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INL offers tour of its prehistoric and historic archaeological sites May 11

There is a lot more to Idaho National Laboratory's desert Site than the buildings that can be seen from the highways. Scattered across the landscape are artifacts that date from prehistoric times of mammoths, through the visits of migrating hunter-gatherers to the mid-1900s when residents lived on the government reservation.

On Friday, May 11, the Idaho National Laboratory Cultural Resources Management Office is hosting a day long tour of archaeological and historic sites on the INL desert in conjunction with Idaho's State Historic Preservation Month.

An INL bus will leave from the front of the Engineering Research Office Building, 2525 Fremont Ave., Idaho Falls, at 8 a.m. and return to EROB at 5 p.m. Persons interested in joining the tour can call Dino Lowrey, 526-0935, to sign up on a first-come, first-served basis.

The tour provides a brief overview of Site history and includes presentations on Idaho geology and climate, INL paleontology and archaeology, along with visits to prehistoric and historic sites.

Tour participants should bring food and water for lunch, wearing sturdy walking shoes and appropriate clothing for the unpredictable Idaho spring weather.

Stops include the Big Lost River rest stop for a prehistory/archaeology lesson, the town of Pioneer adjacent to the Big Lost River, walking tours and a visit to the historic homestead on the Site.

INL [Visitor Information pages](#) provide additional information about area history.

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