

CHERYL'S NORTHWEST TOURS LLC

AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST
206-353-3330

PRESENTS:

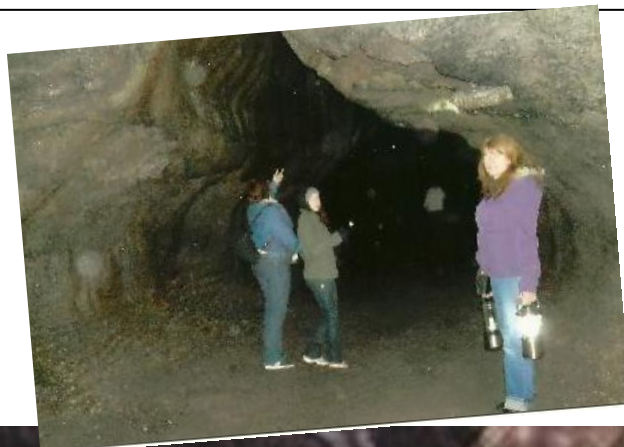
LAVA CAVE & PETRIFIED FOREST MT. ST. HELENS

September 15, 2012

The catastrophic eruption of Mount St. Helens was so hot

everything incinerated at its touch. After years of decay, what are left, are amazing chimney-shaped lava holes where the trees formerly stood. The topsoil is rejuvenating and the former tree stumps appear like children's park toys. Called the **Trail of Two Forests**, you'll see casts of old growth trees buried by lava flows.

- **Ape Cave** was explored in the early 1950's by a scout troop, who named the cave in honor of their sponsor, the St. Helens Apes, primarily foresters. The cave appears to have evolved 2000 years ago.
- **Where once laid** approximately 3 miles of underground funnel-like tube of open space -seemingly cemented into place- one can now enter through the middle where it caved in, and walk in either direction, deep into the earth.
- **Open to the public** but unlighted, join the many explorers of our Pacific Northwest mountains region on an incredible walk not seen by many.
- **Lanterns or flashlights required** and decent walking shoes are needed since there are many rocks on the ground. The height is about 20 feet tall on average, and 15 feet or so wide.



The wall of the cave



NOTE: It is NOT A DIFFICULT WALK in the cave but is sloped; there is a flat paved walkway to the cave and a boardwalk at the forest.

Departure from convenient Seattle area locations starting at 8:00 am, return by 8:00 pm, this tour includes transportation and parking at the site, bottled water, snacks, a boxed lunch, and an on-board tour guide. **Make your reservation today!**

\$89

GET AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST