

# Drop in drop out tour – Free flow, Stop N Go!

Meet at Niveen's in McKinleyville for breakfast, 8:00 Saturday July 21

On road North at 9:00 – 9:30

Organize into two groups (or more). Some may go partway (Trees of Mystery, about 70 miles), some to Oregon Caves, about 130 miles (allow 4 hr. travel + stops). Return on your own, at any point.

Optional Pottie stops at:

---Davidson Road / Elk viewing area, then drive a bit further West toward the trees, turn left to the Elk Meadow Picnic area (toilets.) This would be a great group picture spot!

---Go thru Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway, a good spot for group pictures on side of road at large meadow.

---Klamath Pem-Mey Fuel Mart, which also usually has barbeque outside in parking lot!

--->**Trees of Mystery** has good restrooms, snacks, a wonderful native history museum (free to view), and the Trails. Admission includes: Forest Experience Trail, Wilderness Trail, Trail of Tall Trees and the Kingdom of Trees, and the Sky Trail, for \$18 (\$14 Seniors).

---Lunch at Cave Junction. About 12:30 Taylor's Sausage anyone?

Cave Junction, turn right on Hwy. 46 out to the Oregon caves, (½ hour drive) About 1:00pm

Don your hard hat and explore the caves with a guided tour!

--->**Oregon cave guided tours** are \$10 per person, ***YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS*** on line. <https://www.recreation.gov/unifSearchResults.do>

Tours at 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30pm (about 10 spots available in each group as of 7/5/18)

About 3 hr. drive home without stops.

Cost to stay at the Caves Chateau is \$125 on up.

## **Other optional stops/ opportunities:**

--Ocean view at Freshwater Lagoon, along with the Thomas Kuchel Visitor center (toilets).

--Just past Orick, Bald Hills road on the right, goes a few miles to the Lady Bird Johnson Grove.

--Just before Klamath river, take the Klamath Beach road toward the ocean. There is a stop at Coastal Drive where the old bridge used to be (the first section remains) or continue on to the mouth of the Klamath.

(High Bluff Overlook is on the Coastal Drive, a loop road which comes back to the Mouth of the Klamath, but I don't know its condition)

--Requa, go thru town and up the hill to the Klamath River Overlook (toilets).

--Lagoon Creek Picnic Grounds is on the left just past Trees of Mystery (toilets).

--Botanical trail just past Gasquet?

--Collier Tunnel Rest Area.

--for more adventure, try the Waldo Rd just north of Obrien. Goes to Happy Camp, then South on 96.

--dinner at Patricks Creek Lodge?

