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BLACK CHASM CAVERN ROLLING EVENT

Tuesday June 22, 2010

Please join us for a scenic trip to an exquisite National Natural Landmark cave, located near the historic town of Volcano. The National Park Service calls Black Chasm Cavern the “best helictite cave in the west.” We’ll have a guided tour of approx. one hour. We’ll learn about its uniquely beautiful geology and stunning displays of rare helictite crystals that loop from the walls, appearing to defy gravity.

In the Colossal Room, a platform seemingly suspended in midair hangs above a 70-ft. drop to small glimpses of the jewel-like lake below, made bright turquoise by naturally occurring calcium bicarbonate.

The visitor’s center displays the cave formation props from the Matrix movie trilogy on a screen for those interested. There are large selections of science and nature merchandise, including geodes, rocks, books and science kits to browse. **We are limited to tours of 20 people, so if we have more than that number of members on the event, we can have a second tour that will leave 20 minutes after the first tour. Maximum number of cars = 20**

We’ll gather at our usual spot at the far west side of the Orchard Creek parking lot at 8:45, in time to give us time for a picture and departure time of 9 AM. We’ll meander through back roads in the Loomis basin, over to Auburn-Folsom Road. Our trip will continue down to Hwy 50, which we’ll take for a short distance until we exit at Latrobe Road.

Right after that exit, we’ll stop for Starbucks coffee/ restrooms in the Target store in the Town Center shopping area. Both are just inside the front doors, and lots of parking in front of the store. We will then follow Latrobe Road to Hwy #16, over to #49, where we head south to Sutter Creek for lunch.

Lunch will be at the Sutter Creek Palace restaurant. This is a historic 1880s building, which used to have a bordello upstairs. There was a separate entrance for ladies, and a tunnel from down the street for gentlemen (?) who wanted to visit upstairs without being seen. The spirit of a previous owner who died upstairs is said to still remain.

From Sutter Creek, we’ll take scenic Sutter Creek Road to Volcano and the Cavern. Warning: the cave is on a gravel road, so we’ll proceed very slowly to the parking area.

*****Deadline for inclusion on the tour and lunch information:**

Wed. June 16th.

Lunch at the Sutter Creek Palace:

The \$14 per person price of lunch choices will include coffee, tea or soft drink, tax, and gratuity

The following choices will all be served with your choice of fries, potato salad or soup.

Cranberry Honey Walnut Salad - Honey toasted walnuts, dried cranberries and blue cheese with raspberry vinaigrette dressing

Reuben Sandwich - Corned beef, Swiss cheese, sauerkraut and Thousand Island dressing on grilled rye

Grilled Chicken Sandwich - Grilled chicken breast, bacon, red onions, lettuce, tomato, Swiss cheese with honey mustard dressing on toasted French roll

Philly Cheese Steak - Thin strips of seasons USDA Choice steak with peppers and onions smothered in cheese on a French roll

Cheese Burger - Angus 1/3 lb. burger with lettuce, tomato, onion, mustard, and mayo with choice of American, Swiss, Jack or Pepper Jack cheese and fries
Add mushrooms, bacon, or avocado for and additional \$1.00 each

Fish Tacos - Two soft flour tortillas filled with grilled fish, tomatoes & pico de gallo

Per person: Cavern tour \$12.75 (25.50 for 2) Total _____

Per person: Luncheon \$14.00 (28.00 for 2) Total _____

Choice: ☐ ☐ Salad
 ☐ ☐ Reuben sandwich
 ☐ ☐ Grilled chicken sandwich
 ☐ ☐ Philly Cheese steak
 ☐ ☐ Cheeseburger
 ☐ ☐ Fish taco

Total _____

(\$26.75 each)
(\$53.50 for 2)

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