

APS Mid-Atlantic Senior Physicists Group
August 2008 Event
Wednesday - August 20, 2008

Event: Tour of US Geological Survey HQ in Reston, VA

We have arranged for a special tour of the headquarters of the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, VA to tour the facility and meet USGS scientists and cartographers. The USGS is an multi-disciplinary science organization that focuses on biology, geography, geology, geospatial information, and water. Read more about the USGS by clicking the "About Us" tab on the agency home page, <http://www.USGS.gov/>

Tour schedule:

9:45 am Arrive in parking lot. Go to Visitors Center.
10:00 am Assemble in the USGS Visitors' Center auditorium. Welcoming remarks by Visitors' Center Manager Beth Stettner and USGS Scientist Mike Blanpied.
10:15 am Copper Archiving and Stone Printing, slides and lecture by Will Stettner, USGS Cartographer
10:45 am Tour of USGS Library and map collection
11:15 am Tour of Core Analysis Laboratory, by USGS Scientist Lucy Edwards
11:45 am Tour of Stable Isotope Laboratory, by USGS Research Chemist Ty Coplen
12:15 pm Return to Visitors Center Auditorium; proceed to USGS Cafeteria for lunch

After lunch, guests are encourage to visit the USGS Explorer Store (aka Map Sales) and the Rock Garden and Woodland Walk on the USGS campus. A campus map and guide to the outdoor offerings will be provided.

Please contact Bill Blanpied (Bblanpied@aol.com or 703-841-1862) if you intend to participate in this tour, preferably as soon as possible. Those who do not register in advance for the tour will need to sign in upon arrival.

Driving and arrival directions:

The USGS is located on U.S. Geological Survey Drive, Reston, VA. The street address is: 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192 and the phone number is 703-648-4000.

From DC area: Take VA-267 W (toll road) towards Dulles Airport. Take exit 12 for Reston Parkway, turn left at light. At second light (0.5 miles) turn right onto Sunrise Valley Drive. At second light (0.6 miles) turn left at the sign for U.S. Geological Survey. Turn left at the sign for Visitor Parking (0.4 miles). The booth guard will give you a parking pass and direct you to the visitor lot. The Visitors' Entrance to the building is straight ahead.

Special Notice: You will need to present a picture ID and pass through a metal detector at the Visitors' Entrance. (Leave the knives and nail files at home, please.) The guard will check your name off a list.