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MATURANGO MUSEUM PETROGLYPH TOURS

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU BOOK A TOUR AND AGAIN BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME.

Access to the Coso petroglyphs is granted by the U.S. Navy to the Maturango museum. We are honored to be able to provide tours to this world-class rock art site. Because security on Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake is a priority, and because protecting the Coso petroglyphs is essential, we need all tour participants to be well informed before they leave home and head for Ridgecrest. The tour of Little Petroglyph Canyon is unforgettable. We want you to have the best experience possible.

See the list of things you need to know on the second page, based on commonly asked questions and issues that have arisen in past years. **Please read carefully** all the information provided so that you know what is required and what your responsibilities are before you leave home.

Options for scheduling petroglyph tours:

1. For a tour coordinated by the Maturango Museum, follow instructions on the application form. The Museum charges a tour coordination fee: \$30 for Museum members and \$40 for non-members.
2. For a free private tour, contact the China Lake Public Affairs Office directly at (760)939-1683 to make arrangements. You will be responsible for finding two escorts and for filing all necessary paperwork. If you choose this option, we do not assist with guide selection nor do we help plan your trip.

How to Make Reservations:

- Submit a completed application.
- Print **CLEARLY; Faxing sometimes distorts numbers!**
- Submit the following: name, phone number, birth date, birthplace (city and state) and Social Security Number for each person in your group.
- List more than one date choice if you can (we always give first choice if available; if not, we know what your second choice is and we don't need to call you. We will send a confirmation letter stating which dates have been approved).
- Payment must accompany reservation form; Visa, MasterCard and personal checks are accepted (or cash, if you reserve in person).
- Reservations can be made in person, by Fax or by U.S. mail.
- *No phone or email reservations are accepted.* (Sorry, no secure email connection)
- Mail to Maturango Museum, 100 E. Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555, attn. Tour Coordinator
- Send Fax to Petroglyph Coordinator, (760)375-0479.
- A confirmation will be sent to you with the information about Museum location, departure time, what to bring, what to wear, where to stay, and other pertinent details.

ALL TOUR PARTICIPANTS MUST BE U.S. CITIZENS.

Please Note: No changes of tour participants names can be made for reasons of security, once our paperwork has been submitted to the NAWS Public Affairs Office 10 days in advance.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations are usually due to unexpected test scheduling on the Base or adverse weather conditions in the canyon. If the Base or the Museum cancels your tour, you will be given a full refund or you may reschedule. **Individuals must cancel two weeks prior to the date of the tour in order to receive a refund (50 percent of your trip fee will be refunded.)**

No refunds are given for cancellations received after the two week deadline.

IMPORTANT PETROGLYPH TOUR INFORMATION

- **Tours are by reservation only and should be booked ASAP.**
- **Last-minute reservations cannot be accepted due to deadlines for filing paperwork with the NAWS Public Affairs Office.**
- **All tour participants 16 years and older MUST BRING one form of ID showing proof of U.S. citizenship and a picture ID. Proof of citizenship includes birth certificate (copy OK), current U.S. passport, naturalization papers, U. S. active or retired military ID, voter registration card, or a blue Weapons Division DOD badge.**
- **Be sure to have your identification before you leave home; forgetting ID is a major reason for being denied access to the Base.**
- **If possible, submit more than one date choice; if your first choice is filled, we won't need to call you for a second choice.**
- **No children under age 10 are allowed.**
- **No pets are allowed.**

Know your physical limitations: some parts of the trip can be difficult for non-hikers. The elevation is 5000feet. The canyon floor is a wash bottom of sand and rocks. The canyon walls are 20 to 40 feet high. The hike in the canyon is about 1½ miles each way. The lower end of the canyon has boulder sized rocks, sliding down steep sections is involved at certain points.

CAR POOLING IS MANDATORY. The tour group travels to Little Petroglyph Canyon in a car caravan at the Museum organized by the tour escorts. The number of vehicles is limited. If you have a larger vehicle, you may be asked to carry passengers. **No campers are allowed.** We appreciate your cooperation.

All vehicles will be searched at the NAWS gate. Please clean out any unnecessary items before leaving home. **NO ALCOHOL, GLASS CONTAINERS OR WEAPONS ARE ALLOWED.** Any questionable item may delay the group and might result in you and your vehicle being denied access. Sorry, we can't store "banned" items at the Museum; we don't have the space and don't want the responsibility.

Cameras and walking sticks should be stored in the trunk or very back of the vehicle until you arrive at the canyon. **Walking Sticks MUST have rubber tips!**

Questions? Call Fran Van Valkenburgh, Petroglyph Tour Coordinator at (760)375-6900, Wed. to Fri. 10-1 & 2-4, email: matmus4@maturango.org.