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HISTORIC REESOR RANCH

Cypress Hills, Canada

“Cowboy Comfort with Atmosphere and Western Hospitality”



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**Geology Field Trip, Cypress Hills, Saskatchewan, Canada
Sunday, June 10, 2018**

First Nations peoples occupied the Cypress Hills for millennia, where they harvested abundant game and plants, and held their spiritual ceremonies. Today, visitors enjoy the breath-taking vistas of the Cypress Hills, which have been preserved as Canada's first Interprovincial Park and Dark-Sky Preserve spanning the Saskatchewan–Alberta border.

The Cypress Hills tower some 200 metres above the surrounding prairies—reaching an elevation of 1,468 metres above sea level—and represent the highest point between the Labrador and the Rocky Mountains.

Geology hike participants will experience the steep rises, lush valleys and pine-scented breezes of mountain air atop this island in the prairies. The area is world-renowned for its rare orchids, rough fescue (grasses), expansive lodgepole pine forests, and for its unique geological, archaeological and historical significance.

The area is also home to pronghorn antelope, white-tailed and mule deer, moose, elk, fox, coyotes, bobcats and cougars.

The geology group will be hosted by **Scott and Theresa Reesor**, at their Historic Reesor Ranch which was homesteaded in 1904, and the ranch house was built in 1916.

At 10:00am on June 8, Gene Makowsky, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, will unveil a plaque celebrating the Historic Reesor Ranch's Provincial Heritage Property Designation. This is the first ranch in Saskatchewan to receive this provincial recognition and the 52nd Provincial Heritage Property in Saskatchewan.

During the geology hike, led by **Susan R. Eaton**, participants will learn the following about the Cypress Hills:

- The unique geology, hydrogeology, flora and fauna of this north-south continental divide which remained ice free during the last glacial period;
- Hike the 3-kilometre hike (guided by geologist Susan R. Eaton) on the the Reesor Ranch property's Kinnikinik Kliff Trail;
- Examine the spectacular conglomerate outcrops on the Kinnikinik Kliff;
- Enjoy a viewpoint spanning 50 miles – the ranch is 1,372 metres (4,500 feet) above sea level;
- Explore for striped coralroot orchids in the understorey.



Spectacular conglomerate cliffs on the Reesor Historic Ranch property



Striped coralroot orchid