



# Access Key

Lake Cave  
Accessibility Guide



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# Accessibility at Lake Cave

Lake Cave is committed to providing an inclusive, meaningful and safe experience for all visitors.

Our team is here to support you in planning a comfortable and enjoyable visit.

## Need Assistance?

If you have any questions about access or would like to talk through your visit in advance, our team is happy to help.



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# Getting Here

Lake Cave is located within Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park, approximately 20 minutes by car from Margaret River. The site is self-drive only.

- Address: Caves and Contos Rd, Margaret River, WA
- Drop-off zone available close to the main entrance
- ACROD parking bays are available near the building
- Flat, hard-surfaced paths connect the parking, entrance and facilities.





# Entry and Ticketing

Visitors will find the entrance area accessible and clearly signed, with helpful staff available to assist.

- Step-free and slip-resistant access
- Wide doors and wheelchair-accessible counters
- Clear signage with high contrast and easy-to-read fonts
- Bookings are essential and can be made online, by phone or by email



# Carer and Companion Card Holders

Capes Foundation welcomes and accepts the national Companion Card. We offer no-cost admission to a carer/companion of an individual with a Companion Card.





# Assistance Animals

Accredited assistance dogs are welcome across the Lake Cave site.

As the cave is located within Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park, general pet access is restricted under WA Parks and Wildlife Service regulations.

- For more information, visit [Pets in Parks – Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions](#)
- Please call ahead to discuss your visit and present certification on the day
- Assistance animals must wear a harness or vest
- Shaded rest areas are available onsite
- Assistance animals may not be able to accompany visitors into the cave due to narrow stairs and confined pathways—our team can help discuss alternative arrangements





# General Access

Lake Cave includes forested surroundings, interpretive facilities and a fully guided underground cave experience.

## Above-ground

- Step-free access to the ticket office and the Interpretive Centre
- Accessible toilets are located near the ticket office
- Accessible unisex toilets with baby change facilities
- Wide paved and boardwalk pathways with rest stops throughout the site
- Ramps in place across key visitor areas with compliant gradients and handrails





# Cave Access

- Guided tours include 325 steps divided into sections with rest platforms
- Moderate fitness and mobility are required to participate
- The cave is not accessible for wheelchairs or prams
- The entry path to the cave includes stairs and handrails
- Visitors can discuss suitability with staff ahead of time







# Toilets

**Accessible toilet facilities are available near the ticket office.**

- Step-free entry and wide door access
- Accessible toilets with grab rails and sufficient turning space
- Baby change tables are located within accessible toilet facilities
- Facilities are clearly signed and easily located from main pathways



# Clothing and Weather

**We recommend dressing for outdoor and cave environments.**

- Flat-soled, enclosed shoes are recommended
- The cave remains between 16°C and 14°C year-round.
- Sun protection and insect repellent are recommended for above-ground areas
- Weather conditions can vary—please check the forecast and bring suitable clothing



# Sensory Considerations

**Lake Cave offers a peaceful natural environment and low-light cave setting. We aim to support a comfortable visit for guests with sensory sensitivities.**

- Rest stops are available throughout the tour
- Above-ground areas offer quiet seating and low-stimulation spaces
- A Social Story is in development to support pre-visit planning



# Vision and Hearing Accessibility

We are working to support visitors with low vision or hearing impairment through inclusive design and interpretation.

**For visitors who are blind or have low vision:**

- Large-font, high-contrast signage throughout
- Low-sheen finishes used on interior surfaces
- Verbal storytelling and interpretation included on tours

**For visitors who are deaf or hard of hearing:**

- Tours are delivered verbally in groups
- Visual interpretation is available in the Interpretive Centre



# Safety and Emergency

**The site has clear emergency procedures in place and is equipped to support visitors with access needs. While ground-level evacuation routes are step-free, please note that the cave can only be accessed via stairs.**


- Ground-level evacuation routes are at least 900mm wide and step-free
- Exits are clearly signed with visual and tactile markers
- Audible and visual evacuation alarms are installed
- Staff are trained in evacuation support and first aid
- A defibrillator and first aid kit are available on-site
- Visitors who may require assistance are encouraged to advise staff on arrival
- Note: The cave environment includes 325 steps and confined spaces; independent mobility is required in case of emergency



# Contact and Support

If you have any questions about access, would like to discuss your visit in advance, or need assistance during your visit, we're here to help.

During your visit, our staff are available at the ticket office and happy to assist at any stage.

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