

The Witte Museum Tour - Bonfire Shelter and Eagle Cave Saturday, December 7, 2019

This tour is limited to 25 participants

Come join the Witte Museum Rock Art Foundation for a tour to this remarkable treasure. In the archaeological record of events occurring in the lower Pecos River area, perhaps none are more important than the buffalo stampedes manipulated by early hunters in a narrow canyon near the present day town of Langtry. This site, once known as Ice Box Cave, is today called Bonfire Shelter. The Witte Museum, in cooperation with the generous landowner, invites you to tour this unique site.

The hike is into a very steep and rough canyon. Stamina, agility, and good balance are a must. Climbing over large boulders is required. Tours are not suitable for children. The hike involves a 100' descent into a canyon, with no trail. Deep loose rocks make walking difficult. You will be in a remote location where response to serious injuries and medical emergencies will be difficult and lengthy.

To learn more about the history of Bonfire Shelter, visit the Texas Beyond History website at <http://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/bonfire/index.html>

WHERE TO MEET:

Meet your guide **inside the Visitors Center at Seminole Canyon State Park at 9:30 AM and be prepared for a prompt 10:00 AM departure. The tour should complete by 4PM.** Cell phone service is not reliable in this area. Any vehicle can travel to the site parking area. Bring your lunch and drinking water. Wear sturdy shoes and dress in layers according to the weather. Please do not bring any pets.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All participants on Witte Museum Rock Art Foundation tours and events must complete a Liability Release Form before participating. Your Guide will have a copy for you to sign, so you do not need to print and bring your own copy.

By signing this form and participating, you also confirm that you have read and will abide by the attached Tour Guidelines and Expectations. (below)

You will receive a reservation confirmation.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the Witte Museum Reservations Desk: **210-357-1910**.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

All Witte tours must be paid in advance to ensure your reservation. Please make your reservations no later than 7 days prior to tour date. Only those paid in advance are guaranteed a place on the tour. Cancellations must be made a minimum of 7 days prior to the trip to receive a full refund. If the tour must be cancelled because of inclement weather (e.g. rain), a full refund will be issued.

Tour Guidelines and Expectations for All Tour Participants

Participants must be aware of the remote and difficult environmental conditions and terrain into which our tours travel. Participants must be able to traverse rugged terrain. This involves hiking considerable distances, scrambling over rocks and boulders, steep ascents and steep descents, walking in or over loose rock, and through dense brush. At any time of the year desert heat can be extreme. In most cases medical help and trauma care are several hours away. For your safety and protection please consider the following guidelines for all tours:

- Tours are not suitable for small children.
- Read the description of each tour carefully. Consider the length and difficulty of the tour carefully. Realistically consider your ability.
- Your safety and well-being on tours is your responsibility.
- Many of our tours are on privately owned land. Please be respectful of the landowner's rights and property at all times. • Alcohol, firearms, and pets are not allowed on any tour.

- A few tours require that you bring a 4-WD high clearance vehicle. Your vehicle will be subject to harsh desert conditions. The Witte Museum Rock Art Foundation does not supply vehicles or arrange transportation if you do not have a suitable vehicle.
- Stay with the group and follow the instructions of your guide.
- For the safety of the group, tours may be canceled at any stage at the discretion of the guide.
- Few tours have restroom facilities. Be prepared to use the restroom outdoors.
- Please be alert when visiting the area near the Mexico/US Border. For the most current travel advisories and safety information, please visit the State Department Travel Alert web site at <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/mexico-travel-warning.html>

What to bring and wear:

- Wear clothing appropriate to the weather and terrain. Long sleeve shirts and pants are helpful protection from the sun and desert plants.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and use sunscreen.
- An umbrella is good sun protection.
- Closed toed footwear with good traction is required on all tours. Leather soled cowboy boots don't work!
- A small backpack or fanny pack for your gear, water, and food.
- Bring plenty of water and drink frequently. Hydrate before the tour and bring full water bottles - 2 quarts per day minimum. You will not be allowed to participate without an adequate water supply.
- Bring lunch and snacks that do not require refrigeration.
- Walking sticks are helpful.
- Camera

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