



Drake Well Museum and Park

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“Drake Well Museum and Park to Host Pithole Lantern Tours”

On Saturday, October 7, Drake Well Museum and Park and the Friends of Drake Well, Inc. will host the museum’s biennial Pithole Lantern Tours. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. at Historic Pithole City located at 14118 Pithole Road just off Route 227 near Plumer, PA.

Event admission is \$10.00 for adults (12+ years) and \$8.00 for youth (3-11 years). Be sure to save with the event’s Special Group Rate. Purchase 2 adult tickets for \$25.00 and receive 3 free youth tickets. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.drakewell.org/shop-online/product-categories. Only 475 tickets are available for the event.

According to Museum Site Administrator Melissa Mann, the highlight of Pithole Lantern Tours will be a nighttime living history tour of Pennsylvania’s legendary oil boomtown. Throughout the tour, visitors will meet different petroleum history characters and listen to colorful stories about Historic Pithole City. “This is a unique opportunity for folks to experience Pithole and oil history in a completely different way. When visitors step out onto the dark, quiet grounds, they will be taking a step back in time,” said Mann.

Tours will begin at 6:30 p.m. and depart every 10 minutes. The evening’s final tour will depart at 9:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold until the final tour is full. Tours will last approximately 1.5 hours and cover nearly one mile. Participants must be able to traverse steep hills and semi-rugged terrain and are encouraged to arrive early, wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight.

Pithole Lantern Tours will also feature seasonal music and refreshments.

Located off Route 8 south of Titusville, Drake Well Museum and Park is open year round. Fall hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. Historic Pithole City is open Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in June, July and August. These historic sites are administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in partnership with Friends of Drake Well, Inc. and are part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History® (www.PATrailsofHistory.com).

For additional information about Pithole Lantern Tours and other museum programs, call (814) 827-2797, visit www.drakewell.org or find us on Facebook at Drake Well Museum.



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