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Online Registration Dates Set for Hanford Public Tours

RICHLAND, Wash. – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will open online registration on March 9 for tours of the Hanford Site and on March 16 for B Reactor-specific tours.

Hanford Site Tours

Hanford's sitewide tours begin at 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on the following dates: April 13, 14, 20, and 21; May 4, 5, 18, and 19; June 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 29, and 30; July 1, 13, 14, 15, 27, 28, and 29; August 10, 11, 12, 24, 25, and 26; and September 14, 15.

Registration for the sitewide tours begins at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9. This is a driving tour of the Hanford Site, including stops at the historic B Reactor and environmental cleanup projects. All tour slots are filled on a first-come first served basis through the online registration system found on the Hanford website <http://www.hanford.gov>. Tour participants must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age.

B Reactor Tours

Tours that focus specifically on the historic B Reactor are slated for April 6, 7, 10, 24, 27, and 28; May 11, 12, 15, 25, 26, and 29; June 8, 9, 12, 22, 23, 26; July 6, 7, 10, 20, 21, 24; August 3, 4, 7, 17, 18, 21; September 7, 8, 11, 21, 22, 25. The registration opens at 12:01 a.m. on March 16.

The weekday B Reactor tours will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays using a 22-seat mini-bus. Visitors may register online, obtain a seat on a walk-in basis, or call in to reserve a space. Please call Russ Fabre of the Mission Support Alliance at (509) 373-2774.

The Saturday B Reactor tours will begin at 8 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. using a 45-seat bus. Online registration for all B Reactor tours will be available at <http://manhattanprojectreactor.hanford.gov/>.

The B Reactor visits allow the public to see firsthand this National Historic Landmark – the world's first full-scale plutonium production reactor. Visitors will spend two full hours at the reactor. Visitors must be 18 years old to visit, but do not have to be U.S. citizens.

All tours begin and end at the Tri-Cities Enterprise Center at 2000 Logston Blvd. in Richland, off Hwy. 240. There is no cost to participate in either public tour.

B Reactor visits are separate from the Hanford Site Public Tours that take five hours and give visitors an opportunity to see cleanup activities at several locations on the 586-square-mile Hanford Site. The sitewide tours also include an hour-and-15-minute stop at the B Reactor.

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