

VISUALS

We asked the following question to a Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Visual Resource Management Officer for the Resource Practices Branch. What visual consideration should a Karst Specialist take into account when recommending a leave area around a significant recreational karst feature?

I think the key design notion with Visuals and Karst is what we call Genius Loci or Spirit of Place. That is each Cave entrance or Karst feature has a certain feel to it created by the nature of the surrounding Forest, water features etc.

No site is the same. Preserving the Spirit of Place (ambiance) is key to managing the forest around Karst features.

It will take different amounts of forest to maintain this effect in different circumstances.

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