

Meeteetse Museums to Host Tour of Legend Rock Petroglyph Site

The Meeteetse Museums will host its annual tour of Legend Rock State Archaeological Site on Saturday, June 9. This year's tour will be led by John Fish, Assistant Superintendent of Hot Springs State Park, and Marit Bovee, Archaeologist/Paleontology Coordinator out of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office in Worland. Admission for the tour is free. Pre-registration is NOT required.

Those taking part should meet at Meeteetse Museums no later than 9 a.m. The museum is located at 1947 State Street. The tour will leave the museum at 9:30 a.m. sharp. If more convenient, participants may meet the organized museum group at Legend Rock. **The tour begins at 10:30 a.m.** Participants are expected to bring a sack lunch and drinking water. While the walk is no more than 200 yards, hiking shoes or sneakers are recommended. For those preferring not to drive, some car-pooling may be available at the museum. A ride, however, is not guaranteed. **Binoculars are strongly recommended.** Following the short presentation and tour, which together last approximately 2 hours, participants are free to picnic and peruse the rock art on their own. The site's interpretive center will be open, as well.

Legend Rock, located about 36 miles south of Meeteetse, is one of the oldest and best examples of Dinwoody rock art in the world. Most of the Legend Rock petroglyphs are classified as being of the "Dinwoody" tradition. Dinwoody petroglyphs are exclusively located in the Wind River and Big Horn Basins west of the Big Horn River and were made by the people who inhabited the area as early as 11,000 years ago. They are always "pecked" and often resemble large human-like figures with headdresses and many toes and fingers. Some figures are upside down. Their torsos may contain pattern of lines. The Legend Rock site contains nearly three hundred individual petroglyphs, some of which are believed to be thousands of years old. Some represent animals or people, while others are abstract or are a combination of many things. The meaning and age of the Legend Rock petroglyphs are still being debated.

Again, please join John Fish, Marit Bovee, and the Meeteetse Museum staff for this free tour on Saturday, June 9. For more information about this and other events from Meeteetse Museums, please call 307-868-2423, email info@meeteetsemuseums.org, or visit meeteetsemuseums.org. To learn more about Legend Rock, also visit Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources online.