



TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST
PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND
THORNE BAY RANGER DISTRICT

El Capitan Cave Guided Cave Tours

Cost: Free

Group Size Limit: 6 people

What To Bring: Sturdy footgear . Forest Service provides helmets and flashlights. Warm clothing is recommended as the cave temperature is a constant 40°F. Wet and muddy conditions are typical.

Precautions: The trail to the cave entrance is strenuous and steep. The trail is primarily boardwalk with over 370 stairs. There are no trails or lighting inside the cave. Hazards include low ceilings, pits, and uneven ground.

Children: Parents or legal guardians are responsible for their children. **No babies in packs, strollers or carriers are allowed. Children under 7 are not recommended on tours due to difficult cave terrain and hazards.**

Access: By vehicle, boat, or plane. By road, follow Forest Road 20 to Forest Road 15. Head west on FR 15 for about a mile to the parking area. Watch for signs to El Capitan. There is a Forest Service dock for use by boats and planes. **Boats and/or planes cannot be left unattended.**

Contact:

Thorne Bay Ranger District
Prince of Wales Island
Phone: 907-828-3304



2010 Operating Season

Tours start: May 25
Tours end: Sept 4

Daily Tour Times (Tuesday-Saturday)

9:00 am- 11:00 am
12:00 pm- 2:00 pm
2:30 pm- 4:30 pm

Reservations: Make reservations at least two days in advance: call Thorne Bay Ranger District (907) 828-3304. Reservations are first-come, first-serve. Same day walk-ins are accepted if space is available on the tour.

