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SPRING FIELD TRIP Saturday, April 22, 2017

WHERE - Wagon roads to Space ships; Walker Basin, Tehachapi Loop, windmills, to Mojave, in search of foothill flowers and lovely scenery with 2 centuries of history.

HOW: 8:00 a.m., meet at the Museum for check in; participants will be required to sign liability waiver. Car caravan will be organized and carpools encouraged based on when you want to be home and dinner plans.

COST: \$25 members (\$40 for 2 adult members), \$30 nonmembers (\$50 for 2 adults). Family members encouraged (especially well-behaved dogs and kids)

NEEDED: Full tank of gas, car and tires in good running order. 4x4 not at all necessary, we'll be on narrow (as in wagon) , but paved backcountry roads all day.

Usual dress code for field trips applies: hat, sunscreen, comfortable walking shoes, layered clothing, water, camera, binoculars. Bring water, snacks, and a picnic lunch - long day! Bring a folding chair if the tables are not available - we'll do lunch in 2 parts - Havilah and Keene (with a chance for pie and ice cream.

Trip Description:

Over Walker Pass and the South Fork Valley to Isabella town and Bodfish - up the hill on the old stage road to Havilah, Kern County's first County Seat during the gold rush at Keysville and Havilah, (part 1 lunch, pit stop), over the hill into the lovely Walker Basin. Will loop the Rankin Ranch and visit the old Rankin Cemetery and dude ranch; down "Lions Grade" to Caliente, the main stage and wagon road to Keysville/LA!. Up Hwy 58 to Keene; (part 2 lunch, pie?) up "old road" to the famous "Tehachapi railroad loop" overlook- wait for trains; to the back side of Tehachapi; across to the roads that go through the windmills and down Oak Creek Canyon and huge windmills eventually to Mojave where the space plane is being built.

Could have dinner in Mojave or zoom back to Ridgecrest. Should be beautiful wildflowers in Walker Basin and at "the loop."

Lots of history- gold mines, trains, wagon roads, cowboys, cemeteries, to wind energy, space planes. And it'll be green and colorful. Great well-kept secret close to home!

Note: these roads suffered with all the rains, but are open, sometimes one lane. We'll be OK.

Cancellation policy: *If the Museum cancels your trip, you will be given a full refund or you may transfer the money to a different trip. No cash refunds will be given if you cancel. However, if the trip is full and we can sell your space, your money will be refunded. If you must cancel, please notify the Museum as soon as possible so that people on the waiting list can be notified. Thank you.*