



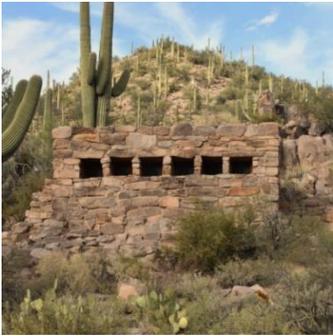
Old Pueblo Archaeology Center presents Civilian Conservation Corps Historic Sites Tour in the Tucson Mountains

A History and Archaeology Tour with
archaeologists Ron Beckwith and Bill Gillespie
in Saguaro National Park's Tucson Mountain Unit
and Pima County's Tucson Mountain Park



Saturday April 15, 2023, 8:30 am to approximately 12 pm

Arizona/Mountain Standard Time (which is the same as Pacific Daylight Time in April).



The US Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was a voluntary public work relief program. Established in 1933 during President Franklin Roosevelt's administration, it provided Depression-era jobs for unemployed, unmarried men ages 18 to 25. Enrollees were assigned to CCC camps throughout the nation that were run by the US Army. Most of the men were paid \$30/month with \$25 of the total sent home to their unemployed families. The CCC taught job skills to thousands of young men who constructed hundreds if not thousands of land-conservation features as well as distinctive and beautiful architecture before the program ended in 1942.

In this Old Pueblo Archaeology Center tour, archaeologists Ron Beckwith and Bill Gillespie will lead participants caravanning in their personal vehicles to CCC-constructed features in Saguaro National Park's Tucson Mountain District and in Pima County's nearby Tucson Mountain Park.

Places to be visited in Saguaro National Park include the Sus Picnic Area, which exhibits restrooms built in the CCC rustic architectural style and an erosion-control dam; the Ez-Kim-In-Zin Picnic Area on Golden Gate Road, where there are a CCC shelter house, picnic tables, and a small ramada; the Signal Hill Picnic Area, featuring a CCC small shelter house, ramadas, and tables, and where we will see – time permitting – the nearby Signal Hill petroglyphs site; and Camp Pima (archaeological site SP-6-A), the better preserved of the two camps for CCC enrollees in the Tucson Mountains.



After the Saguaro National Park visits, we will return to the Red Hills Visitor Center where, if time permits, our leaders will give a bit of attention to the Tucson Mountain Park portion that was not transferred to the National Park Service in 1961. This park visit may include no more than driving the McCain Loop and Gates Pass roads, and a stop at Gates Pass where the CCC constructed the Cheops Amphitheatre and Speakers Rock.

\$35 donation per person (\$28 for members of Old Pueblo Archaeology Center or Friends of Pueblo Grande Museum)

Donations are due 10 days after reservation request or by 5 pm Monday April 10, whichever is earlier.

Donation covers all expenses except Saguaro National Park entry fee.

Bring your federal Interagency Annual Pass, Military Pass, or Senior Pass if you have one!

Participants are responsible for their own transportation.

See the following pages for more information.



Upper right photo: CCC-constructed shelter in Gates Pass Overlook, Tucson Mountain Park

Left: Saguaro National Park's Ez-Kim-In-Zin Picnic Area CCC-built restroom blending into the rocky hillside behind it

Lower right, CCC-constructed staircase in Ez-Kim-In-Zin Picnic Area

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Tour Leaders

Ron Beckwith has been the park archaeologist at Saguaro National Park since 2010. Originally from Springfield, Massachusetts, he came to Tucson to attend the University of Arizona. He has been an archaeologist working the Southwest since 1982 and worked at the Arizona State Museum for several years. Ron joined the National Park Service in 1989 working as an archaeologist at the Western Archeological and Conservation Center (WACC) in Tucson, during which time he conducted archaeological projects in at least 15 National Park areas in nine states.

One of Ron's first projects at Saguaro was to record the features at Camp Pima and all the Civilian Conservation Corps features in both Saguaro National Park and Tucson Mountain Park. In the 1930s when the CCC was working in the Tucson Mountains, there was no Tucson Mountain District of Saguaro National Park, only the original monument in the Rincon Mountains. The Tucson Mountain District of Saguaro was created in 1961 from the northern portion of the county park.

In all, over 214 features were photographed, measured, and described. Another 50 features were recorded at Camp Pima. The majority of these features are in the National Park. The information from this project was incorporated into and formed a large portion of Pima County's National Register Nomination of the "Tucson Mountain Park Historic District" that was completed a few years ago. The park maintains a stabilization program for periodic maintenance on the CCC features in Saguaro.

Ron also has authored many National Park Service resource briefs, including these:

<https://www.nps.gov/sagu/learn/historyculture/upload/Archeological-Site-Assessment-Brief.pdf>

<https://www.nps.gov/sagu/learn/historyculture/upload/Archival-Conservation-Brief.pdf>

<https://www.nps.gov/sagu/learn/historyculture/upload/NPS-Rustic-Style-Brief.pdf>

<https://www.nps.gov/sagu/learn/historyculture/upload/Signal-Hill-Petroglyph-Brief.pdf>



CCC-constructed shelter in Signal Hill Picnic Area



Bill Gillespie started his archaeological career working in Four Corners country, primarily in and near Mesa Verde National Park in southwestern Colorado and Chaco Canyon in northwestern New Mexico. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Anthropology from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and participated in six field seasons in the Near East and northeastern Africa including excavating at the Pre-pottery Neolithic site of Ain Ghazal in Jordan.

Bill moved to southern Arizona in 1984 and began working as an archaeologist for the Coronado National Forest in 1989, continuing in that role until retiring at the end of 2015. As Forest Archaeologist he was responsible for overseeing the preservation and management of the numerous and varied heritage sites on the Forest's 1.8 million acres. Many of those sites date to the twentieth century, including ones reflecting activities of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Bill will be the guest lecturer for Old Pueblo's April 20 "Third Thursday Food for Thought" lecture program, presenting "The Civilian Conservation Corps in Southern Arizona and the Creation of a Transformed Landscape" online via Zoom. Click on this link for information or to register for that program:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_thTctZ4TTN2le7V-HF7spw.

Carry water with you on every walk/hike!

More information on next page

CCC stone-masonry background images on pages 1 and 2 are from Saguaro National Park

All other pages 1 and 2 CCC photos are courtesy of The Living New Deal:

<https://livingnewdeal.org/>. *The tour leader photos were provided by the leaders.*



CCC-fabricated picnic facilities in Signal Hill Picnic Area

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

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 pm Monday April 10, 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, navigation, and determination of how long it will take to drive to the tour meeting place in Saguaro National Park's Tucson Mountain District.

DEPARTURE AND DURATION: The tour will meet in the Red Hills Visitor Center, 2700 N. Kinney Rd., Tucson (in Saguaro National Park's Tucson Mountain District). A meeting place map will be provided to tour registrants via email prior to departure. The tour will begin at 8 am and is anticipated to end around noon. The end time may be earlier or later than noon considering how fast people can walk and regroup at the various stops and the possibility that traffic delays or vehicle problems can occur.

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS: No lodging, meals, or beverages are included in tour donation. Each participant needs to bring at least two quarts of water plus snacks and other beverages as desired. Please do not consume alcohol during the tour.

RESTROOMS: There are restroom facilities in Saguaro National Park's Red Hills Visitor Center and at many of the places we will visit during the tour.

ACCESSIBILITY: Some of the driving for this tour is along paved roads and some is on graded dirt roads suitable for regular passenger cars. High-clearance vehicles are not required. Some of the hikes are on fairly steep terrain. For example, to visit the Signal Hill petroglyphs, one starts at the picnic/parking area and takes a good foot-trail that has built-in stone steps. The trail first descends into a dry wash then ascends Signal Hill (which is across the wash from the picnic area). Judging from the USGS 7½-minute topographic map, the one-way walking distance is about ¼ mile from the picnic area to the glyphs, the wash bottom along the trail is about 20 feet below the picnic area, and that the hilltop is about 40 to 50 feet above the wash, so according to <http://www.nwhiker.com/HikeEval.html> the hike would be considered "moderate" difficulty. At right is a photo of one of the steeper trail segments to the top of Signal Hill found by Googling 'signal hill petroglyphs trail' images. See page 1 photos for other steep terrain examples. 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.



CCC hillside staircase to Signal Hill petroglyphs

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. Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's tour coordinator 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, 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. See www.oldpueblo.org/artifact-collecting/ and azstateparks.com/archaeological-site-etiquette for information on archaeological legalities and 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 Old Pueblo's prices for tour and course fees, and publications. Higher levels of membership may provide the member with opportunities to participate in archaeological excavation and other research projects that may be scheduled by Old Pueblo. For membership details contact Old Pueblo Archaeology Center at 520-798-1201 or info@oldpueblo.org, or visit our web site: www.oldpueblo.org.

