

Free Tour of the Vista del Rio Archaeological Site

***This free tour
fills quickly!***

***Preregistration is required.
Reservations are first come, first served.****

Guided by Allen Dart, Registered Professional Archaeologist

Sponsored by Old Pueblo Archaeology Center and the Vista del Rio Residents Association

Saturday March 18, 2023, from 9 to 11 am

**Preregistration is required 10 days after reservation request
or by 5 pm Thursday March 16, whichever is earlier.***

To celebrate Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month, the Vista del Rio Residents Association teams up with Old Pueblo Archaeology Center to offer this visit to Vista del Rio, an ancient village inhabited by people of the Hohokam archaeological culture 800 to 1,000 years ago (sometime between 1000 and 1200 CE).



*Some pottery sherds found at Tucson's
Vista del Rio Cultural Resource Park*

Archaeological test excavations at the Vista del Rio site showed that the Hohokam once thrived and farmed at this location along the south side of the Tanque Verde Creek. The excavations revealed traces of numerous Hohokam pithouses, a possible above-ground house, outdoor ovens and pits, and possibly an ancient irrigation canal. These features are buried and not visible today, but a visit to the park with professional archaeologist Allen Dart (Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's executive director) will reveal subtle clues to the archaeological site's existence.

The City of Tucson's Vista del Rio Cultural Resource Park conserves a large portion of this archaeological site. To keep the buried archaeological features still present there from being damaged, the City of Tucson has limited park development to a ramada, a walking trail, drip irrigation, and some interpretive signs.

**Tour starts at the Vista del Rio Cultural Resource Park ramada at
7575 E. Desert Arbors St. (see photo next page)**

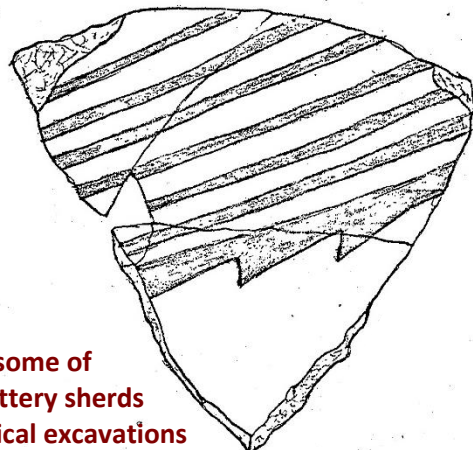
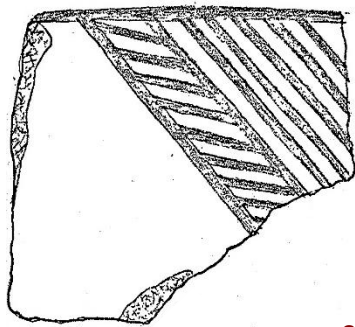
To get to the park take Tanque Verde Rd. to Dos Hombres Rd. (about midway between Sabino Canyon Rd. and the Pantano/Wrightstown grade-separated interchange) then drive north on Dos Hombres to its end at Desert Arbors St.

See map on next page.

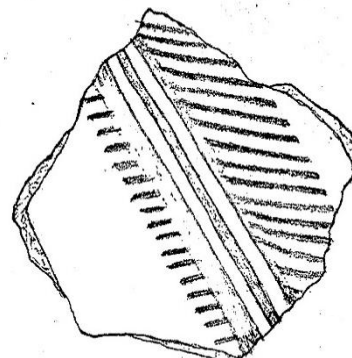
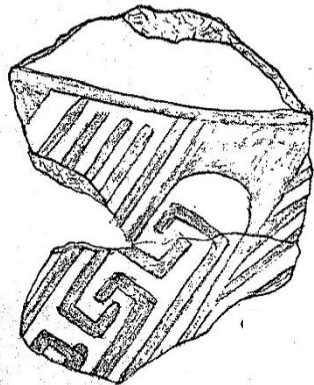
*** For reservations (required) or more information please contact
Old Pueblo Archaeology Center at 520-798-1201 or info@oldpueblo.org.**

**Vista del Rio
Cultural Resource Park**

7575 E. Desert Arbors St., Tucson



**Sketches of some of
the Hohokam pottery sherds
found in archaeological excavations
at the Vista del Rio archaeological site**



Collection of artifacts from the Vista del Rio archaeological site is prohibited.