HOW TO GET TO THE CAVES

The Caves are just around the corner from Chislehurst railway Station. The entrance is off Caveside Close near the Bickley Arms Pub.

ROAD: Take the A222 between the A20 and A21, at the railway bridge by Chislehurst Station, turn into Station Approach, turn right at the end then right again into Caveside Close.

RAIL: There are regular trains from Charing Cross to Chislehurst on the Orpington Line.

BUS: From Bromley on the 269 or 162.

OPENING TIMES AND PRICES

CAR PARK
Large free car park with space for buses and coaches.

OPENING TIMES
Open from Wednesday to Sunday.
The 45 minute guided tours start hourly.
First tour 10:00am last tour 4:00pm.
During local school holidays, except Christmas, the caves are open every day.

For admission charges please see our website.
Unaccompanied children will not be admitted.
Reduced rates for pre-booked groups.

CHISLEHURST CAVES
Old Hill, Chislehurst, Kent BR7 5NL
The caves at Chislehurst are a labyrinth of man made tunnels, forming a maze covering over 6 hectares and are up to 30 metres below the homes and woodlands above. They were dug for chalk, used in lime burning and brick making for the Building of London, also for flints to fire the tinderboxes and flintlock guns of years ago.

First open to the public in 1900 as a showplace, the guides told the Victorians history of Romans, Druids and Saxons, Smuggling and Murder.

The last 100 years has added munitions storage for the Woolwich Arsenal in the 1914-18 war. Mushroom growing in the 1920 & ’30s and becoming an underground town as the largest deep air-raid shelter outside London, protecting over 15000 people every night during the Blitz. In the 1950, ’60s and ’70s as a venue for dances and concerts, presenting the foundations of Jazz, Skiffle and Folk music to the most famous names in pop and rock.

And now, still as a tourist attraction & education centre with a gift shop and Café catering for visitors, group outings, evening functions and children’s parties.

Caves Café and Shop

Serving home cooked meals, snacks and teas from 9:30am and the gift shop for books and souvenirs. Have you thought of having your child’s next birthday party at the caves? You can have your own private tour followed by a buffet meal in the Caves Café (probably not suitable for children under seven years old).

Ideal for school trips all year, the weather is no problem underground. We can arrange private tours for groups of all kinds, including extended evening tours with a meal in the licensed café.

There is inside seating by the gift shop and outside picnic tables for consumption of your own food or packed lunches.

All visitors or groups under the age of 16 must be accompanied by at least one adult per six children. Risk Assessment details and template are available on our website.

A tour of the caves may not be suitable for those of a very nervous disposition or with an acute fear of darkness.

Access through the caves for the disabled and those with pushchairs is possible, but the floor is uneven and the tour covers a distance of about a mile. The car park, café, shop and toilets are fully accessible.

For further details phone 020 8467 3264 or visit www.chislehurstcaves.co.uk