

What do Australian show caves offer to their visitors?

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I have developed the table below to provide background for an article in CaveTalk - the monthly newsletter of the National Caves Association (of the USA) which represents mainly the privately owned show caves in the USA.

When I first put the table together - based on my ideas of what was here in Australia - I submitted the table to a few show cave operators around Australia. And found out there was much going on about which I had no idea!

It seems that we are doing more than I would have thought! Please advise me of any corrections or additions/deletions to president@ackma.org

Site	State	Tenure	Guided	Self-guided	Adventure	Theme ¹
Abercrombie	New South Wales	Government	2	1		
Buchan	Victoria	Government	3			
Calgardup	Western Australia	Government		2		
Capricorn	Queensland	Private	2		2	2
Chillagoe	Queensland	Government	3		2	
Cutta Cutta	Northern Territory	Leased	1			
Englebrecht	South Australia	Leased	1			
Gunns Plains	Tasmania	Leased	1			
Hastings	Tasmania	Government	1			
Jenolan	New South Wales	Government	12	1	3	4
Kelly Hill	South Australia	Government	1			
Margaret River	Western Australia	Leased	3	1		
Mimbi	Western Australia	ALC ²	1			
Mole Creek	Tasmania	Government	2			
Naracoorte	South Australia	Government	3	1	3	
Princess Margaret Rose	South Australia	Leased	1			
Tantanoola	South Australia	Government	1			
Undara Lava Tubes ³	Queensland	Leased	8			
Wee Jasper ⁴	New South Wales	Leased	2			
Wellington	New South Wales	Leased	3			
Wombeyan	New South Wales	Government	4	2		
Yanchep ⁴	Western Australia	Government	1	2		1
Yarrangobilly	New South Wales	Government	3	1	3	7
Totals			59	11	13	14

Notes:

1. Themes such as history, science, flora and fauna, infrastructure.
2. Aboriginal Land Corporation.
3. Undara is complicated - tours are conducted in different parts of several lava tubes.
4. Two tours in one cave
5. The 'theme' cave here is the Silver Slipper Cabaret Cave established during WW2 to provide R&R to USA troops. Now used for functions including dining.