

# NATURE'S GIFT FOR US ALL TO ENJOY!

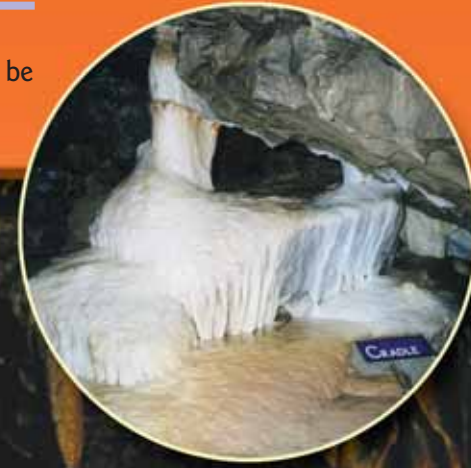
It's amazing what wonders Mother Nature has the ability to create. One such wonder is located in the heart of the delightful Yorkshire Dales - Stump Cross Caverns. Here, in limestone formed in a warm, shallow sea some 350 million years ago, you will find an adventure that you and your family will remember for years afterwards.

The superb range of stalactites and stalagmites, unusual rock formations, and spectacular lighting all go to make a descent into the caves an unforgettable experience for everyone.

Discovered in 1860 by lead miners working at Stubbe of the famous Stump 'Cross', the cave was opened for viewing by the public soon after, with many thousands of people visiting it since.

Sparkling stalactites and stalagmites add an extra ingredient to the water sculpted rock walls of the cave. Scientists from Newcastle University have recently discovered how old they are. Some of the

stalagmites at Stump Cross Caverns are thought to be at least 230,000 years old and the actual passages themselves are up to a million years old.



Since 1860, further exploration has extended the system to over 4 miles in length. Animal bones from Reindeer, Bison, Wolves and the vicious Wolverine have been discovered during these excavations.

These have been dated to over 90,000 years old at a time when the Dales were a wild, barren and frozen landscape. Some of these are on display in the Visitor Centre.



Stump Cross Tea Rooms features an excellent selection of homemade scones, cakes and meals. Visit the gift shop with a varied collection of crystals, fossils, jewellery, sheepskins and Yorkshire produced food and drink.

There is a lecture theatre showing a fascinating 20 minute film about the cave and the surrounding area.



## LOCATION

Stump Cross Caverns is located on the B6265 between Pateley Bridge and Grassington in the Yorkshire Dales.

## OPENING TIMES

Daily 10 a.m. onwards, February half term - end of November

Winter Openings:

Weekends and School Holidays

Schools, evening groups and coach parties always welcome.



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- Restaurant • Gift Shop
- Dales National Park and Nidderdale AONB Information Point



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