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New Elevator Installed: Grand Canyon Caverns to Re-Open

PEACH SPRINGS, AZ – Monday May 19, 2025 – After a two-year dry spell, Grand Canyon Caverns, one of the largest dry caverns in America is excited to announce the Grand Re-Opening of the Caverns at Mile Marker 115, Route 66, Peach Springs, AZ. **The event will take place on June 7, 2025**, starting at 10 am with the ribbon cutting followed by presentations from GCC representatives. Then starting with the 1pm tour in the afternoon.

“The community has been waiting for this day!” said Carlotta Tilousi, Grand Canyon Caverns Board Chairwoman. “Millions of tourists travel to Northern Arizona each year and venture on the nostalgic “Mother Road” Route 66 creating memories of their own. GCC is a great stop to stretch your legs and tour the caverns and enjoy a delicious meal.

Under new ownership/management, Grand Canyon Caverns & Inn has made updates throughout the property. Most significant is the installation of a new elevator that escorts you 21 stories into the earth to witness the beauty and grandeur of these rare dry caverns.

GCC is the third largest dry cavern in the world (largest in the USA). Huge caverns, large enough to hold a football field, display rock formations, a sloth, mummified bobcat and other great rooms. When Walter Peck discovered the caverns in 1927 falling into the natural entrance, he thought he saw gold. Instead, he profited from tours by lowering tourists into a hole in the ground with only a candle. The locals would call those people “dope on a rope”.

Cavern entry accelerated with the original elevator installation in 1962, and a new elevator installed in 2024. It descends 210 feet or 64 meters into the Caverns. “Safety of our guest is top priority when traveling 210 feet below the earth to explore the caverns,” said Scott West, General Manager, Grand Canyon Caverns. “Our focus continues with lighted, paved paths and handrails throughout the caverns.”

Choose your desired experience with a guided tour that departs every hour on the hour, or a shorter tour which departs every half hour. A deeper dive provides the opportunity to tour the caverns and dine within at the Crystal Restaurant (formerly the Grotto) or maybe you prefer to stay overnight in the Cavern Suite, the deepest, darkest, quietest hotel room in the world!

We have it all! A great restaurant that seats hundreds, parking for bus tours, rally space for over 600 people and soon to return is our gas station with a propane refill station. Accommodations are abundant from Bunkhouses/Ranch House for small groups or large families, RV Park/Tent Camping that provides water, electricity, and onsite dump station, or nostalgic Route 66 Inn that feature queen and king beds.

Join us at Route 66, Mile Marker 115, Peach Springs to celebrate our grand re-opening. Whether you fly into our airstrip (L37) or drive Route 66 reading the Burma Shave billboards, it will truly be a unique lifetime

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