



## **2025 SRM Annual Meeting Social & Technical Tours**

### **Social Tours**

#### **Social Tour 1: Sun., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> Historic Silver Valley 8am-4pm**

Learn about the boom days of the late 1800's on the way into the richest Silver Mining District in the world. Along the way, view beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene with its world-class Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course. Tour the Cataldo Mission, the oldest building in the State of Idaho, built by the Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe and Jesuit Missionaries in 1853. In the Visitor Center, see "Sacred Encounters" a world class exhibit, telling the story of the "Black Robes" and Coeur d'Alene Tribe. Enjoy lunch at the Snake Pit, built in 1880 for the fur traders and early miners during the Mining Rush. This log building has driftwood furniture, and eclectic art hanging from the walls and ceilings. Then to the Crystal Gold Mine, an authentic 1890's underground gold mine. See native silver, gold bearing quartz, unusual crystal formations and mining artifacts. Learn how the miners worked with only the use of a pick and dynamite, and a candle on their hard hat for light. Pan for gold and precious gemstones that are native to Idaho.

Lunch location subject to change based on space availability.

Tour Date: Sunday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>

Time: 8am-4pm

Cost: \$119.00 per person

Includes: Bus, guide, Cataldo, Crystal Gold Mine and lunch.

*This tour will be dependent on weather conditions.*

#### **Social Tour 2: Wed., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> Spokane City Tour 8am-11: 30am**

Enjoy a tour of the rich history, historic homes, and attractions of Spokane. Learn about the Native Americans that first discovered this area and where the city began as we travel along the Spokane River, view the Spokane Falls and the grounds of the former Expo '74 site, now Riverfront Park. Tour inside the majestic Saint John's Cathedral, said to be one of the most beautiful cathedrals in the Pacific Northwest. Marvel at the stain glass windows, wood carvings and design. Visit the Manito Park flower-filled Conservatory. See the historic area of Browne's Addition where many of the old mansions, built in the late 1800's, have been restored to their original splendor. Stop at Bing Crosby's childhood home to see the largest public collection of Crosby's memorabilia in the US.

Tour Date: Wednesday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

Time: 8am-11:30am

Cost: \$39.00 per person

Includes: Bus, guide, St. John's Cathedral and Bings

**Social Tour 3: Wed., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Spokane Trifecta Tasting: Brewery, Winery, Distillery**  
**12pm-4pm**

Meet our local wine guide and board the bus for an enjoyable afternoon. Visit Iron Goat Brewing Co. where brews are bold, flavorful, and meticulously crafted with names such as Head Butt IPA, Goatmeal Stout or Gruff Goat Tripel. Enjoy lunch here and take a tour of the brewery and learn how they perfect their craft. Visit the Barrister Winery located in a historic brick building in an alley, it was started by two lawyers in 2001 and they have been winning awards around the world ever since! Their reds are probably the best in the area and not to be missed. Tour the barrel room downstairs and learn how the railroad tracks overhead help the barrel ageing process. Stop at Dry Fly Distilling, for a tasting and tour of the distillery. A true "Farm to Bottle" distillery, they source their grain from within 30 miles of Spokane. Walk through the process of fermentation to distilling to aging their whiskey, vodka, gin, and rum, then taste the finished product either straight or as a cocktail.

Tour Date: Wednesday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

Time: 12pm-4pm

Cost: \$102.00 per person

Includes: Bus, guide, Iron Goat, Barrister, Dry Fly, and lunch.

**Social Tour 4: Thurs. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fur Traders and the Indian Tribe**  
**8am-Noon**

Visit several sites important to the Spokane Indian Tribe that lived in the Valley by the River for centuries. Learn about the early fur traders and their relationship with the Spokane area Native American Tribes. Your tour starts downtown, where noted poet Sherman Alexi composed a narrative of the legend the grandmothers told, about the trickster, "Coyote", the Salmon, and the Falls on the Spokane River. Walk the engraved circle story on the grounds of Overlook Park. Stop at Drumheller Springs Park and view the results of natural geological events that shaped this area and helped form the characteristic basalt rock, springs, and deep hillside steppes. Learn about the visits of the Spokane Indians to this spot and the notable Chief Spokane Garry whose school was located here. Tour The Spokane House Interpretive Center and learn about this historic fur trading post, the first permanent white settlement in Washington State, constructed in 1810. See their video relating stories about lives of the Spokane Indians and the first European people, the fur traders, to meet them and live among them. Sit down for a picnic box lunch and imagine what life was like here in the early 1800's. Finally, see The Indian Painted Rocks located in a shallow overhang that protects the art from the weather. It is part of the Little Spokane River Natural Area. It is one of the best historic treasures in Spokane.

Tour Date: Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

Time: 8am-Noonpm

Cost: \$61.00 per person

Includes: Bus, guide, Interpretive Center, and lunch.

## **Technical Tours**

### **Technical Tour 1: Mon., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>** **Hercules Ranch Sprague Lake, WA** **8am-4pm**

Visit the historic ranch of the Harder family headquartered just west of Sprague, Washington. The main property of the ranch is located southwest of Sprague Lake. Tour the historic barns and outbuildings that were established in the early 1900's. View the home built on the property by the original owners. Our family acquired the property in the Late 1930's and have produced livestock and managed for wildlife since purchase. For the last ten years, the cattle ranching operation has raised anti biotic and hormone free beef for regional markets. Use of regenerative agriculture, grazing management and monitoring are important elements to sustain the future of the business.

Tour Date: Monday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>

Time: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$130

Includes: Bus, local guide.

### **Technical Tour 2: Tues., Feb 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **Post Fire Tour Lazy R Ranch - Integrated Cover Crops and Grazing - Hill View Farms** **Medical Lake, WA** **&** **Vetter Demonstration Farm and Forest Deer Park, WA** **8am-4pm**

"Maurice Robinette Lazy R Ranch practice and teach Holistic Management on their ranch near Medical Lake. They sustained fire damage the summer of 2023 and will discuss how they have used HM decision making in their post fire planning."

"Integrated Cover Crop and Grazing Field Day. You are invited to join us for a Field Day event where we'll explore the powerful synergy of integrating cover crops and livestock grazing to unlock the full potential of soil health. Our knowledgeable local experts will share their insights and practical tips, giving you the tools, you need to revolutionize your farming practices. Prepare to be inspired, informed, and empowered as you learn about the latest techniques and best practices in regenerative agriculture. This is a must-attend event for anyone interested in improving their ranching/farming practices and building a more regenerative future. We can't wait to see you there!"

Stevens County Conservation District, Washington State University, and WSU Stevens County Extension developed a partnership to collaborate with the local community to establish a working lands experimental facility. The goal is to explore the area's relevant agricultural and forest management practices and techniques in a manner that benefits the small farmer and landowners."

Tour Date: Tuesday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>

Time: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$130

Includes: Bus, local guide