

## Caprock Canyons Century

### Mountain Bike High Adventure, June 2008

**Who:** All Scouts who have attended one summer camp

**What:** High Adventure Tour of the Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway

**Where:** Texas Panhandle between South Plains and Estelline

**When:** June 6-11

**Why:** A Mini-Trek

#### **Snapshot:**

Caprock Canyons is in the High Plains of Texas, south of Amarillo and Palo Duro Canyon, where the forces of nature have created a wonderland of rock, plants and animals. Near the Park is the Caprock Canyons Trailway, a 65-mile railroad bed that has been converted to a hiking and bicycling trail by Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. The trail drops very gradually from 3000 feet above sea level to about 1700 feet. We will spend about 2.5 days on the trail, traveling about 100 miles and spending one night on the trail.

*(If there is interest in non-biking adventures, this will be planned as well.)*

This event will have **minimal expense** for participants. In addition to pocket money, food will be about \$50 and entry fees will be about \$50 (including the Texas Pageant at Palo Duro Canyon). Fuel costs are TBD.

#### **Tentative schedule:**

Friday, June 6 – Depart 10 a.m. from north end of MI Church parking lot, travel to Caprock Canyons SP.

Set up camp at SP, travel to Canyon, TX for Texas Pageant.

Saturday, June 7 – Explore Caprock Canyons SP on foot, horseback.

Sunday, June 8 – Mass at 8 a.m., Sacred Heart Church, Plainview

Bicycle tour departs South Plains at 1 p.m., arrives Caprock Canyon SP (28 miles) 5 p.m. Overnight stay in Caprock campsite.

Monday, June 9 – Depart early morning for Estelline on Trailway with food, water, overnight gear in packs/on bikes.

Tuesday, June 10 – Return via trailway to Caprock Canyons SP.

Wednesday, June 11 – Return to MI parking lot.

To learn more about Caprock Canyons, visit these Web sites:

<http://www.americansouthwest.net/texas/caprock-canyons/state-park.html>

[http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/caprock\\_canyons/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/caprock_canyons/)