

## **How to Get to the Plains National Monuments**

### 1. Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument - Texas

The park can be viewed by advanced reservation guided tours only. Contact park headquarters at 806-857-3151. No visitor center or self guided trails.

To get there travelers should take Highway 136 to the Cas Johnson road (25 miles north of Amarillo, 7 miles south of Fritch). Follow Cas Johnson road 5 miles to the Bates Canyon contact station. Ranger or volunteer will meet participants there, then lead them in their vehicles 3 miles further to the monument site.

### 2. Capulin Volcano National Monument - New Mexico

Open daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's day.

Traveling by car, the monument is located 33 miles east of Raton, NM, via US Highway 64/87 and 58 miles west of Clayton, NM, via the same highway. The park entrance is off New Mexico Highway 325, 3 miles north of the town of Capulin.

### 3. Fort Union National Monument - New Mexico

Open year around

Travelers on Interstate 25, use exit 366. Follow the signs to Fort Union National Monument, eight miles off the interstate on New Mexico SR 161.

### 4. Pipestone National Monument – Minnesota

Open Daily

The monument is easily accessible from the south by interstate highway I-90 to Minnesota 23 or US 75, from the west by interstate highway I-29 to South Dakota 34 and Minnesota 30 to US 75, from the north by US 75, and from the east by Minnesota 30 or 23 to US 75. From US 75, road signs will lead you to the monument.

### 5. Little Bighorn National Monument – Montana

Open year round

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument is located near Crow Agency, Montana on the Crow Indian Reservation in Southeastern Montana. Travelers can get there by driving Interstate 90 and taking Exit 510.

### 6. Agate Fossil Beds National Monument - Nebraska

Open Daily, closed Christmas, New Years, and Thanksgiving Days.

Visitors can access the park via Interstates 80, 90 and 25, and various state highways and county roads. Visitors traveling east-west on U.S. Highway 26, turn North on State Highway 29 at Mitchell, Nebraska. The park is 34 miles from Mitchell. Visitors traveling on U.S. Highway 20, turn South on State Highway 29 at Harrison, Nebraska. The park is 22 miles from Harrison. Follow the National Park Service signs.

#### 7. Jewel Cave National Monument - South Dakota

Cave Tour tickets are available first come, first served at the visitor center. Tickets can also be purchased up to seven days in advance by calling 1-605-673-2288, ext. 1220. Cave Tours and Talks can sell out at any time of the year. Tours require a minimum of 2 participants.

The main Visitor Center, and cave entrance, is thirteen miles west of Custer, South Dakota on RT 16; 24 miles east of Newcastle, Wyoming on RT 16; and 54 miles from Rapid City, South Dakota via RT 16 & 16 -385.

#### 8. Devil's Tower National Monument - Wyoming

Devils Tower National Monument is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The visitor center is open April 6 through November 26, 2005, then closes for the season. Information can be obtained at the administration building during the winter.

Visitors traveling east on I-90 exit at Moorcroft, WY. Visitors traveling west on I-90 exit at Sundance, WY, take 14 north to 24, take 24 north to Devils Tower. A scenic alternative for visitors traveling west on I-90 – take exit 199, follow 111 north to 24, take 24 west through the town of Hulett to Devils Tower.

#### 9. Scott's Bluff National Monument - Nebraska

Daily through Memorial Day 8 am - 5 pm; Daily, Memorial Day - Labor Day 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed December 25 and January

Visitors traveling east-west on Interstate 80 can exit at Kimball, Nebraska, and drive 45 miles north on Highway 71. Follow National Park Service signs 2 miles west of Gering, Nebraska, on State Highway 92. Visitors following the old Oregon Trail along the North Platte River using State Highways 26 or 92, should follow National Park Service signs.

#### 10. Homestead National Monument – Nebraska

Open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Days.

The park is 4 miles west of Beatrice, Nebraska, on State Highway 4. Enter Highway 4 from Highway 136 at the west edge of Beatrice. Turn north at the Educational Service Unit.