National Park Service
El Malpais National Monument

El Malpais National Monument Ranger-Guided Programs for August 2009

Explore El Malpais with cave tours and bat flights, Saturdays in August.

Cave Tours at Big Tubes

Saturday August 1 and Saturday August 29, 9:00am-3:00pm
Meet a Park Ranger at the Information Center (23 miles south of Grants on NM 53) at 9:00am and we will caravan (high clearance, 4 wheel drive recommended) to the Big Tubes Area for a moderate to strenuous caving adventure. Car-pooling is encouraged. *Bring three sources of light, extra batteries and bulbs, jacket, gloves, water, snacks and lunch.* Wear long pants and sturdy boots. Helmets will be provided. Tours are limited to the first 20 people, so arrive early. This program is suitable for children 10 years and older. Please call for more information about this tour.

Tour of Junction and Xenolith Caves

Saturday August 15 at 12:00 p.m.
Meet a Park Ranger at the parking lot of the El Calderon Area (21 miles south of Grants on NM 53) for a moderately strenuous caving adventure. *Bring a flashlight, jacket, gloves, and water.* Wear long pants and sturdy boots. Helmets will be provided. Tours are limited to the first 20 people, so arrive early. This program is suitable for children 10 years and older. Please call for more information about this tour.

Bat Flights at Bat Cave

Saturday August 8 and Saturday August 22, 7:00pm
Enjoy the company of thousands of bats as they leave Bat Cave for the evening. Meet a Park Ranger promptly at 7:00 in the parking lot of the El Calderon Area (21 miles south of Grants on NM 53). From there we will hike ¾ of a mile to Bat Cave. *Bring water, a jacket, and a flashlight for the hike back after dark.* Please call for more information about this tour.

All programs are free to the public and may be subject to cancellation.
Call ahead for more information—El Malpais Information Center: 783-4774.
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