



Ohio Revised Code

Section 1517.24 Prohibited acts.

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(A) Without the express written permission of the owner and, if the owner has leased the land, without the express written permission of the lessee, no person shall knowingly:

(1) Break, break off, crack, carve on, write on, mark on, burn, remove, or in any other manner destroy, deface, mark, or disturb the surfaces of any cave or any natural material found in any cave, whether attached or broken, including, without limitation, speleothems, speleogens, and sedimentary deposits;

(2) Break, force, tamper with, or otherwise disturb any lock, door, gate, or other device designed to limit control, or prevent access to or entry into a cave;

(3) Remove, deface, or tamper with any posted sign giving notice against unauthorized access to or presence in a cave or citing any of the provisions of sections 1517.21 to 1517.26 or division (B) of section 1517.99 of the Revised Code;

(4) Place refuse, garbage, dead animals, sewage, or toxic substances harmful to cave life or humans in a cave;

(5) Burn within a cave any substance other than acetylene gas burned in a carbide lamp that produces smoke or gas that is harmful to cave life;

(6) Use any door, gate, or other device designed to limit, control, or prevent access to or entry into a cave that does not allow free and unimpeded passage of air, water, and cave life;

(7) Excavate or remove historic or prehistoric ruins, burial grounds, or archaeological or paleontological sites found in a cave, including, without limitation, saltpeter workings, relics, inscriptions, fossilized footprints, and bones;



(8) Remove, kill, harm, or disturb any cave life found within a cave.

(B) Without the express written permission of the owner and, if the owner has leased the land, without the express written permission of the lessee, no person shall purposely destroy, injure, or deface historic or prehistoric ruins, burial grounds, or archaeological or paleontological sites found in a cave, including, without limitation, saltpeter workings, relics, inscriptions, fossilized footprints, and bones.