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Abstract

National Parks serve as excellent public partners for pursuing multiple fields of research. Park employees and outside researchers conduct research related to park history and resources. Kentucky's own Mammoth Cave National Park is the site of particularly broad areas of research, including anything from the area's 350 million years of geologic and biologic history and 4000 years of human history both above and below ground. Our project surveys research related to Mammoth Cave National Park from 1980 to 2013, including discipline, method, cave versus surface, and demographics of the researchers, and reviews trends and changes in this research.