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Abstract

With over 6,000 known caves, Missouri is a major karst state with many ongoing cave and karst studies and land management activities. The 2007 National Cave and Karst Management Symposium will be co-hosted by the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Caves and Karst Conservancy. We will present information and photos of the meeting place, Powder Valley Nature Center, Kirkwood, in the greater Saint Louis area. There will be an emphasis on hydrology and biology, but plenty of other information too. We are starting to plan sessions and field trips now. Powder Valley is an educational facility with a fine auditorium and meeting rooms, which the Missouri Department of Conservation will offer at no charge to the symposium. Arrangements are being made with a nearby hotel, where we have hosted other conferences. We plan to host a free, evening, public event at Powder Valley to pull in interested cavers, landowners, show cave operators, and the public to hear a panel of interesting speakers. I invite all who are interested to come to this presentation and comment on what you would like to see and experience at the 2007 National Cave and Karst Management Symposium.
