

Homol’ovi and Rock Art Ranch Pueblos and Petroglyphs Tour with Archaeologists Rich Lange & Al Dart

1 p.m. Saturday September 10
to 1 p.m. or later Sunday
September 11, 2022



T-shaped kiva exposed in Homol’ovi II site archaeological excavation

Archaeologists Rich Lange and Al Dart lead and coordinate Old Pueblo Archaeology Center’s car-caravan tour to northern Arizona sites excavated by Rich and other archaeologists during the Arizona State Museum’s 1983-2016 Homol’ovi Research Program, and to some neat petroglyph sites!

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, plus spectacular petroglyph panels and other sites near Winslow and on the Rock Art Ranch southwest of Holbrook.

On Saturday we’ll visit the Homol’ovi I (1280-1400 CE), Homol’ovi II (1360-1400), and Homol’ovi IV (1260-1280) pueblo village sites and a Basketmaker II/III (ca. 1000 BCE-780 CE) to Pueblo II/III (1150-

1225) site in Homolovi State Park. On Sunday morning we’ll drive to a remote area south of Holbrook to see the Rock Art Ranch Museum, Brandy’s Pueblo (1225-1254), a replica Navajo farmstead site, and the fantastic Chevelon Canyon petroglyphs that date between 8000 BCE and the mid-1200s.

The tour starts at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Homolovi State Park Visitor Center northeast of Winslow. (From Interstate 40 Exit 257, drive 1.5 miles north on Arizona 87 to get to the park.) High-clearance (but not four-wheel-drive) vehicles are recommended for Sunday on the back roads at Rock Art Ranch.

If traveling from Tucson, plan on a minimum of 5½ hours one-way driving to Homol’ovi SP depending on general traffic conditions and how many pit stops you make.



Precontact-era petroglyphs
in Chevelon Canyon

\$99 donation per person
(\$80 for Old Pueblo Archaeology Center members
and Friends of Pueblo Grande Museum 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 September 2nd, whichever is earlier.

For details and reservations contact Old Pueblo Archaeology Center
at [520-798-1201](tel:520-798-1201) or info@oldpueblo.org.

See the following pages for more information.

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 II [Early Agricultural period], ca. 1000 BCE-300 CE; Basketmaker III, ca. 620-780 CE; and Pueblo II-III, ca. 1150-1225), located behind the visitor center on a partly paved trail (easy walking).

Drive to Homol'ovi II pueblo (1360-1400), walk on and off paved trail, easy walking.

Drive to Homol'ovi I pueblo (1280-1400); no paved trail but easy walking.

If there is time, interest, and cooperative weather in terms of heat and wind, we'll drive toward Winslow and visit or at least point out Homol'ovi IV pueblo (1260-1280) and petroglyphs. Homol'ovi IV generally is not open to the public.

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

Optional group dinner suggestion: Members of our group are welcome to get together for dinner in the Turquoise Room restaurant in Winslow's La Posada Hotel – one of the historic original Fred Harvey southwestern railroad hotels. If you want to be part of our dinner group, please make your reservations with Al Dart rather than calling the restaurant.

Sunday:

8 a.m. Meet at Rock Art Ranch using maps and directions Rich will provide during Saturday orientation. (Don't rely on Google Earth or Mapquest to get there!)

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

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

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

The tour wraps up at Chevelon Steps ramada by about 1 p.m., after which registrants can head home.

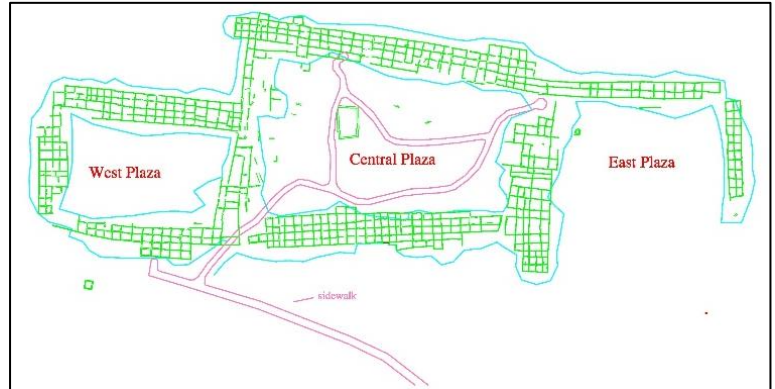
Homolovi State Park map from Arizona State Parks website →

Other page 1 and 2 illustrations courtesy of Rich Lange

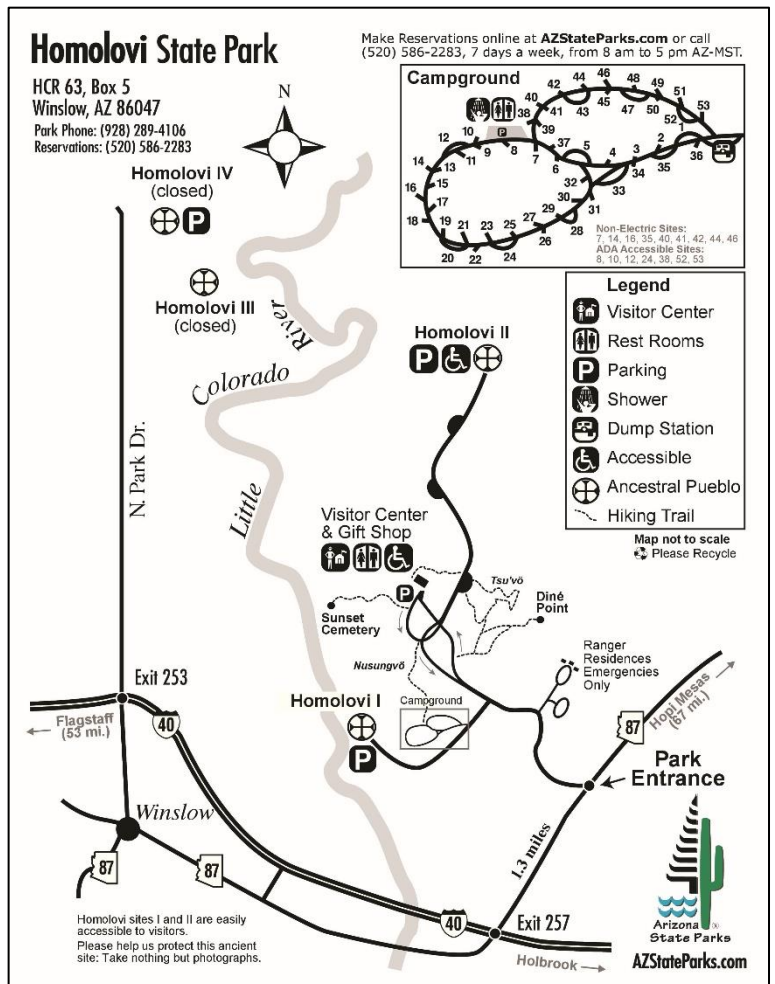
Carry water with you on every walk/hike!

See important information on next page.

All tour times are ARIZONA/Mountain Standard Time (same as Pacific Daylight Time).



Ground plan of Homol'ovi II Pueblo, inhabited during the Late period, Homol'ovi phase between 1360 and 1400



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 September 2nd, whichever is earlier. A portion of the tour donation will be a tax-deductible contribution to Old Pueblo Archaeology Center (Old Pueblo) 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. 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, allow a minimum of 5½ hours to drive to Homolovi State Park depending on 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.

ACCESSIBILITY: The Saturday site visits are on partly developed or actual paved trails, basically pretty flat except at Homol'ovi IV Pueblo, which is on a steep hill. 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. For the tours, the plan will be dependent on 1) vaccines making it safe to do the tours, and 2) some cooperation from the weather—if it is too hot or too windy (or, craziness—if a storm [lightning the biggest problem] should pop up, then 1) the tour might not happen at all or 2) the Saturday afternoon tour might have to be cut short.



*Rich Lange pointing out Ancestral Pueblo features during Old Pueblo's 2015 tour
(Photo by Allen Dart)*