A Hidden World Awaits

Take a moment and gaze down the Greathouse Portal, your entrance into vast underground spaces filled with an intriguing human and geologic history. What was once the ocean floor provided raw materials (silica sand) for glass making during the early twentieth century.

When R. Marvin Greathouse began hollowing these hills to mine the silica sandstone, he could not have known that the cavernous rooms left behind would fascinate people for decades to come.

Today this portal serves as your gateway to the past and entrance into a unique underground visitor center. Join us during open hours, and step into the earth and into the past.