



Open Daily 10 a.m. onwards,
mid March - end of October.



Winter Openings:

Weekends and by appointment.

Boxing Day to New Years Eve inclusive.

School half term in February and October.

Schools, evening groups and coach parties
always welcome.



Tearoom • Gift Shop • Free Parking
National Park Information Point

Video Room (20 min film shown
after visiting the cave)

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STUMP CROSS CAVERNS

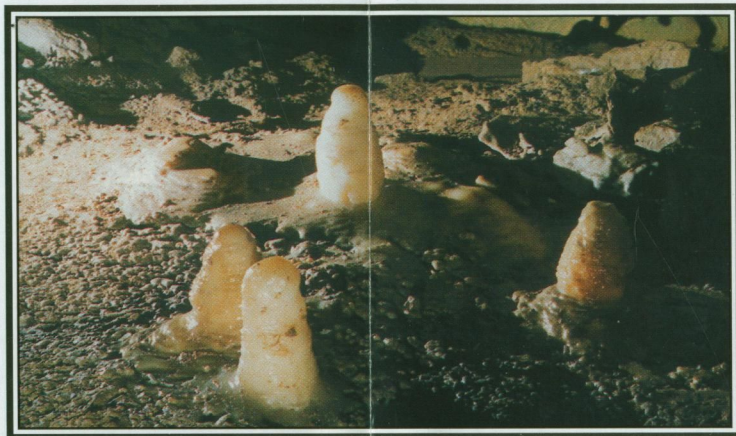
Come and see these
wonderful formations
in the newly opened
Reindeer Cavern
and much
much more

**REINDEER
CAVERN
NOW OPEN!**

AN EXPERIENCE NOT TO BE MISSED!

If you are visiting the Yorkshire Dales, one of the places you must see is Stump Cross. Here, in limestone formed in a warm, shallow sea some 350 million years ago, you will find the kind of adventure that will keep you, or your family, talking for days afterwards! The superb range of stalactites and stalagmites, unusual rock formations, and spectacular lighting with level pathways all go to make a descent into the caves an unforgettable experience for people of all ages.

Discovered in 1858 by lead miners working near Stubbe or Stump Cross, the cave was opened for viewing by the public soon after, with many thousands of people visiting it since.

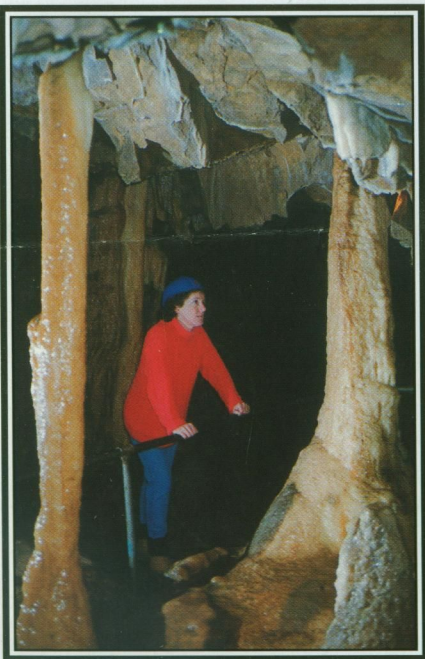


Exploration since 1858 has extended the system to over 4 miles in length, and yielded animal bones over 90,000 years old from a time when the Dales were a wild, barren and frozen wasteland.

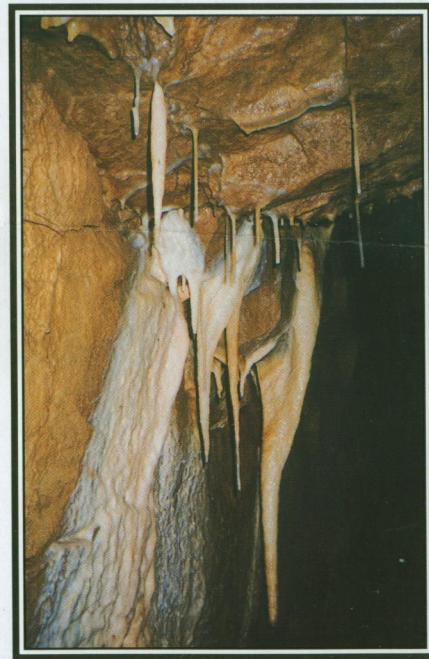
Stalagmites in Reindeer Cavern

Sparkling stalactites and stalagmites add an extra ingredient to the water sculpted rock walls of the cave, and scientists have found a way to tell how old they are. Some of the stalagmites at Stump Cross Caverns are known to be at least 170,000 years old and, therefore, the actual passages themselves must be very much older!

Currently scientists are analysing drip rates in the caves to determine how fast stalactites grow. Visitors can see for themselves some of the data as it is relayed to a computer screen in the information area.



Chamber of Pillars



Stalactites in Reindeer Cavern