Direction Guide to Hamilton Valley Research Station

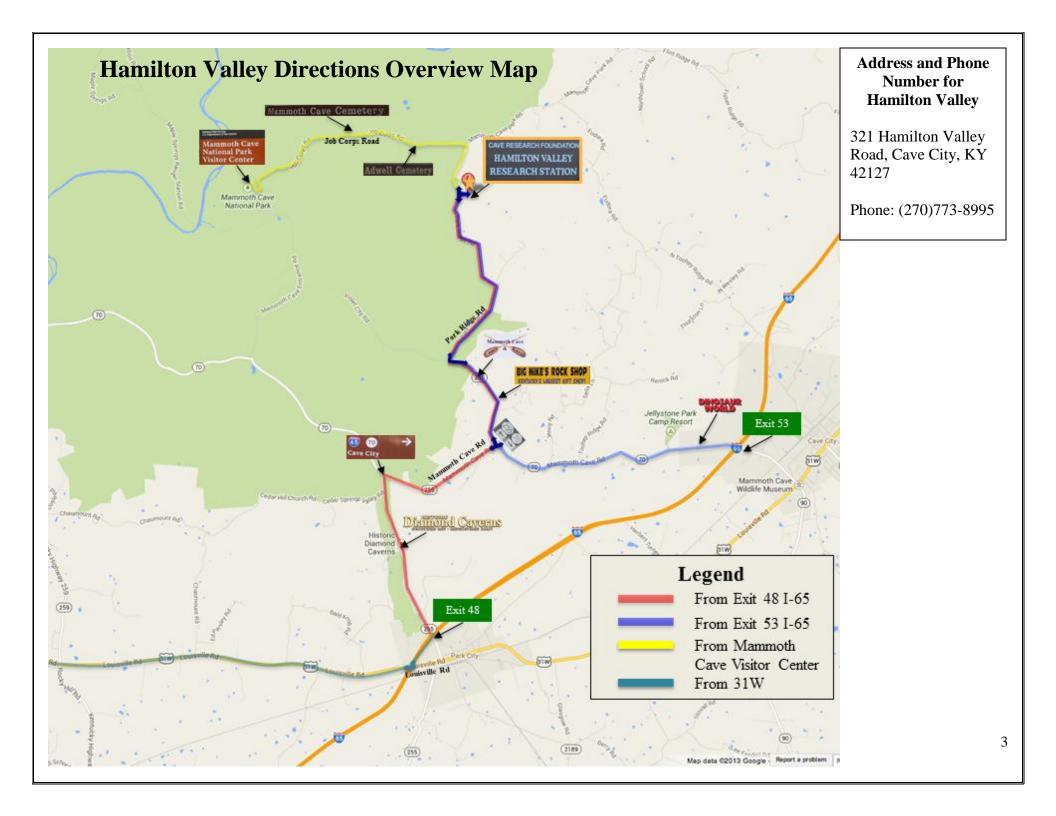




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II. Directions from I-65 N Exit 48

1. If you are leaving from the campus of Western Kentucky University, continue onto **KY-234/Cemetery Rd** and make sure the **McDonald's is on your right**



2. After going straight for about 1 mile, turn left to merge onto 1-65N toward Louisville



3. Stay on 1-65N for about 21.5 miles and take exit 48 for KY-255 toward Park City/Brownsville



4. Turn left at the stop sign and proceed under the bridge onto KY-255/Mammoth Cave Pkwy



5. Travel **straight for 2.4 miles** (you will see Historic Diamond Caverns on your right about 1.6 miles from 1-65N) and **turn right** at the T-junction onto **KY-255/KY-70** E



6. Travel **straight on KY-255/KY-70 E** for about **1.5 miles** and then **turn left at the stop sign** of the T-Intersection onto **KY-255/Old Mammoth Cave Rd**



7. Travel **straight on KY-255/Old Mammoth Cave Rd** for about 1.2 miles to the entrance to Mammoth Cave National Park (you will see Big Mike's Rock Shop on your right about 0.5 miles from the T-Intersection)



8. About **0.5 miles** from Big Mike's Rock Shop you will see **Mammoth Cave Canoe and Kayak** and about **0.5 miles after that** you will **pass a bed and breakfast** on the right, followed by the **Sand Cave Parking lot**



9. Next, you will pass a sign indicating the entrance to Mammoth Cave National Park (all on the right). Continue past the National Park sign



10. Just beyond the Mammoth Cave National Park sign, turn right onto Park Ridge Road



11. After **approximately 1 mile**, there will be an intersection with R. Hunter Road (this road leads to a dead end). Take the **sharp left and continue on Park Ridge Rd**



12. Continue **1.2 miles to the first road** and **turn right** – this is Hamilton Valley Road (when you turn you will see two signs posted one a tree to the left: *Cave Research Foundation* and *SIDES FARM*).



13. Continue 0.6 miles on Hamilton Valley Road to the first gate and turn right (before the gate there is a mobile home to the right)



- 14. Turn **right in front of the Cave Research Foundation Hamilton Valley sign** and **continue past the second gate**. Go straight about **0.5 miles to the parking area**
- 15. The first 2 buildings on the left are the bunk houses. The next & largest building next to the bunk houses is the Main meeting/dining facility. The building directly in front of the Main building is CRF Library and Archive, and also has extra classroom space.



III. Directions from I-65 S Exit 53

1. From I-65 S, Take exit **53** for **KY-90/KY-70** toward **Cave City/Glasgow**



2. Turn **right** onto **KY-70 W/Mammoth Cave Rd** (In less than 0.5 miles, you will pass Dinosaur World on the right)



3. In 3.4 miles, you will pass a junction between KY-70 and KY-255. Continue straight onto **KY-255/Old Mammoth Cave Rd**



4. Travel **straight on KY-255/Old Mammoth Cave Rd** for about 1.2 miles to the entrance to Mammoth Cave National Park (you will see Big Mike's Rock Shop on your right about 0.5 miles from the T-Intersection)



5. About **0.5 miles** from Big Mike's Rock Shop you will see **Mammoth Cave Canoe and Kayak** and about **0.5 miles after that** you will **pass a bed and breakfast** on the right, followed by the **Sand Cave Parking lot**



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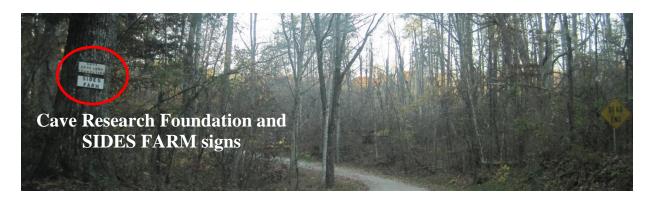


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IV. Directions from the Mammoth Cave Visitor Center

1. If you are leaving from the Mammoth Cave Visitor Center, turn left onto Flint Ridge Rd/ Job Corps Rd



2. After about 2.2. miles, you will pass the Mammoth Cave Cemetery on your left



3. After about another **1.0 miles**, you will pass the **Adwell Cemetery** on your **right**



4. In about 0.75 miles after Adwell Cemetery, you will come to a T-Junction in the road, turn right onto Park Ridge Rd



5. In the next 0.5 miles, you will pass a few houses and barns on your left



6. After about **0.5 miles**, turn **left** onto **Hamilton Valley Road** (when you turn you will see two signs posted one a tree to the left: *Cave Research Foundation* and *SIDES FARM*).





7. **Continue 0.6 miles on Hamilton Valley Road** to the **first gate** and **turn right** (before the gate there is a mobile home to the right)



- 8. Turn **right in front of the Cave Research Foundation Hamilton Valley sign** and **continue past the second gate**. Go straight about **0.5 miles to the parking area**
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V. Directions from 31-W from Bowling Green, KY

1. If for any reason I-65 N is delayed, take 31-W as an **alternate route**.

2. From the campus of Western Kentucky University, turn left onto **US-31W N/Louisville Rd** at the intersection of **KY-234/Cemetery Rd** and **31-W By Pass**. After continuing for about 0.1 miles, make sure Kroger is on your right.



3. After about 0.25 miles, turn right to continue onto US-31W N/Louisville Rd



4. Follow US-31W N/Louisville Rd for about 23 miles, then turn left onto KY-255/Mammoth Cave Pkwy in Park City, KY.



5. Travel **straight for 2.5 miles** (you will see Historic Diamond Caverns on your right about 1.6 miles from 1-65N) and **turn right** at the T-junction onto **KY-255/KY-70 E**



6. For the rest of the directions to Hamilton Valley, follow the **Directions from I-65 N Exit 48** chapter starting at **step 6**.