

The Witte Museum Rock Art Foundation Meyers Spring Ranch Tour

Saturday, May 25, 2019

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This tour is limited to 35 participants

A high-clearance vehicle is recommended.

Meyers Spring, a major source of water in dry west Texas, has been a center of human activity for thousands of years. At the Spring, ancient people left Pecos River-style rock art. American Indian artists later recorded images of European contact over the older paintings. Still later, the Seminole Scouts and local ranchers left their marks. This site was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1972 and today is privately owned. The Witte Museum thanks the landowner for their stewardship of this unique cultural resource and for graciously providing access. The Witte Museum is pleased to invite you to tour this very important rock art and historic site.

DETAILS & WHERE TO MEET:

The Witte Museum does not provide transportation to the site. **The tour will meet in Dryden, Texas, at the intersection of Hwy 90 and Hwy 349. Please be there at 10 a.m. and be prepared for a prompt departure.** Be sure to bring everything you need for a day in the west Texas sun – water, lunch, hat, camera and sunscreen. Hiking boots are not needed, but are always a good idea. No pets please.

Cell phone service in this area is not reliable. The 11-mile dirt ranch road does not require 4WD, although **a high clearance vehicle is recommended.** Rains can quickly wash out a road. Once there, it is a short walk to the rock art panel. After seeing the rock art, the tour will drive a short distance to the outpost of the Seminole Scouts who patrolled the West Texas frontier in the 1880's and 90's. The tour **usually concludes by 4 p.m.** Meyers Springs is a remote location where there is no medical attention; cell phone service is rare and temperatures are extreme. An umbrella is always a good idea for some shade.

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 Advisories Website at [https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.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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