

**MATURANGO MUSEUM**  
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**MATURANGO MUSEUM PETROGLYPH TOURS**

**PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU BOOK A TOUR  
AND AGAIN BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME.**

Access to the Coso Petroglyphs is granted by the U.S. Navy to the Maturango Museum. We are honored to be able to provide tours to this world-class rock art site. Because security on Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake is a priority, and because protecting the Coso petroglyphs is essential, we need all tour participants to be well informed before they leave home and head for Ridgecrest. The tour of Little Petroglyph Canyon is unforgettable. We want you to have the best experience possible.

See the list of things you need to know on the **back of this page**, based on commonly asked questions and issues that have come up in the past years. **Please read carefully** all information provided so that you know what is required and what your responsibilities are before you leave home.

**Options for scheduling petroglyph tours:**

1. For a tour coordinated by the Maturango Museum, follow instructions on the reservation form. The Museum charges a tour coordination fee that is noted on the application.
2. For a free private tour, contact the China Lake Public Affairs office directly (760) 939-1683 to make arrangements. You will be responsible for finding two escorts and for filing all necessary paperwork. If you choose this option, we do not assist with guide selection nor do we help plan your trip.

**How to Make Reservations:**

- Submit a completed application.
- Print **CLEARLY**; **faxing sometimes distorts numbers.**
- Submit the following for each person in your group: full legal name, phone number, birth date, birthplace (city and state) & citizenship (must be a U.S. citizen)
- List more than one date choice if you can (we always give first choice if available; if not, we know what your second choice is and we don't need to call you).
- Payment must accompany reservation form; credit cards and personal checks are accepted. If you reserve in person, cash is also accepted.
- Reservations can be made in person, by fax, e-fax, e-mail or by U.S. mail.
- ***No phone reservations are accepted.***
- Mail to Maturango Museum, Attn: Petroglyph Tour Coordinator, 100 E. Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555
- E-mail to: [petro@maturango.org](mailto:petro@maturango.org)
- Send Fax to Petroglyph Tour Coordinator, (760) 495-9777
- A confirmation will be sent to you with information about Museum location, departure time, what to bring, what to wear, where to stay, and other pertinent details.

**ALL TOUR PARTICIPANTS MUST BE U.S. CITIZENS**

**PLEASE NOTE: No changes of tour participants names can be made for reasons of security, once our paperwork has been submitted to the NAWS Public Affairs Office.**

**Questions?** Call Linda Saholt, Petroglyph Tour Coordinator at (760) 375-6900, Wed.-Fri. 10 – 4.  
or email at [petro@maturango.org](mailto:petro@maturango.org)

**General tour information:**

- Tours are by reservation only and should be booked ASAP.
- Last minute reservations cannot be accepted due to the procedures for filing paperwork required by the NAWS Public Affairs Office.
- No children under the age of 10 are allowed.
- No pets are allowed.

**Cancellation policy:**

- Cancellations are usually due to unexpected test scheduling on the Base or adverse weather conditions in the canyon. If the Base or the Museum cancels your tour, you will be given a full refund or you may reschedule.
- **If you choose to cancel, you must do so at least two weeks prior to the date of the tour in order to receive a refund (50% of your trip fee will be refunded).**
- **No refunds are given for cancellations received after the two week deadline. If you postpone your tour you must reschedule within a year!**

**What to wear (base security requires that you must have appropriate attire to go on the tour):**

- Long pants
- Lace-up hiking boots or shoes with sturdy soles and aggressive tread (no open-toe shoes)
- Layered clothing (The canyon elevation is 5,000 ft. and weather is unpredictable)
- Sunblock (There is no shade in the canyon)
- A hat and/or sunglasses (optional)

**What to bring:**

- Plenty of Water (our average climate is hot and dry; there are no water sources in the canyon)
- Lunch and snacks
- Camera (fully charged) – you will want to take hundreds of photos so be prepared
- A backpack to carry your water, food, and other items you might need during the day
- Binoculars (optional)
- Walking stick (optional) must have rubber tip

**Identification/Documents needed (Information will be checked by base security):**

- Ages 16 and older need 1 photo ID
  - Acceptable ID – Driver's license, U.S. passport, or military ID; school ID for students
- If you are a U.S. citizen born outside of the U.S., you also need to provide proof of citizenship
  - Acceptable documents for proof of citizenship – U.S. passport, Naturalization Certificate, or Certificate of Citizenship

**Vehicles/Carpooling:**

- The tour escorts will organize carpooling as needed (we are limited to 7 vehicles total)
  - Carpooling is mandatory (if you do not wish to drive, please inform the tour escorts)
  - All vehicles must be in good working order with adequate tires and ground clearance
- All drivers must have current driver's license, current proof of insurance, and vehicle registration (information will be checked at the museum and by base security)
- Please arrive with a full tank of gas (it is approximately a 90 mile round trip)
- RV's, cab-over campers, and trailers of any type are not permitted

**Prohibited Items:**

- No alcohol of any kind
- Firearms, weapons, and/or ammunition of any kind are not permitted
- No pets are allowed
- No smoking in the canyon
- No glass containers
- No medical marijuana