

Caves of the Leeuwin–Naturaliste Ridge

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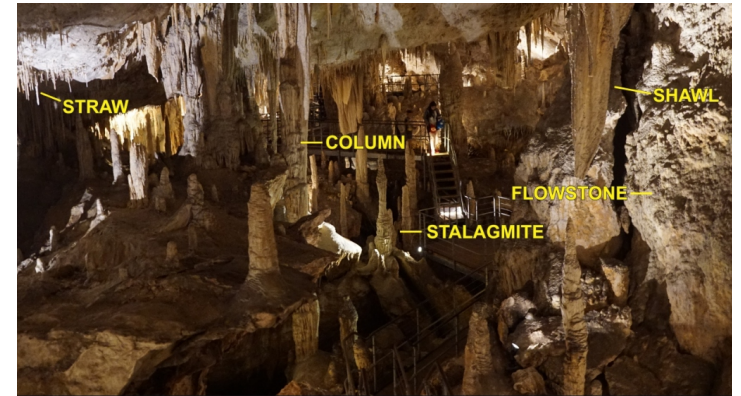
There are more than 150 limestone caves along the stretch of coastline between the Cape Naturaliste and Cape Leeuwin lighthouses in the southwest of Western Australia. The StoryMap explores how caves form, the secrets hidden inside them and why these particular caves are here – all within the Tamala Limestone.

In this StoryMap, we also look at the link between caves and culture. Indigenous Australians have been using caves for tens of thousands of years as places to live, cook, seek shelter, bury their dead, and to record their history with rock art.

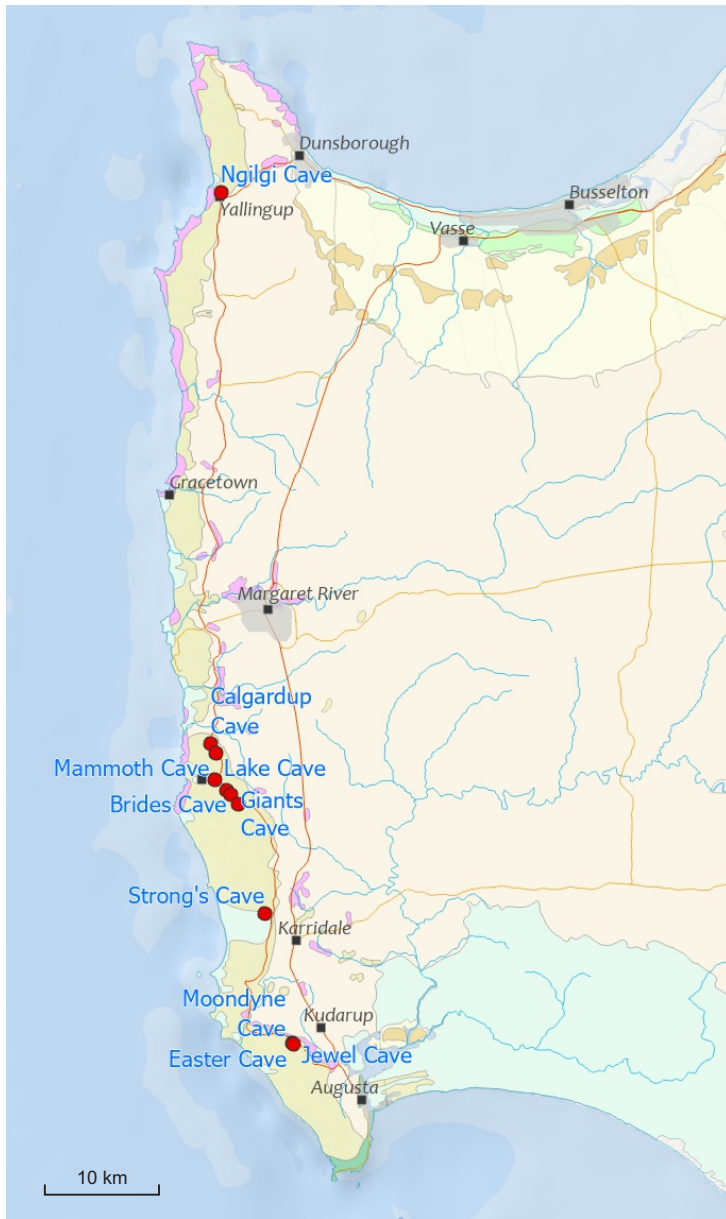
Caves are unique, sensitive environments that house fragile mineral formations, rare flora and fauna, irreplaceable artefacts, and distinctive fossils. They also record Earth's history and climate, and are natural laboratories for modern research. So we look at ways caves can be managed for all to enjoy.



▲ Lake Cave's Suspended Table



▲ Examples of speleothems from Mammoth Cave



▲ Location of caves covered in this story map.

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