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**WESTCAVE PRESERVE
PIONEER DAY**

Saturday, November 20, 2004

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Fee: \$5 adult; \$2 child

Experience Pioneer Life at Westcave Preserve. See how Central Texas settlers lived in the late 19th century – when they had to rely on the land and the few provisions they brought with them for food, shelter and a livelihood. Experts will demonstrate pioneer skills and pioneer craft activities will be available for children.

Tours of Westcave Preserve will also be offered throughout the day. On a tour of the Preserve, visitors will hike from the arid savanna of the Edwards Plateau through a limestone crevice and into a sheltered canyon with a spring-fed waterfall, cave formations and lush plant life. The hike into the canyon and back is roughly one-mile.

Directions to Westcave Preserve

Westcave Preserve is located in southwest Travis County, approximately 45 minutes from downtown Austin.

From Austin: Travel west on Highway 71 to the village of Bee Cave. Turn left at Ranch Road 3238 locally known as the Hamilton Pool Road. Travel 14 ½ miles to the Pedernales River. Westcave Preserve is the first gate on your right after crossing the river.

From Areas West of Westcave Preserve: Take Highway 281 to the village of Round Mountain. Turn east on Ranch Road 962. Travel 17 miles on Ranch Road 962. The gate to Westcave Preserve will be on your left.

For more information, contact John Ahrns at (830) 825-3442 or visit www.westcave.org.