Castle Creek INPS Field Trip 31 May 2025

**Participants**:

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**Transportation:** We will carpool from the Three Island Campground leaving at 8:30. About 10 miles on wide gravel, less than 1 miles on dirt/somewhat bumpy road. Most driving on paved highways. Suitable for 2 WD vehicle.

**Directions and Itinerary**: We will leave from Campground at 8:30.

 Go W on I 84 to exit 112 (Hammett) and go south then west on HWY 78 about 18 miles past Bruneau Dunes State Park to HWY 51. Turn left (S) on Hwy 51 and continue to the small town of Bruneau. In about 2 miles continue right on Hwy 78 to Grandview. Continue west on HWY 78 for 10.1 miles. At crest of hill turn left on Oreana Loop Rd.

Continue 4.1 miles in westerly then southerly direction to a sharp right hand turn in the road. Here, turn right on the paved road (still Oreana Loop Rd) and continue across Castle Creek for only about ¼ mile. Turn left on Collett Rd. **We will reconvene here as a group here until we are all present.**

Drive about 4 miles to a location (STOP 1) where we will park and hike for 2 to 2 ½ hours travelling about 3 miles (or more depending on your desires).

At about 12:30 or so we will drive back on Collett Rd. in the direction from which we came. In about 0.6 miles we’ll drive through a gate on the left (N) and go about 0.3 miles to where we will park for STOP 2. Have a short lunch (no shade). From about 1:15-2:30 we will hike a short distance (less than a half mile) onto some oolitic cliff tops and then head back at 2:30 so as to arrive at Three Island Crossing Park by 4.

**Recommendations on what to bring:**

-- full tanks of gas recommended for full-day trips

-- LOTS of water (leaders will bring a large water container as well)

-- lunches or snacks

-- first aid kits
-- sunscreen & hat
-- insect & tick repellent
-- rattlesnakes are a definite possibility; consider wearing boots and
long pants.
-- sturdy footwear important for most trips; hiking poles also
suggested if needed

-- gaiters can be useful to keep cheatgrass and other seeds out of socks

--Perhaps a small camp chair to sit on for lunch.