Old Pueblo Archaeology Center’s

Homol’ovi and Rock Art Ranch Pueblos and Petroglyphs Tour
With Archaeologist Rich Lange

1 p.m. Saturday June 6 to 1 p.m. or later Sunday June 7, 2020

Rich Lange and Old Pueblo Archaeology Center’s Al Dart lead Old Pueblo’s car-caravan educational tour to sites where Rich and other archaeologists with the Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, conducted excavations during ASM’s Homol’ovi Research Program from 1983 to 2016. Analyses and publications for this effort are still in progress.

This will be an opportunity to visit three of the largest ancestral Hopi pueblos and an Early Agricultural-to-Great Pueblo period site in Homolovi State Park northeast of Winslow, Arizona, plus spectacular petroglyph panels and other sites on the Rock Art Ranch southwest of Holbrook. Sites to be visited include the Ancestral Pueblo village sites of Homol’ovi I (AD 1280-1400), Homol’ovi II (1360-1400), Homol’ovi IV (1260-1280), and a Basketmaker II (Early Agricultural) to Pueblo II/III stage (AD 500-850 and 1150-1225) village site in Homolovi State Park; and Brandy’s Pueblo (AD 1225-1254), a replica Navajo farmstead site, and petroglyphs in Chevelon Canyon dating between 8000 BC and the mid-1200s on the Rock Art Ranch south of Holbrook.

The tour starts northeast of Winslow at the Homolovi State Park Visitor Center. (Take Interstate 40 Exit 257 and drive 1.5 miles north on Arizona 87.) High-clearance vehicles are recommended for the Sunday drive on the back roads at Rock Art Ranch. If traveling from Tucson, plan on a minimum of 5½ hours one-way driving depending on general traffic conditions and how many pit stops you make.

$95 donation per person
($76 for Old Pueblo Archaeology Center members and Pueblo Grande Museum Auxiliary members)

Donation covers all site entry fees and Old Pueblo’s expenses. Participants are responsible for their own transportation, lodging, and meals.

Donations are due 10 days after reservation request or by 5 p.m. Friday May 29, whichever is earlier.

For details and reservations contact Old Pueblo Archaeology Center at 520-798-1201 or info@oldpueblo.org.
Tentative Itinerary

Saturday:

1 p.m. Meet in Homolovi State Park visitor center; view exhibits; Al Dart (Old Pueblo Archaeology Center) and Rich Lange give orientation.

Visit HP-36 pithouse village (Basketmaker III/Pueblo I period ca. AD 500-850; Pueblo II-III period ca. AD 1150-1225) behind visitor center on partly paved trail (easy walking).

Drive to Homol’ovi I pueblo (AD 1280-1400): No paved trail but easy walking.

Drive to Homol’ovi II pueblo (AD 1360-1400): Walk on and off paved trail, easy walking.

If there is time, interest, and cooperative weather (in terms of heat and wind), drive toward Winslow, visit petroglyphs site west of N. Park Drive, and visit or at least point out Homol’ovi IV pueblo (AD 1260-1280).

Drive back into Winslow, arrive around 5-5:30 p.m. if we are fairly quick about things.

Sunday:

8 a.m. Meet at Rock Art Ranch. (Rich will provide maps and directions during Saturday orientation.)

Drive to replica Navajo farmstead site created by ranch owner Brantley Baird.

Drive to site RAR-2 (Brandy’s Pueblo) where ASM excavated for several years and which Brantley has since roofed and enclosed.

Drive to Chevelon Steps ramada, hike down into Chevelon Canyon to view petroglyphs, which include many Archaic period panels and some later glyphs (8000 BC-AD 500). We must hike down some rickety steps and on slick rock in and out of the canyon; no paved trails.

Tour wraps up at Chevelon Steps ramada by about 1 p.m. so registrants can head home.

Carry water with you on every walk/hike!

Homolovi State Park map from Arizona State Parks website.

Page 1 and 2 illustrations courtesy of Rich Lange:
• Page 1: Some petroglyphs in Chevelon Canyon at Rock Art Ranch
• This page: T-shaped kiva at Homol’ovi II pueblo after excavation; and Homol’ovi II pueblo ground plan

See important information on next page.
IMPORTANT TOUR INFORMATION

COST AND PAYMENT POLICY: Reservations are accepted on a first-come basis. Full payment is due 10 days after reservation request or by 5 p.m. Friday May 29, whichever is earlier. A portion of the tour donation 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.

CANCELLATIONS less than seven 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 and navigation. If traveling from Tucson, plan on a minimum of 5½ hours of driving, depending on general traffic conditions and how many pit stops you make.

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS: No lodging or meals are included in tour donation. Each participant needs to bring at least two quarts of water each day, plus snacks and other beverages as desired.

DEPARTURE: The tour will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Homolovi State Park Visitor Center east of Winslow. To get there from Winslow, head east on I-40, take Exit 257, and drive 1.5 miles north on Highway 87. The park entrance will be on your left. The estimated end time for the tour is around 1 p.m. Sunday but may be later considering how fast people can walk and regroup at the various stops and the possibility that vehicle problems can occur.

GPS Coordinates to park entrance:

Latitude: N 35 01.524  Longitude: W 110 37.733
UTM Zone 12N:  E533854  N3875922

ACCESSIBILITY: The Saturday site visits are on partly developed or actual paved trails, basically pretty flat. The Sunday visits are away from civilization with minimal restroom opportunities. 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: Be sure to bring along plenty of water. Wear sturdy walking/hiking shoes (boots are not necessary). Bring and wear sunscreen lotion, and a hat that protects the back of your neck and your ears. You must be in good physical and mental health to do this tour. We are concerned about your health and safety. 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 during Old Pueblo Archaeology Center tours. Collecting of artifacts, plants, animals, and mineral specimens is prohibited. Read about archaeological site etiquette at www.oldpueblo.org/artifact-collecting/ and azstateparks.com/archaeological-site-etiquette.

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 tour and course fees, and publications. Higher levels of membership may provide member with opportunities to participate in archaeological excavation and other research projects if desired.

For membership details contact Old Pueblo at 520-798-1201 or info@oldpueblo.org, or visit our web site: www.oldpueblo.org.