

## EASTERN DISTRICT OUTINGS #1

Destination	Dismals Canyon
Website	<a href="http://www.dismalscanyon.com/">http://www.dismalscanyon.com/</a>
Activities Available	Canyon exploring, Swimming possible (call for availability). Night "Glow Worm" tour.
Distance from Memphis	Approx 3 hours. 160 miles.
Google Map Link or Directions	<a href="#">Google directions</a>
Site Contact Information	(205) 993-4559
Site Facilities	One Scout Camp Site. Reserve ahead of time. Also, Scout Campsite is located on a moderate hill a couple of hundred feet above a full latrine (guys and gals). Also, water faucet located behind the latrine. No way to pull trailer up to site, so equipment must be carried. Campsite includes fire rings. Picnic table on the site. We camped 20 Scouts plus 6 leaders easily. Fire Wood plentiful, though it would need to be sized for the campfire. No electricity or running water at campsite itself.
Cost Per Person	It now \$5.00 per night per scout or leader for camping, plus a one time \$6.00 admission fee. Non scouts is \$5.50 per night for camping, plus a \$14.00 one time admission. Make sure you put the troop number on check.
Itinerary	Left Memphis at 6:00pm Friday. Stopped at Pilot/Loves about midway. Arrived around 9:30 pm. Lights out around 11 pm. Saturday – Wake at 7 am. Canyon Exploring around 9 am. Lunch around noon. More exploring and free-time in the afternoon. Dinner around 5:30. Night "Glow Worm" Tour shortly after sunset. Sunday – Wake at 7 am. Worship service around 9 am. Leave for Germantown at 9:30. Stop for lunch at McDonalds along the way. Parent Pick-up at 1:30 pm.
On-the-Road Meal Suggestions	Plenty of stops along the way. Pilot/Love's about mid-way.
Facilities	Full restrooms. Gift Shop. Swimming area (not sure when open)
Date of Last Visit	May 2011
Photos (paste or links)	
Other Comments	- We set up our wash table behind the restrooms where water was available. Remained unseen by general public. Also meant we didn't have to carry our water heater and associated propane up hill.  - Phil Campbell area was hit by tornado in spring 2011. major damage, but roads are clear to Dismals Canyon. Actually served as a good lesson for Scouts to see.

	<p>- Facility manager is very particular about sign-ins, disclaimers, and payment. No Service Project for discount – Scout Discount already applied as described above. Make special arrangements with owner in advance for late arrival. He initially asked that we have someone there at 4 pm or so. We explained that this was a particular challenge since we lived in Memphis. He then accommodated our late arrival and met us late. Had us call him from Hamilton, AL</p>
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