



Cave Creek Canyon Pictographs Tour

with Archaeologist
Kelsey Hanson

in Southern Arizona's
Chiricahua Mountains

Saturday

January 25, 2020

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Donations are due 10 days
after reservation request or
by 5 p.m. Wednesday January 22,
whichever is earlier
(see page 2)**

Join Old Pueblo's tour to selected pictograph sites of Cave Creek Canyon in southeastern Arizona's Chiricahua Mountains. The sites on this tour are excellent examples of the **Mogollon Red pictograph style**, brimming with anthropomorphs, zoomorphs, and geometric designs painted in beautiful reds, oranges, and blacks.

Beginning in Portal, Arizona, the tour will begin with a short hike to a pictograph site overlooking the mouth of Cave Creek Canyon and the valley beyond. We will take lunch in this scenic spot before walking down to the canyon bottom to view two more pictograph sites, maybe three if time allows.

We will use the tour as an opportunity to discuss the content, design styles, and location of pictographs, and implications for our understanding of ancient religious practices and life generally in the Chiricahua Mountains. Be sure to bring sturdy hiking boots, sun protection, plenty of water, and a sack lunch!



Our expert guide Kelsey E. Hanson has assisted the Coronado National Forest in its conservation efforts to record and manage archaeological sites in the Chiricahua Mountains, including Cave Creek Canyon rockshelters that contain ancient pictographs. She holds a B.S. in Anthropology from Grand Valley State University and an M.S. in Anthropology from Illinois State University. She says she escaped the bitter cold of the Midwest to pursue a Ph.D. in the School of Anthropology at The University of Arizona. Her developing doctoral research examines how and why religious practices are taken “underground” - literally and figuratively - by exploring changes to religious performance space and to the execution and deposition of religious objects. An avid caver and a chemist-in-training, Kelsey examines these changes through the study of underground caves and noninvasive spectroscopic analyses of paint recipes. Beyond this, she actively seeks creative solutions to heritage management and to make archaeological research accessible, community-oriented, and collaborative.

IMPORTANT TOUR INFORMATION

TO REGISTER: To register or for more information contact Old Pueblo at **520-798-1201** or info@oldpueblo.org.

COST AND PAYMENT POLICY: Reservations are accepted on a first-come basis. Full payment is due within 10 days of tour registration or by tour reservation deadline, whichever is earlier. A portion of the payment will be a tax-deductible contribution to Old Pueblo Archaeology Center in an amount to be determined based on tour expenses compared to revenues after all expenses have been paid. Any entrance fee savings from passes, permits, memberships, etc., become part of the donation to Old Pueblo Archaeology Center. We welcome singles, couples, and groups.

DONATION AMOUNT: Donations are requested to help cover Old Pueblo’s tour expenses and support our education programs in archaeology and traditional cultures. We normally request a \$45 donation per participant (\$36 for Old Pueblo or Pueblo Grande Museum Auxiliary members) for each full-day tour. However, because the sites we’ll visit are on National Forest land, Old Pueblo would have to obtain a federal special-use permit and limit the tour to 12 people if we were to specify a donation amount, so we ask each person going on the tour to provide a generous donation when registering so that more than 12 people can take advantage of this heritage tour opportunity.

DEPARTURE: The tour will meet at 10 a.m. at the Chiricahua Desert Museum, US-80 & NM-533 (Portal Road) junction, Rodeo, New Mexico. (Registrants have the option of visiting the Chiricahua Desert Museum, which opens at 9, on their own and at their own expense but need to be ready to go on the tour promptly at 10. For Chiricahua Desert Museum information visit www.chiricahuadesertmuseum.com, call 575-557-5757, or email desertmuseum@gmail.com.) The tour end time listed on page 1 is an estimate; travel and end times may be later than estimated considering how fast people can walk and regroup at the various stops and the possibility that vehicle problems can occur.

PROVIDE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION, LUNCH, AND AT LEAST 2 LITERS OF DRINKING WATER PER PERSON. Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes. At some sites we’ll be scrambling up and down rocks to see the pictographs so wear adequate clothing. Long sleeves, long pants, and hats are highly recommended.

CANCELLATIONS made 30 days or more before departure will not be charged. Cancellations 8 to 30 days before departure will be refundable at 50% of the fee paid unless the cancelled space can be filled. Cancellations 0 to 7 days prior to departure date are not refundable. Cancellation notice must be received in writing or via email and will be effective as of the date received. Cancellations after final payment date/time will result in forfeiture of all money paid. No refund will be made for leaving a program in progress. Trip insurance is highly recommended. Old Pueblo reserves the right to cancel programs while in progress and to take action as needed on an individual or group basis, when in Old Pueblo's sole opinion the health, safety, or well-being of participants requires such action. The tour itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Old Pueblo Archaeology Center, but participants will be notified of significant changes in advance if the change is under the control of Old Pueblo.

TRANSPORTATION: Registrants are responsible for their own transportation. Carpooling from the tour meeting place to the sites is encouraged but Old Pueblo is not responsible for arranging carpools.

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS: No lodging or meals are included in the tour cost. Each participant needs to bring a lunch, at least two liters of water, and other beverages as desired. Snack foods are recommended. Please do not consume alcoholic beverages during tour.

ACCESSIBILITY: Some rock-scrambling, bending, and twisting is required to see some of the pictographs. Tour leaders will allow plenty of time for those who cannot walk quickly. Participants can walk/hike as much or as little as they wish.

HEALTH ADVISORIES: Bring and wear a hat that protects the back of your neck and your ears. Bring and wear sunscreen lotion. You must be in good physical and mental health to do this tour. We are concerned about your health and safety, and our tour leaders have had first-aid and CPR training, but medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible during all or part of the tour. You are responsible for selecting events appropriate to your abilities and limitations. If you have any doubts about your ability to participate, please contact us prior to registering. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported when the reservation is made, and a follow-up explanatory letter may be required.

PARTICIPANTS MUST ABIDE by all federal, state, and tribal regulations pertaining to visitation to historic sites, antiquities, and artifact sites. Collecting of artifacts, plants, animals, and mineral specimens is prohibited. Please read about archaeological site etiquette at <https://azstateparks.com/archaeological-site-etiquette> and <http://www.oldpueblo.org/artifact-collecting/>.

MEMBERSHIP: Becoming a member of Old Pueblo Archaeology Center opens a world of new discoveries. A \$25, 1-year "Friend" membership provides the *Old Pueblo Archaeology* bulletin and discounts on some of our tours, courses, and publications. Higher levels of membership may provide a member with opportunities to participate in archaeological excavation and other research projects if desired. For more information visit www.oldpueblo.org or contact Old Pueblo at 520-798-1201 or info@oldpueblo.org.

January 25 Cave Creek Canyon Pictographs Tour Option for Group Rate Accommodations

In case you are thinking about lodging in the Portal area on the Friday night before our trip or staying over Saturday night after the tour, there are several lodging places available in Portal, Arizona, and in Rodeo, New Mexico, that you can find by googling 'Portal Arizona lodging.' Among those, the Cave Creek Ranch is offering Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's tour group members 30% off of its low-season rates (which normally range from \$100-\$210 per night for two people).



Cave Creek Ranch's Stone Cottage



*Cave Creek Ranch's Meadow View Lodge
(Apartments 1-3)*

Cave Creek Ranch is a very old nature lodge with no TVs, radios, or phones in the rooms but each room has a full kitchen. Wi-fi is available on the front porch of the office. They have six apartments of different sizes and bed options and seven cottages that accommodate from 2 people in one bedroom to 9 people in four bedrooms (some of the units are shown here), so all the rooms have different rates. For example, the smallest unit for which the regular low-season rate is \$100 would be \$70 for 2 people with Old Pueblo's discount and the largest unit would be \$147 for 2 people. Extra people in each unit are \$20 each per night. The tax rate is 6.05%.

See detailed information about Cave Creek Ranch lodging, including prices, on the "Lodging" page of its website: www.cavecreekranch.com. Tour participants would be responsible for making their own individual reservations directly with the lodging facility and would be responsible for paying their own bills.



*Cave Creek Ranch's Juniper Lodge
on the Creek (Apartments 4-6)*

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Cave Creek Ranch's Creekside Cottage



Cave Creek Ranch's Canyon View Cottage



*Cave Creek Ranch's Woodland Cottage
on the Creek*

Cave Creek Ranch's discount offer for our tour group is only valid for Friday and Saturday nights, January 24 and 25.

For those arriving Friday afternoon we have arranged a group dinner opportunity on Friday evening at Sky Island Grill and Grocery (37 Portal Rd., Rodeo NM; about 8 miles from Portal, just east of the New Mexico state line before you get to Highway 80; <https://www.facebook.com/SkyIslandsGG/>). Details will be provided to tour registrants and reservations for the dinner will be taken through Old Pueblo.

Another local dining place that Reed Peters says should be open in January is the Portal Peak Café, 2358 S. Rock House Road, in Portal (520-558-2223, <http://portallodge.com/>).