



Minnesota Bats & Caves Travel EdVenture

October 10, 2026

Tentative Itinerary

- 8:00 a.m. Meet at the Minnesota Zoo – intros and breakfast refreshments
 - 8:15 a.m. Meet the Minnesota Zoo's bats
 - 9:00 a.m. Depart for Mystery Cave (110 miles; 2 hours)
 - William H. Morrissey Visitor Ctr, 18111 Mystery Cave Rd, Spring Valley, MN 55975
 - 11:00 a.m. Arrive at State Park, Check-In, and Restroom Break
 - 11:15 a.m. Introduction to Minnesota Bats Presentation at the Visitor Center
 - 12:00 p.m. Picnic Lunch (provided) and Explore the Visitor Center
 - 12:30 p.m. Guided Scenic Cave Tour
 - 2:00 p.m. Break
 - 2:30 p.m. Guided Hike of Cherry Grove Blind Valley Scientific and Natural Area
 - SNA protects important forest habitat for bats and unique geological formations
 - 3:30 p.m. Assist DNR with Bat Survey
 - 4:15 p.m. Wrap-Up
 - 4:30 p.m. Depart for Home
- OR**
- 4:30 p.m. Drive to Lanesboro for dinner (25 miles; 30 minutes)
 - 5:00 p.m. Dinner in Lanesboro
 - 6:30 p.m. Depart for Home

The itinerary may be altered due to weather, and suitable replacements will try to be scheduled. Refunds will only be made under extenuating circumstances. In case of severe weather, the EdVenture will be cancelled, and a refund will be issued.

Suggested Packing List:

- Comfortable hiking boots/shoes that can get dirty
- A clean pair of shoes to wear if your boots/shoes get dirty
- Reusable water bottle
- Hat/Cap
- Lightweight jacket or sweatshirt for the cave tour (and possibly for the weather)
- Snacks
- Camera
- Money for dinner, souvenirs, etc.

Questions?

If you have additional questions regarding this Travel EdVenture or want to be placed on the interested list for future trips, please email educate@mnzoo.org.