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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 **back of this page**, based on commonly asked questions and issues that have arisen in past years. **Please read carefully** all 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 reservation form. The Museum charges a tour coordination fee: \$30 for museum members, \$40 for non-members.
2. For a free private tour, contact the China Lake Public Affairs office directly (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) & 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).
- Payment must accompany reservation form; Visa, MasterCard, and personal checks are accepted. If you reserve in person, cash is also accepted.
- Reservations can be made in person, by fax, or by U.S. mail.
- ***No phone reservations are accepted.***
- Mail to Maturango Museum, Attn: Petroglyph Tour Coordinator, 100 E. Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555
- Send Fax to Petroglyph Tour Coordinator, (760) 375-0479
- A confirmation will be sent to you with 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.

Questions? Call Linda Saholt, Petroglyph Tour Coordinator at (760) 375-6900, Wed.-Fri. 10am-1pm & 2pm-4pm or email at matmus9@maturango.org

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% of your trip fee will be refunded).**

No refunds are given for cancellations received after the two week deadline. If you postpone your tour you must reschedule within a year!

IMPORTANT PETROGLYPH TOUR INFORMATION

- Tours are by reservation only and should be booked ASAP.
- Last –minute reservations cannot be accepted due to our procedure 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 o.k.), 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 the age of 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 at 5,000 feet. The canyon floor is a wash bottom of sand and rocks. The canyon walls are 20 to 40 feet high. The hike into the canyon is about 1 ½ miles each way up and back. The lower end of the canyon rocks are boulder sized, sliding down steep sections is involved at this point.

CARPOOLING IS MANDATORY. The tour group travels to Little Petroglyph Canyon in a car caravan organized at the Museum by the tour escorts. The number of vehicles is limited; each vehicle must carry at least four people. If you drive a small pickup or car that accommodates only two people, you will need to ride with someone else. Likewise, if you have a larger vehicle, you may be asked 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.