



Old Pueblo Archaeology Center presents

# Religion on the Red Rocks Tour

An Archaeological and Cultural Education Tour to the Sedona Area  
with Arizona Site Steward Scott Newth & Archaeologist Al Dart

Saturday & Sunday December 2 & 3, 2023



Join us for two half-days of touring on the Coconino National Forest to visit some of the most impressive rock images in the Red Rock country near Sedona, Arizona. We will visit a total of four archaeological sites that include a large precontact cliffdwelling and hundreds of petroglyphs and pictographs from the ca. 1200 CE Sinagua archaeological culture and the post-1400 Yavapai.

On Saturday afternoon we get to contemplate pictograph panels at the impressive Honanki cliff-dwelling and the nearby Woo Ranch archaeological site.

On Sunday morning we'll see Sinagua petroglyphs at the Spirit Hunter site that overlooks an 800-foot-deep canyon and at the Red Tank Draw site where there are hundreds of petroglyphs on both sides of a red rock canyon.

If you have binoculars or a zoom-lens camera, bring those "extra eyes" along because some of the glyphs we'll see on Sunday are pretty high!

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*\$109 donation per person  
(\$90 for members of  
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and S'edav Va'aki Museum Foundation)  
supports Old Pueblo's education programs  
about archaeology and traditional cultures.*

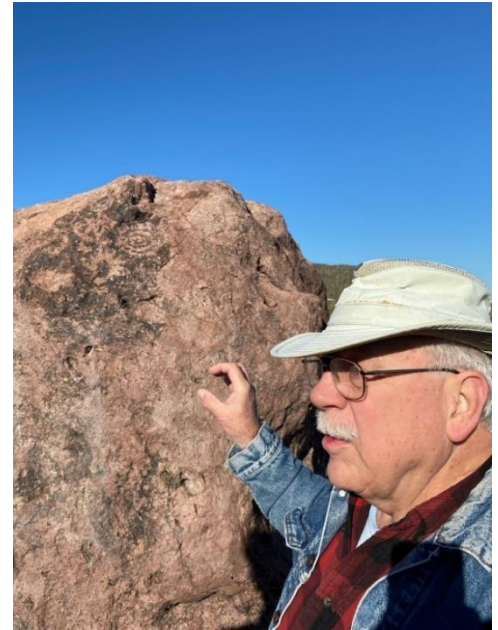
*Donations are due 10 days after reservation request  
or by 5 pm Monday November 27, whichever is earlier:  
520-798-1201 or [info@oldpueblo.org](mailto:info@oldpueblo.org).*





**Scott Newth** will lead the field trips and share interpretive information he has acquired over his dozen-plus years of working with professional archaeologists, Native Americans, and the State Historic Preservation Office's Site Steward program. Scott has lived in Sedona 17 years and has extensively explored the area for precontact sites.

**Allen Dart**, Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's Executive Director and tour coordinator, will add to the archaeological interpretation.



### Tentative Itinerary (All tour times are Arizona/Mountain Standard Time.)

**DAY ONE:** The tour meets at noon Saturday at the Sedona Public Library, 3250 White Bear Road, Sedona. From there we will carpool and drive 40 minutes on a dirt road to the Coconino National Forest's designated parking area for the Honanki archaeological site. High clearance vehicles are recommended but four-wheel-drive is not required. From the parking area we will walk the improved foot trail to Honanki, a 70-room pueblo-style Sinagua cliffdwelling – one of the two largest ones (with Palatki) of the Red Rock country between 1150 and 1350. The trail meanders through Honanki's well preserved rooms and offers good views of pictographs on the back wall of the rockshelter. Then after visiting Honanki, we will visit the Woo Ranch site, a small, little-known but excellent pictograph locality about 300 meters off the main Honanki/Palatki dirt road. After leaving Woo, we'll walk back to our vehicles. Registrants should be able to drive back to Sedona or wherever you plan to stay overnight by about 5 pm.

**Day one evening group dinner option:** Old Pueblo plans to make a reservation for 6 pm Saturday for an optional group dinner at Sedona's Golden Goose Grill restaurant ([www.goldengoosegrill.com](http://www.goldengoosegrill.com)). Tour participants who choose to join us for this dinner need to make their reservations through Old Pueblo (not with the restaurant) and will be responsible for their own dinner and drink costs.

**DAY TWO:** At 8:30 am on Sunday we will meet at a prearranged site near Interstate-17 and AZ-179 (Sedona exit). We can carpool (again, high clearance vehicles recommended) to the Rarick Canyon area, first to see Sinagua petroglyphs at the Spirit Hunter site, which overlooks an 800-foot-deep canyon. The hike is relatively short, about ½-mile and then about 80 feet along a 5-foot-wide (at its narrowest) ledge to access the main rock art panel area. The route is all flat with no scrambling or climbing required, but please note that the rock art is located at a 20-foot-wide area overlooking a steep canyon, and the access requires a short walk along a 5-foot-wide ledge at times. People with extreme fear of heights may want to avoid this hike.



*A section of the Honanki cliffdwelling*

After viewing Spirit Hunter, we will return to our vehicles and drive about 20 minutes to our next rock art destination: the Red Tank Draw site in Rarick Canyon. Here we will walk about ¾-mile in a shallow red-rock canyon where hundreds of petroglyphs can be seen on both sides of the canyon. Most but not all of this hike is along a dry wash where there will be a lot of rock hopping to avoid pools of water. It can be an ankle tester, but we will go slow and carefully. Hiking sticks are highly recommended for this hike.

**Bring snacks for day two**, as the tour will officially end at approximately 2 pm at the conclusion of the Rarick Canyon portion of the field trip. From there you will be just one mile away from I-17 for your return drive home or to your next destination.

**Carry water with you on each walk/hike!**

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### 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 November 27, 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 first tour meeting place in Sedona.

**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. There are several restaurant options in Sedona for Saturday lunch and dinner and for Sunday breakfast and lunch.

**RESTROOMS:** The only restrooms available during the tour will be at the Sedona Library where we will meet on day one, and at the Honanki Heritage Site parking area. All of the sites to be visited are out in forest areas with no restroom facilities other than trees and rocks. Bring your own tissue.

**DEPARTURE:** The tour will begin at 12 pm Saturday December 2 at the Sedona Public Library, 3250 White Bear Road, Sedona, Arizona. Estimated end time for the tour is around 2 pm Sunday December 3 but may be later considering how fast people can walk and regroup at the various stops and the possibility that traffic delays or vehicle problems can occur.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** All site visits are on relatively flat, gently sloping trails except the trail to the Red Tank Draw site, which is along a usually dry wash but rock hopping may be required to avoid pools of water. 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. Tour coordinator Allen Dart 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. You can read about archaeological site etiquette at [www.oldpueblo.org/artifact-collecting/](http://www.oldpueblo.org/artifact-collecting/) and [azstateparks.com/archaeological-site-etiquette](http://azstateparks.com/archaeological-site-etiquette). Collecting of artifacts, animals, or plant or mineral specimens is prohibited.

**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 Archaeology Center at [info@oldpueblo.org](mailto:info@oldpueblo.org) or 520-798-1201, or visit our web site: [www.oldpueblo.org](http://www.oldpueblo.org).