Karst Geology of the Mitchell Plateau, South-Central Indiana

Date: Sunday, September 17, 2023
Time: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm
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The Mitchell Plateau is an iconic karst landscape in south-central Indiana developed in Valmeyeran (Middle Mississippian) carbonates. Sinkholes, karst valleys, disappearing streams, and caves are well developed in the region. Field trip stops will include various karst topographic features developed on prime farmland, a road cut of the typical strata, and a guided tour of Marengo Cave, a U.S. National Landmark. Hiking boots are recommended for soft or wet soil.

Crystal Cave, photo courtesy of Marengo Caverns.