

## Mountain Meadows / Baker Dam Recreation Area

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**From:** Bill Swensen <bswensen@d-asia.org>

**To:** WCHS Distribution List <distribution@wchsutah.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2020, 03:50:53 PM MDT

**Subject:** Mountain Meadows / Baker Dam Recreation Area

To All,

The field trip to Mountain Meadows / Baker Dam Recreation Area will depart from the Public Lands Information Center Thursday, March 26 at 9:00 am. Please arrive no later than 8:45 am and please be advised that we will **NOT be meeting inside the PLC**, but outside in the parking lot. The PLC will be open where you can pay the reduced, \$10 fee for this trip and of course, use the restrooms as needed. If you prefer to stay in your personnel vehicles that would be good but association in groups of 10 or less in the parking lot will be the norm. We will be handing out an informational flyer that will include directions to the site as well as a brief description of the Mountain Meadows area. The reverse side of the flyer will have an overview map of the Mountain Meadows Memorial Site.

**We will travel in a group but if we do get separated just follow these brief directions which are on the flyer;** from St. George, go north on state Highway #18 about 30 miles. North of the Town of Central at ~4.7 miles, look for the signs indicating the left turn to the parking lot on Dan Sill Hill (FR 4018) for the new monument. The trip from St George to the monument is about a 40-minute drive.

**We will focus our visit on the primary sites in the area and if time allows, possibly visit two other small monuments that are in the vicinity.** We plan to take in the Memorial Site for ~2 hours at which time we will travel back towards St George on Highway 18. Just a few miles south of the Town of Central there will be a recreation sign showing Baker Dam Recreation Area. This will be a left turn off Highway 18 and from this location the recreation site is less than one mile ahead. We will take in the sites and have lunch at the Recreation area which has restrooms and picnic tables on site.

### **New Details for this Field Trip and as Warranted, Future Field Trips:**

- **We will not meet as a group in the Public Lands Center. If meeting outside your vehicle, please limit groups to 10 or fewer people.**
- **Carpooling is discouraged but with immediate family and such this is your choice.**
- **NO LUNCH will be provided on this trip as per the current Coronavirus epidemic. It is your choice to bring a lunch and/or snack. Bottled water will be provided, if we can find it!!**

The weather forecast looks good with projected highs around 51 degrees and 30% chance of moisture in the afternoon. With that in mind, bring a jacket/windbreaker, shade hat, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, water and a foldable camp chair for lunch time in case the campground and associated tables are full. **After lunch we can enjoy more of the great outdoors or head on home, your choice.**

If you cannot make the trip, please call or email and we will contact persons that are still on a waiting list. If you have questions or concerns please let us know and as always, we are looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday!!

**Contact information for the Public Lands Center at 435.688.3200, via email at [bswensen@d-asia.org](mailto:bswensen@d-asia.org) or visit us at 345 East Riverside Drive, St George, UT**