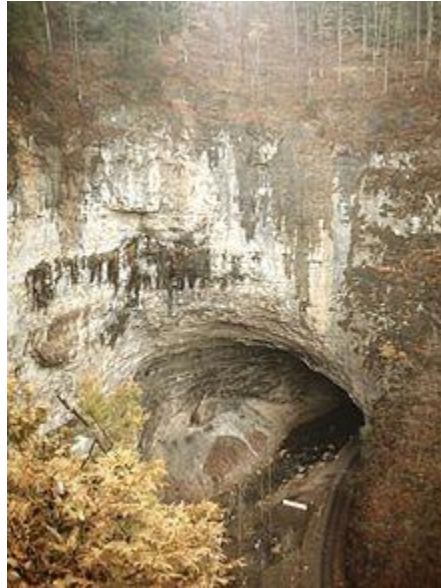


## Natural Tunnel



Natural Tunnel is located in Duffield, Virginia, USA. This tunnel is very appropriately named, because nature was its engineer, its architect, its geologist, and its explosives engineer. Natural Tunnel was formed by forces of nature. About 1 million years ago, groundwater, with a specific compound called carbonic acid began dissolving the limestone and dolomite bedrock that the mountain was made of. The carbonic acid eroded away the rock, and over the course of 1 million years, a natural tunnel formed. Fossils found in the area show that, at one point, prehistoric people used the tunnel. For what do you think prehistoric people used the tunnel? In 1893, a railroad was made through the tunnel, and today it is still utilized as a way to make transportation of goods faster and easier.