Nutty Putty Cave is hydrothermal in nature. Tens of thousands of years, or even millions of years, may have helped form Nutty Putty. It is one of Utah's premier rock formations, and its formations primarily consist of limestone. However, there is a handful of features that point to minor solution activity after the water table fell many feet. For example, hundreds of people enter Nutty Putty's entrance passages. For this reason, it is important that those visiting the cave take a hand in caring for the unique resources by minimizing their impacts. Because the cave is located on public lands (State Trust land), and could be closed due to serious injury (a fairly likely event to occur), it is critical for us to take the necessary steps to ensure that everyone who visits Nutty Putty has a comfortable and enjoyable trip. Each group leader should take the following precautions:

1. Be familiar with all of the hazards and learn how well each individual will handle those hazards.
2. Each person in your group should have a well-fitting helmet, a head-mounted light, boots with rigid soles, and clothing that fits humid 60°F temperatures. The #1 cause for serious injury is head or neck injuries created by falls. No single piece of equipment protects against falls.
3. Leave no trace, carry out all trash, including wrappers, food, spent batteries, human waste, containers, and clothing.
4. Do not squeeze into anything that might not allow you to squeeze out of it. You may become wedged and all efforts to do the same because of people getting stuck in tight passages.
5. All scout groups should be sure that they are abiding by the Boy Scouts of America’s caving guidelines. Some of this information is available at http://www.scouting.org/camping/caving. This map is registered with the U.S. Copyright office. Unauthorized duplication in any form is unlawful, and may be enforced by law.

Nutty Putty Cave
Utah County, Utah
Total Surveyed Length: 1355 feet
Total Surveyed Depth: 145 feet

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