

ISPFMRA 2017 Summer Tour

August 17, 18

Rend Lake, IL

Exploring Illinois' Coal Country From Mining to Consuming



Join your colleagues with ISPFMRA to explore and discover the heart of Illinois' Coal Country as they spend 2 days learning about coal mining, how coal mining is taught, it's impact on the area economy, the effects of long-wall mining, and the future of the industry. Also visit with representatives from the Illinois DNR's Mines and Minerals Office who oversee coal mining operations in the state. Stop at the Prairie States power plant in Washington, IL And visit Rend Lake College, where they teach coal mining operations. Plus MORE !!

Headquarters hotel for the activities will be Seasons Lodge at Rend Lake Golf Resort.

It's all part of the 2017 ISPFMRA Summer Tour.

Thursday, August 17

7:00 a.m. Registration, continental breakfast

7:45 Leave Hotel (No private vehicles, please)

9:00 Prairie States power plant in Washington Co. IL

Comprising two 800-megawatt power units southeast of St. Louis, Missouri, Prairie State is fueled by coal from a mine at the site. Electricity from the plant is distributed to eight Midwestern-based public power utilities serving nine states. The utilities, along with coal producer Peabody Energy, own the facility.

10:15 Depart Power Plant

10:45 Knight-Hawk Coal Mine

Knight Hawk Coal, LLC has been at the forefront of the Illinois Coal Basin's recovery since the mid-1990s. With both surface and underground operations and a dock on the Mississippi River, Knight Hawk has immediate access to ship high-quality, low-chlorine coal to markets throughout the United States and for global export.

Noon Depart for American Threshersman Association 58th Annual Steam, Gas & Threshing Show.

International Harvester Collectors of Southern Illinois Chapters 32 & 10. Celebrating 50 years of ITPA with the American Thresherman Association and the Tractor Puller's Reunion.

Admissions to the grounds is included with Tour Registration. Lunch on own at food vendors)

2:20 p.m. Depart for Illinois DNR Mines and Minerals Office - Benton IL

The Office of Mines and Minerals is comprised of four divisions: Land Reclamation, Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation, Mine Safety and Training, and Blasting, Explosives and Aggregate Reclamation.

Within these divisions, the office:

- regulates the mining industry throughout the State of Illinois,
- regulates the possession, use, and storage of explosives,
- and enforces various acts which govern the mining industry.

In addition, the office is charged with ensuring the health and safety of the thousands of mine workers through the Mine Safety and Training Division, and through administering the Abandoned Mined Land Reclamation program, provides reclamation ensuring public and environmental safety from abandoned mine sites.

- 5:00 Return to hotel
6:00 Group Dinner on Rend Lake Golf Course
(After-dinner activities are being explored and will be announced as they develop)

Friday August 18

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Golf Course (possibly have Forestry speaker during Breakfast)
8:15 Leave for Rend Lake College -- private auto caravan
8:30 Tour "Mining Room", where courses in mining are taught
Agriculture Department
View Test Plots lots

11:30 Activities End

Lodging

Lodging for the Summer Tour will be at the Seasons Lodge and Condominiums. A group rate has been set for August 17 and 18 at \$99 (double queen) and \$119 (king suite) under "Illinois Farm Managers." Reservations may be made by calling **800-999-0977**. For more information about the facility go to www.rendlakegolfresort.com.

