

Mt. St. Helens Field Trip

Date: Saturday, July 12

- 7:00 Leave your home. Take I-5 South. Exit 49 at Castle Rock. Left at light at top of ramp eastbound. Takes about 2.5 hours to travel from Kirkland with one quick rest stop. Suggest eating breakfast before you leave your house.
- 9:30 Gather at 7 Wonders Museum approximately 9 miles on right (just before Toutle, WA.). Bookstore viewing. Note prefer cash and checks for purchases. Donations appreciated since there is no charge for talk and tour. You can also donate online at [7Wonders Museum website](#).
- 9:45-11:15 Mt. St. Helens 7 Wonders presentation by Lloyd Anderson.
- 11:15-12:00 Caravan to mud flow site (milepost 20+), edge of blast zone (milepost 29) and the Weyerhaeuser Forest Learning Center (milepost 33).
- 11:45-12:30 Lunch (bring your own lunch as no concessions available) and viewing Learning Center (free).
- 12:30-1:00 Drive to Hummocks Trail Hike (milepost 45 on the right). Meet in parking lot. If you do not want to go on the hike, at least stop here for a brief tour talk and then you can go onto Johnson Ridge or leave for home or whatever.
- 1:00-3:30 Hike: 2.4 miles Relatively easy loop hike with short climb out at the end. Bring plenty of water. Dress for hiking in warm-hot weather. Hats and Sunscreen!
- 3:30-4:00 Drive to Johnson Ridge Observatory (milepost 52).
- 4:00-5:00 Visit center at your own pace. Cost \$8. Kids under 16 free. Does honor national park passes. Very cool movie of eruption and view of crater 5 miles across valley with great view of landslide area and canyons carved in one day!!
- 5:00 Leave whenever! On your own at this point to return the way you came. Welcome to stop at museum on way back. Dinner is on your own at freeway or on the way back somewhere.
- RSVP: Contact Ron Payne at 425-820-2897 or rondpayne@comcast.net with name, phone, email number in your party.

Glad you signed up to come along on this great Saturday day trip with others from the church to visit Mt. St. Helens. We will visit the 7 Wonders Museum and see a presentation on the catastrophic processes that changed the local geology in minutes rather than millions of years. Then we will take a tour to actually visit sites showing the changes and discuss them as we go up to the mountain. We will be taking a 2.25 mile (easy) hike on the leading edge of the landslide material seeing the canyons that were formed in a day and the biological recovery since 1980.

More information on [7 Wonders Museum](#) at <http://www.7wondersmuseum.org> .