



# Archaeology and History of Canoa Ranch

## Archaeology Presentation and Three Tours at Canoa Ranch, Arizona

**8 am to noon on Tuesday March 21, 2023**

\$35 donation (\$28 for Old Pueblo Archaeology Center members and Friends of Pueblo Grande Museum members).  
Donations are due 10 days after reservation request or by 5 pm Friday March 17, whichever is earlier.  
Please see the following pages for details.

This event includes a presentation and tours that will provide a memorable overview of the people and history of the San Ignacio de la Canoa land grant and Pima County's historic Canoa Ranch property south of Green Valley, Arizona.

The program begins with a PowerPoint presentation by archaeologist Allen Dart titled "Before There Was a Canoa" about the area's archaeology and history. After the presentation, Pima County Natural Resources, Parks, and Recreation (PCNRPR) volunteers familiar with the historic Canoa Ranch property will lead participants on three separate tours on the ranch: 1) the "Anza Tour at Historic Canoa Ranch," 2) the "Tour of Historic Canoa Ranch," and 3) "The Gardens of Canoa" tour. Please see pages 2 and 3 for the itinerary and descriptions of the presentation and tours.

The activities are limited to 24 people and will not be open to other Canoa Ranch visitors. Participants are encouraged to bring a sack lunch to enjoy at Canoa Ranch's Mesquite Grove or to have lunch in one of the many nearby Green Valley restaurants after the event!

Above: Canoa Lake photo by Michael Mock & Random Orbit Photography. Below: Some pottery and other artifacts recovered from archaeological excavations in the San Ignacio de la Canoa Land Grant area, illustration courtesy of Amerind Museum and Friends of Canoa Heritage Foundation.



## IMPORTANT TOUR INFORMATION

**DONATION:** A \$35 donation per participant (\$28 for members of Old Pueblo Archaeology Center or Friends of Pueblo Grande Museum) helps cover tour expenses and supports Old Pueblo's archaeology and traditional culture education programs. To register or for more information contact Old Pueblo at [520-798-1201](tel:520-798-1201) or [info@oldpueblo.org](mailto: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 on page 1, 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.

**DEPARTURE:** The event will begin at 8 am at the Canoa Ranch House, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley, Arizona (accessible from Interstate 19 Exit 56 - Canoa Road) and will conclude at noon.

**PARTICIPANTS PROVIDE THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION AND WATER.** Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes. Wear adequate clothing – Long sleeves, long pants, and hats are highly recommended. Each participant needs to bring at least one liter of water. Please do not consume alcoholic beverages during tour.

**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 and carpooling arrangements.

**ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS:** No lodging or meals are included in the tour cost.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** All of the tour routes are on fairly flat ground but there is an earthen ramp to one of the overlooks, and steps to enter some of the buildings. 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 Old Pueblo's tour leader has 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, county, 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](http://www.oldpueblo.org) or contact Old Pueblo at 520-798-1201 or [info@oldpueblo.org](mailto:info@oldpueblo.org).

### Itinerary:

8:00 am Orientation at Canoa Ranch headquarters

8:10 am "Before There Was a Canoa" PowerPoint presentation by Allen Dart about the area's archaeology and history

8:40 am "Anza Tour at Historic Canoa Ranch" with PCNRPR volunteer

9:50 am "Tour of Historic Canoa Ranch" with PCNRPR volunteer

11:00 am "The Gardens of Canoa" tour with PCNRPR volunteer

12:00 pm Tour ends



The Spanish expedition led by Captain Juan Bautista de Anza passed through the Canoa area in 1775 (Re-enactment photo courtesy of Pima County Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation)

## Activities Included in Old Pueblo's Archaeology and History of Canoa Ranch Event

### 8:00-8:10 am Orientation

Event registrants meet at Canoa Ranch headquarters (5375 S. I-19 Frontage Road, Green Valley, Arizona; accessible from Interstate-19's Canoa Road Exit 56) for orientation and to submit signed liability release forms (which will be emailed to participants prior to the tour date).

### 8:10-8:40 am: "Before There Was a Canoa" PowerPoint presentation by archaeologist Allen Dart\*

The Santa Cruz River valley's Canoa vicinity south of Green Valley was inhabited by O'odham and Yaqui Indians who trace their ancestry to pre-Spanish and colonial-period times. From an early era the Canoa area's constant source of water made it an oasis for farming and ranching, and an important stop for travelers in the dry Sonoran Desert. The presentation will look at archaeological evidence of the pre-Spanish Canoa residents who were affiliated with the Hohokam culture to the north and with Upper Santa Cruz Valley people to the south. Sobaipuri O'odham, Akimel O'odham, Tohono O'odham, Apache, Jcome, Manso, and other Indigenous peoples who were present when Spanish explorers first visited in the 1690s will be discussed, along with 1691-1821 Spanish explorations and colonialism, Yaqui Indians who arrived with the Spanish (if not before), the 1821-1854 Mexican governmental period and its establishment of the San Ignacio de la Canoa Land Grant, and the post-1854 American period.



The historic Manning House at Canoa Ranch  
(Photo courtesy of Pima County  
Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation)

### 8:40-9:40 am: "Anza Tour at Historic Canoa Ranch" to be provided by Canoa Ranch docent Judy Burgard\*

We will walk and stop at various points along a ca. ¼-mile-long portion of the five-mile segment of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail that runs through historic Canoa Ranch. In this tour, our event registrants will learn about the historic Spanish monarchy's military Colonel Juan Bautista de Anza and the group of Spanish colonial settlers who, in 1775, made their first stop at Canoa Ranch as they began an epic 1,200-mile journey from Sonora in New Spain (now Mexico) to colonize the port that was to become the historic U.S. city of San Francisco, California.

### 9:40-9:50 am: Break to assemble for next tour

### 9:50-10:50 am: "Tour of Historic Canoa Ranch" to be provided by Canoa Ranch docent John Attardi\*

This is a walking tour of the Canoa Ranch headquarters. We will visit the ranch's historic buildings and corrals, and enjoy Pima County's exhibits about the ranch history and the historic people of Canoa.

### 10:50-11:00 am: Break to assemble for next tour.

### 11:00 am-12:00 pm: "The Gardens of Canoa Tour" to be provided by Canoa Ranch docent Raydine Taber\*

Registrants can learn about some of the plants and trees that were prominent throughout Canoa Ranch's history. Many of the plants in this part of the Santa Cruz River valley and the nearby mountains have had a role in Canoa's culture while others speak to the environment. Participants may even pick up a few gardening tips and tricks to use in their own yards and gardens.

### 12:00 pm Tour ends

\* Old Pueblo Archaeology Center may substitute persons other than the presenter and tour guides listed above if any of them become unavailable for the event.