

1986 NSS CONVENTION



Pre- and Post- Convention Cave Trips

to U. S. Forest Service Caves,

Eddy County, New Mexico

June 20, 21, 22 and June 28, 29

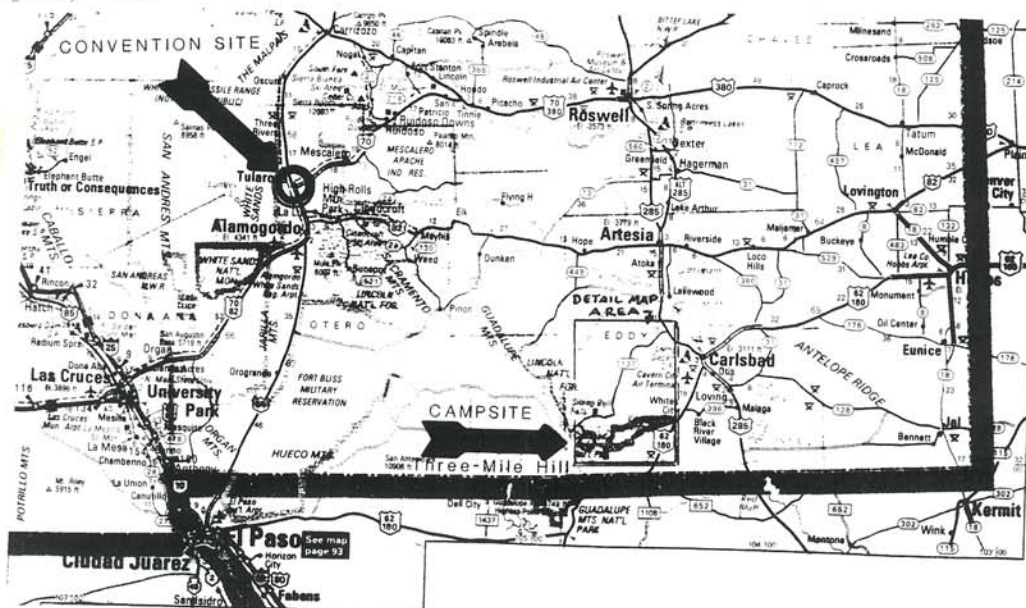
This letter confirms your reservations for the following:

Name	No. in Party	Cave	Date
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Note: If any of your party needs to cancel, please notify Bill Greenlee as soon as practical so that standbys may be arranged.

General Info:

These caves are in Lincoln National Forest and are managed by the U.S. Forest service. The rendezvous for these trips is in the heart of the Guadalupe Mountains; the same fossil reef in which nearby Carlsbad Caverns occurs. Primitive camping is available at our meeting place, locally known as "Three-Mile Hill" Campsite. Refer to the following map for general reference to the campsite, the convention site, and surrounding towns. A very detailed roadmap is also attached for your convenience. Your approach to the rendezvous will either be from Artesia or Carlsbad, on Highway 285.



Camping:

The campsite at the bottom of Three-Mile Hill is spacious, characterised by many small trees, level ground with short grass, and few rocks (in other words, good tent camping). No water is available, so bring plenty for cooking, washing, drinking, etc.....plus excess! Open fires are permitted, so bring wood if you like. Electricity is out of the question, of course, and please don't plan on using a portable generator! Children and pets are welcome if kept under control.

Transportation:

The rendezvous-campsite is easily accessible in anything except "low riders". However, we highly encourage your bringing a high clearance vehicle of some sort (e.g. pickup, 4WD, etc.) for the road to the cave. Four-wheel drive is not absolutely essential, but is preferred. If you do not have access to high clearance, don't let that stop you though. Arrangements to share rides can probably be made (for a price- heh heh! .

Cave Trips:

Plan to leave camp by 9:30 AM. Your trip will be accompanied by a member of the Permian Basin Speleological Society (PBSS). This person will be the designated trip leader, however the tour itself will be freeform rather than guided. Explore as much and as long as you like. Since these caves are delicate, the Forest Service has asked that we limit group size to six (including the PBSS representative) and trips to one per day. The exception to this limitation is Cottonwood. This cave can withstand more traffic; so multiple trips are allowed, but the group size limit must still be observed. Cave photography is encouraged.

Liability:

The U.S. Forest Service and the NPS provide these accompanied trips only with the mutual understanding and agreement that liability for accidents is strictly the responsibility of the participating individuals.

Other Areas of Interest:

Besides living in the Guads, other activities are to be enjoyed here. Many primitive and scenic hiking trails and 4WD roads await the enthusiast (refer to topographic maps of the area). The "Rim Road" is a must for everyone- a spectacular view off the West edge of the Guadalupe Escarpment is accessible to all. Guadalupe Mountains National Park and Carlsbad Caverns National Park are each about an hour away. Stop by Sitting Bull Falls, either on your way in or out- you won't be sorry (there's an interesting cave behind the falls, so take your light...). Carlsbad offers an assortment of culture, fine dining, and beer (except Sundays). "Living Desert" State Park offers a close-up look at various desert creatures and plants. If you go through Artesia and crave good Mexican food, try "La Fonda" on the main drag.

To 3-mile Hill Campsite
From Artesia
or Carlsbad, N.M.

START MILEAGE READINGS

MAP NOT TO SCALE...
MILEAGES APPROXIMATE!
DON'T WORRY?

