

August 10, 2004 Mystic Project Site Visit Information

Driving directions to the Mystic Project

- Turn south off of Interstate 90 Exit 408 at Columbus
- Drive 15 miles from Columbus to Absarokee on State Highway 78
- Turn west on Nye Road 2.7 miles south of Absarokee at Olie's Corner
- Follow Nye Road for 4.4 miles (1 mile beyond town of Fishtail)
- Turn left onto paved road
- Follow pavement 6.5 miles then turn left onto West Rosebud Road 72 (dirt road)
- Follow West Rosebud Road 14.4 miles to the Mystic Project Powerhouse
- Total distance from I-90 exit at Columbus to Mystic powerhouse is 43.0 miles - vehicle travel time is about 1.5 hours.

All tour participants should park in the Mystic trailhead public parking lot and walk the short distance to the Mystic Powerhouse and Camp Area. All site visit participants will be asked to register upon arrival.

Agenda for August 10 Mystic Project Site Visit

All participants should bring a lunch and raingear. Participants may hike on their own from Mystic Powerhouse to Mystic Lake (primitive trail gains about 1,100 feet over 3 miles) and should wear appropriate hiking apparel and be prepared for any kind of weather. Hiking participants will be able to view Mystic Lake and Dam from the public trail overlook. Due to security and safety concerns, there will be no public access to the PPL Montana dam facilities at Mystic Lake. The Mystic Lake hike takes most persons from 1.5 to 2 hours (each way).

8:00 AM	Hiking participants start on trail to Mystic Lake and Dam overlook
10:00 AM	PPLM facilitated discussion of lake and dam features from overlook
11:00 AM	Hiking participants return by trail to Mystic Powerhouse
1:00 PM	PPLM tour and discussion of Mystic Powerhouse operation
2:30 PM	Travel by personal vehicle to West Rosebud Lake re-regulation dam
3:00 PM	PPLM tour and discussion of West Rosebud re-regulation dam operation
4:00 PM	Mystic site visit concludes

For more information, please contact Steve Hocking of FERC (202-502-8753) or Jon Jourdonnais of PPL Montana (406-533-3443).

We look forward to seeing you at the Mystic Project.