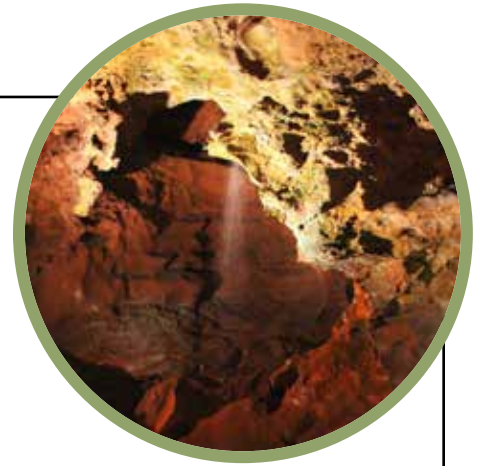


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Craighead Caverns



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3. In which countries and continents are the world's largest and second-largest non-glacial underground lakes located?

Largest: _____

Second Largest: _____

4. Which of the following describes a glacier?

a. a sheet of ice

b. an ocean

c. a cold lake

5. Which is *not* a way people have used Craighead Caverns?

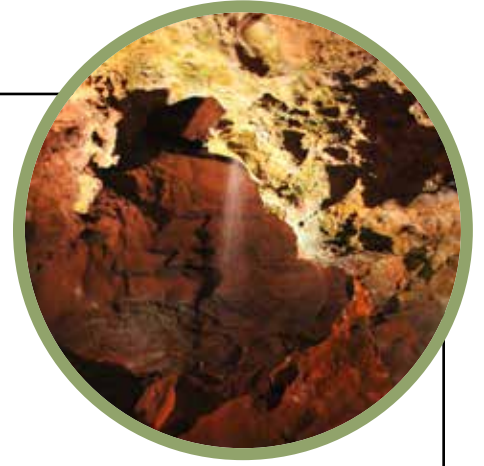
a. to mine

b. to store food

c. to go fishing

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