you are engaging in (or about to engage in) illegal activities.

If an officer stops you and asks for ID while you are outside, **politely ask if you are free to leave.** If the officer answers yes, leave. If they answer no, ask why you were stopped, but do not say anything else. Do not provide them with any more information.

It is unlawful to be arrested for refusing to provide ID. Passengers in your car are not obligated to provide ID to police officers.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT. DO NOT LET COPS PRESSURE YOU.

DO NOT CONSENT TO A SEARCH

Understand that being **FRISKED** and being **SEARCHED** are different things.

Police officers may only detain you if they are able to articulate a set of facts which gives them the reasonable belief that you are engaging (or about to engage in) illegal activities. This must be more than just a “vague feeling” but is a lower standard than actual probable cause. From there, if they have a reasonable belief that you are armed and immediately dangerous, only then do they have the authority to frisk you. If you are frisked, officers are only allowed to pat down your outer layer of clothes.

However, if they feel something that they deem suspicious upon frisking you, they are then entitled to search further by law.

Understand that **just because an officer has reasonable suspicion to detain you does NOT mean that they are entitled to search you.**

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS. DO NOT CONSENT TO A SEARCH!

Unfortunately, many police officers will attempt to bend the rules and illegally frisk or search you in order to find contraband. If this happens, remain calm and politely remind the officer of your rights. If they continue their unlawful behavior, remain silent. Any illicit substances found in the search will not be able to be used against you in court if it is found under unlawful pretenses.

Security Personnel

We will have security at the entrance of the trailhead assisting explorers with the trail, giving wristbands out, checking IDs, and ensuring that explorers attending the event do not park in a way which disturbs the surrounding neighborhood.

This is an 18+ event, and a safe space for all explorers in attendance. We have a zero-tolerance policy for abuse and bullshit.

Come correct, or dont come at all.

Neighborhood Manners

While walking from your parking location to the starting point, please, do not get rowdy, disruptive, or loud. We cannot stress enough that this is a residential neighborhood. People are trying to sleep. The event will be held at the Vanalden Cave. Input "Vanalden Trailhead" into your GPS to reach the starting point. If you act a fool and piss off the neighbors, you jeopardize the event for everyone. Save your antics for the cave.

Parking



PARKING IS LIMITED. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND CARPOOLING AND RIDESHARING.

Here's the map of where to park. We strongly recommend parking down Gleneagles drive and Corbin ave.

If you park on Vanalden ave, you risk being towed and causing a disruption in the neighborhood.

You may have to walk a moderate distance from your parking location to the starting point, but it is very important that we do not cause a disruption or suspicion in the surrounding neighborhood which may ruin the party for everyone. **FOLLOW THE PARKING GRAPH!**



Thank you for reading this handy Survivor's Guide. We want to ensure that all explorers tonight enjoy a safe and fun experience. Look out for your fellow explorers, and if you see something wrong, notify someone immediately. At the end of the day, safety is our top priority.

Happy exploring!