

# El Morro and El Malpais Ranger-Guided Programs for August, 2008

# **Explore El Morro National Monument with a guided hike in August.**

#### **Hikes at El Morro**

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Join us for a Ranger-led hike of El Morro. Bring water and wear good walking shoes. Meet at the El Morro Visitor Center. Guided hikes are free, but the \$3 per adult entrance fee applies.

## Explore El Malpais with cave tours and bat flights, Saturdays in August.

#### **Tour of Junction Cave**

Saturday August 2 and August 30 at 2:00 p.m. Meet a Park Ranger at the parking lot of the El Calderon Area (21 miles south of Grants on NM 53) for a moderately strenuous caving adventure. Bring a *flashlight*, jacket, gloves, and water. Wear long pants and sturdy boots. Helmets will be provided. Tours are limited to the first 20 people, so arrive early. This program is suitable for children 10 years and older.

### **Bat Flights at Bat Cave**

Saturday August 9 and August 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy the company of thousands of bats as they leave Bat Cave for the evening. Meet a Park Ranger promptly at 7:00 in the parking lot of the **El Calderon Area** (21 miles south of Grants on NM 53). From there we will hike <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of a mile to Bat Cave. Bring water, a jacket, and a *flashlight* for the hike back after dark.

## **Tour of Big Tubes**

Saturday August16, 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Meet a Park Ranger at the **Information Center** (23 miles south of Grants on NM 53). High clearance vehicles are recommended. Car pooling may be available. Bring a *flashlight*, jacket, gloves, water, and **snacks**. Wear long pants and sturdy boots. Helmets will be provided. This program is suitable for children 10 years and older. *Please call for more information about this tour*.