

# EXPEDITION: UNDERGROUND

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## LOGLINE:

Guests explore the recently-found Everhart Caverns, where they stumble upon malicious Cave Dwellers and must escape back to the surface.

## STORY:

### BEFORE THE RIDE

EXPEDITION BASE -- Guests enter an old mining building and learn the history of EVERHART CAVERNS. Pictures of the abandoned gold mine show branching tunnels radiating out from a central circular shaft, serviced by an old metal MINE ELEVATOR.

PRE-SHOW -- Expedition leader OMEGA NELSON explains that guests will explore Everhart Caverns and help with his entomology research. Guests board Gerstlauer Infinity trains and hear the navigation system introduce itself as CAVERN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, or CAI. CAI begins piloting the vehicle and the ride begins.

### GETTING UNDERGROUND

After an adrenaline-filled start, the vehicle dives underground and passes by beautiful underground landmarks before entering a large cavern. Omega tells CAI to turn off the lights, revealing a ceiling covered in bioluminescent glow-worms

Suddenly, shadows start to move against the lights. CAI says it senses movement, prompting Omega to tell CAI to turn on the lights. Guests then see the alien-looking CAVE DWELLERS approaching the vehicle. Omega yells "Get out of there!" and the vehicle launches backwards out of the cavern.

### THE MINE ELEVATOR

The Cave Dwellers chase the vehicle as it races backwards through the caverns. The car stops as Omega tells CAI he sees a winch lift, meaning the guests have found the abandoned gold mine and can escape using the MINE ELEVATOR. CAI attaches the car to the winch and the vehicle starts climbing the vertical lift.

Before the car reaches top, the lift suddenly breaks. The vehicle then drops 40 feet (a la Schwur des Kärnan at Hansa Park), and as the car slows to a stop guests see Cave Dwellers approaching them. Just in the

nick of time, the lift starts again and the car travels out of reach of the monsters.

#### BACK AT THE SURFACE

After going up the lift, guests realize they're at the top of the mountain. The train then goes through a twisting vertical drop and some large coaster elements before hitting the brakes. As they return to the station, Omega congratulates them and asks guests not to tell the authorities. Guests exit through a gift shop and go back into the park.