



# El Malpais National Monument Ranger-Guided Programs for July 2009

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

***Cave Tour at Big Tubes*** Saturday July 4 and Saturday July 18, 9:00am-2:00pm  
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. This program is suitable for children 10 years and older. Please call for more information about this tour.

***Bat Flights at Bat Cave*** Saturday July 11 and Saturday July 25, 7:15pm  
Enjoy the company of thousands of bats as they leave Bat Cave for the evening. Meet a Park Ranger promptly at 7:15 in the parking lot of the El Calderon Area (21 miles south of Grants on NM 53). From there we will hike  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile to Bat Cave. Bring water, a jacket, and a *flashlight* for the hike back after dark.



Big Skylight Cave at Big Tubes



Bat Flight at Bat Cave.

*All programs are free to the public and may be subject to cancellation.  
Call ahead for more information—El Malpais Information Center: 783-4774.  
[www.nps.gov/elma](http://www.nps.gov/elma)*