



Jones County Conservation Board

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Special Use Permit

Description of Special Use: Permission to enter Indian Bluff Cave at Pictured Rocks

The person signing this permit is responsible for making sure the attached guidelines and requirements are followed by everyone in their group. The permit is valid for the time specified on this page. Failure to follow the guidelines and rules may result in a misdemeanor violation of rules adopted by the Jones County Conservation Board at a meeting on July 19, 2010 and (or) revocation of cave access privileges.

In the event the new rules and regulations or guidelines are adopted to help control the spread of White-nose Syndrome in bat populations or if the disease is detected in Indian Bluff Cave, the Jones County Conservation Board reserves the right to terminate this agreement at any time.

Special Rules for Accessing the Cave at Pictured Rocks due to White Nose Syndrome in Bat Populations

1. Leaders must ensure that no participants have entered caves in infected states – check the following website for current information and maps: <https://www.whitenosesyndrome.org/>
2. Any participant that has entered any other cave including those in Iowa must follow the latest disinfection protocols for clothing, shoes and equipment.
3. Participants that have not entered any cave in the last five years will not need to complete the disinfection protocol.
4. Cave users must have a special use permit authorized from the Jones County Conservation Board or Director to enter the cave and it must be carried when entering the cave.

Please Complete the Following Information for the Permit Holder:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Phone Number _____

Permit Begin Date: **March 23, 2026,**

Permit End Date: **December 31, 2026**

Signature of Permit Holder:

Permit Approved by:

Date

Date

Disinfection Protocol
Recommended Procedures to Prevent the Spread of White-nose Syndrome (WNS)

You should not handle bats. If you come across live or dead bats with white-nose syndrome, click on the links below to contact your state wildlife agency or your nearest U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Ecological Services Field Office.

State Office Listing - Iowa Local Bat Expert - <https://www.iowadnr.gov/programs-services/iowas-wildlife/wildlife-disease-management#white-nose-bat-syndrome>

We ask that you take the following precautions to prevent the possible spread of WNS ("cave" includes all caves, fissures, mines, portals, etc.):

Decontaminate all clothing, footwear, and gear prior to departing for a cave outing if you did not decontaminate these items after last exiting a cave.

https://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/rehabilitation/docs/wns_decontamination_protocol.pdf

Updates on disinfecting protocol and other issues related to WNS are updated continuously on the website:

<https://www.whitenosesyndrome.org/>

Bat Conservation International: <https://www.batcon.org/our-work/research-and-scalable-solutions/white-nose-syndrome/>