



**Memorandum of Agreement
Between
Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc.
and
Marty Abercrombie**

The Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc. (SCCi) and **Marty Abercrombie** enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to engage in **the Gourneck Cave Survey (and Dome Climb) project as noted in the attached permit application.**

The period of this agreement is from **July 7, 2018 to July 6, 2019**. This MOA is valid to the named applicant until it expires or is rescinded by the SCCi. However, the MOA becomes immediately void if the applicant violates the terms and/or conditions of the MOA or any non-excluded provisions of the management policy as determined by the designated project representative(s) of SCCi.

Responsibilities of Marty Abercrombie

The applicant agrees to follow the protocols outlined in the attached special use permit application and to abide by the following restrictions (exceptions must be requested in writing to the designated SCCi representative[s] and Vice-chair):

- If unmapped cave is discovered during the course of the project, provide a digital map in PDF format at 300 dpi; in-cave sketches will be drawn at 20 ft/inch and drafted at same
- Provide a digital version of all data (provide scans of survey notes at 300 dpi), maps, photographs and reports generated as part of this project to the SCCi for unrestricted use – photographs and maps remain the property of their creator
- Provide a brief digital trip report of each trip before conducting another trip – the report shall include scans of the original survey notes, a brief written report, and a line plot of the survey, if any, in pdf format
- No collection of samples or cave specimens is authorized under this MOA
- No permanent modification of the cave other than as specified in the permit application is authorized by this MOA
- Schedule each trip via the online permitting system, and coordinate activities through the designated SCCi representative(s)

- Limit the total number of people entering the cave to a maximum of eight people per visit, excluding any representative of SCCi
- Abide by the terms and requirements outlined in this MOA and the permit application; however, in the event of conflict between the permit application and the MOA, the MOA governs; and
- Whatever else the SCCi vice-chair determines is necessary.

Responsibilities of SCCi:

- Designates **Kristine Ebrey and/or John Hickman or their designee** as the SCCi project representative(s)
- SCCi will provide reasonable access to the property as determined by the designated SCCi project representative or his designee

Attachments:

- Project application

Accepted By:

/s/ Tom Whitehurst
(SCCi Vice-chair)

7 July 2018
(Date)

(Applicant)

(Date)

Attachment

Gourdneck Cave Survey (and Dome Climb)
Special Use Permit Request
Marty Abercrombie
July 7, 2018

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PRESERVES

AVAILABILITY

NEW PERMIT

ADMIN

SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

SIGN A RELEASE

SCCi requires Special Use Permits (SUP) for all non-research activities that (1) fall outside typical recreational use of a preserve, (2) have the potential to impact preserves/caves, their natural or cultural resources, or (3) interfere with the visitor experience.

If you're not sure whether your proposed activity requires an SUP, please email permits@scci.org with the details of what you would like to do.

Examples when a Special Use Permit is needed include, but are not limited to:

- Any activity prohibited or listed as requiring a special use permit in an SCCi preserve management plan, visitor use plan, or policy. (e.g., group sizes that exceed limits; camping; disturbing, collecting, or removing artifacts, biota or geologic media (just to be clear, the mud that sticks to your shoes, clothes or gear is OK!), digging in the cave or on the preserve, modifying the cave passage, bolting of any nature, removal or replacement of existing bolts or rigging, use of rigging points other than those allowed, etc.)
- Cave exploration and survey. If you found a previously unknown or unexplored cave on an SCCi preserve; discovered previously unknown passage within a known cave; want to do a lead climb to explore a high lead, dome, or canyon; or want to re-survey a previously mapped cave, you need a SUP. All new cave exploration will follow a "survey-as-you-explore" ethic, and that all cave survey activities will meet our current survey standards.
- Cleanup activities beyond the removal of typical incidental modern litter that may accumulate in caves and on preserves. A SUP is required for organized group cleanups; large-scale waste removal; or **ANY** graffiti removal, formation cleaning.



An approved SUP permits the special use and may have a duration of up to one year. A visitor permit is required for each time members of the team will be on preserve.

Please provide a brief summary of the project. Detailed information should be provided under the specific sections that follow.

Applicant

marty_abcrombie

Abstract or Summary

We would like to climb and check leads in the dome near the register in Gourneck cave.

Name of Project

Gourneck Cave survey

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PERFORMING THE ON-SITE PROJECT OPERATIONS

Only enter if different than the permit requestor.

Name

Address

Phone

Email

PRESERVE(S) REQUIRING ACCESS

Select all the preserves requiring access. Use the (+) to add another line. You will still need a visitor permit for each visit.

Preserve

Site

Gourneck Cave Preserve

Gourneck Cave

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

If the project is receiving funding of any kind, please attach a copy of the grant, contract, or other information relating to the amount of the funding, source of the funding, and duration of the funding.

Is the project receiving funding?



Financial Information

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE PROJECT

Please provide the following information.

Credentials of those conducting the project: Include information only on the individual responsible for the actual work. Include past projects conducted; expertise in the field in question; and educational qualifications.

Marty Abercrombie has worked on multiple survey projects in the TAG area as well as Kentucky, Montana and Mexico. He has assisted and led climbs in Valhalla, Cemetery Pit, Byers cave, Kimball Pit and the Silver Tip system.

Kyle Lassiter has extensive project and mapping experience in TAG and Mexico.

Tripp Lichtefeld has Survey and climbing experience in TAG as well as level II NCRC certifications.

Michael Hopkins has decades of caving and climbing experience and level III NCRC certifications.

A description of the methods to be used to execute the project goals: Destructive or non-destructive methods, examples include: bolting; digging; other modification to the cave walls or passage; collecting samples, current or historic; photography; on-site examination; etc.

Removable concrete screws or over-drilled wedge bolts will be used to aid climb into leads for survey and exploration purposes. Any found passage will be surveyed for the Gourdneck survey project led by Kyle Lassiter. No permanent ropes will be left rigged in the cave.

A description of the data and the format in which it will be reported: what type of information will the project yield? Examples - Data, photographs, excavation and recovery of historic items, new passage? How and where will this be reported—in a paper for an institution of higher learning, a national journal or magazine, a specialty journal, only to the SCCi board?

Any discovered passage will be surveyed using front and back sights to the CRF standard.

Number of entries: the number of times the property or cave must be entered. The number of entries, and the proposed date for each, should be included. A Visitor Permit is required for each visit to a Preserve. The Special Use Permit permits the proposed use not access.

This project should be completed in 2-3 trips.

Duration of each event: How much time will be spent on SCCi properties during each entry?

Each event should take no longer than 10 hours.

Number of personnel involved: The number of persons it will take to conduct the project for each visit; and overall.

Approximately 4 people will be involved for both the climb and survey work.

The proposed schedule: When will the project begin, when will it end, when each of the site visits be made.

I would like to begin asap.

Additional Files

Memorandum of Understanding

The MOU will be written upon approval of a Special Use Permit.

By signing below I agree to implement only those activities listed in this special use permit and in the manner as expressed in my application.

Status

Pending

Approver's Signature

Send Status Mailing?

No

Submit Application

Yes

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