

Directions – Laurel Caverns

Starting from: **A** 8800 Harford Rd, Parkville, MD 21234-4122

Arriving at: **B** Farmington, PA

Distance: 196.1 miles **Approximate Travel Time:** 3 hours 11 mins

1. Start at **8800 HARFORD RD, PARKVILLE** going toward **NEIFIELD AVE** - go **0.4** mi
2. Take ramp onto **I-695 WEST** toward **TOWSON** - go **17.9** mi
3. Take exit **#16A-B** onto **I-70 WEST** toward **FREDERICK** - go **90.7** mi
4. Take **L** exit **#1A** onto **I-68 WEST** toward **CUMBERLAND MD** - go **66.2** mi
5. Take exit **#14B** onto **US-40** toward **UNIONTOWN PA.** - go **20.8** mi
6. Arrive at the center of **FARMINGTON, PA**

Directions from www.laurelcaverns.com

From Farmington, Pennsylvania

Take Route 40 West for six miles to the top of Summit Mountain (where you will find the Historic Summit Inn and its fine accommodations). There you will see a **large sign on the left that says, "Laurel Caverns, turn here"**.

Make a left at this sign **on to Skyline Drive** and follow this road for **five miles** to the Laurel Caverns.

The parking lot and Norman Cale visitors center is in the center of the Geological Park and so you will drive about a mile through the park grounds before coming to it.

Tips on how to avoid getting lost on your way to Laurel Caverns

1. **Only ask Map Quest for the directions to Uniontown or Farmington.** If you make Laurel Caverns the destination, they will route you through Elliotsville and unnecessarily add about fifteen miles to your trip. The Map Quest algorithm assumes a park's physical address is based on its nearest post office and that the best route is that set of roads most closely following a straight line from the post office to the park. But, a straight line between Laurel Caverns and Farmington overlay a maze of narrow, unmarked, winding mountain roads. The postal service has assigned us a Farmington address, though we're closer to Uniontown than Farmington. We are eleven miles from Farmington. Our nearest post office is at Chalk Hill.
2. Do not assume that to change a route number you must take an exit. Uniontown is circled by the George Marshall Parkway, which at its northern end is Route 119 and its southern end is Route 40. In fact, those taking Route 119 South, must take an exit to stay on Route 119 and those taking Route 40 West, must take the exit to stay on Route 40. Those traveling 119 South can get on 40 East without even turning their steering wheel.
3. Never take Route 40 Business Exit! The old Route 40 through downtown Uniontown and Hopwood is still called Route 40 business. So, you have Route 40 West and Route 40 West Business and Route 40 East and Route 40 East Business. The existence of two route 40's in Uniontown is an ongoing cause of confusion for motorists.