

The **Tennessee River Basin** is one of the most important **freshwater fish biodiversity** hotspots, but little is known regarding the fossil record of fishes from this area.



Bell Cave has one of the **most intact** freshwater fish fossil deposits from the **Late Pleistocene Era** in N. America.



41 unique species from 10 sites across the basin were identified.

The Late Pleistocene Ice Age was **10,000 to 30,000** years ago.