

ENCORE Free Tour of the Vista del Rio Archaeological Site

Guided by Allen Dart, Registered Professional Archaeologist
Sponsored by Old Pueblo Archaeology Center and Vista del Rio Residents Association

Saturday March 2, 2024, from 1 to 3 pm

Preregistration is required 10 days after reservation request or by 5 pm Thursday February 29, whichever is earlier.*

Vista del Rio is an archaeological village site that was inhabited by the Hohokam Indian culture 800 to 1,000 years ago (sometime between 1000 and 1200 CE). The morning tour of this site that Old Pueblo Archaeology Center and the Vista del Rio Residents Association scheduled for Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month filled up so fast that the Residents Association and Old Pueblo are offering this **Saturday afternoon ENCORE TOUR!**

Archaeological test excavations at Vista del Rio 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 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 Road to Dos Hombres Road (about midway between Sabino Canyon Road and the Pantano/Wrightstown grade-separated interchange) then drive north on Dos Hombres to its end at Desert Arbors.

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

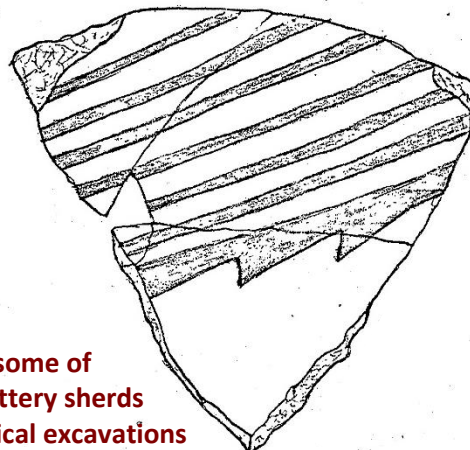
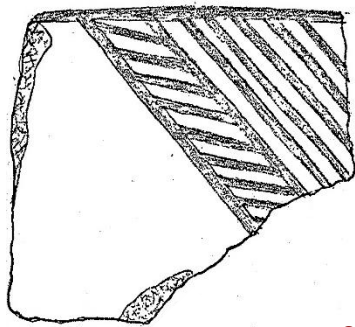


A bead made of of seashell found at Tucson's Vista del Rio Cultural Resource Park

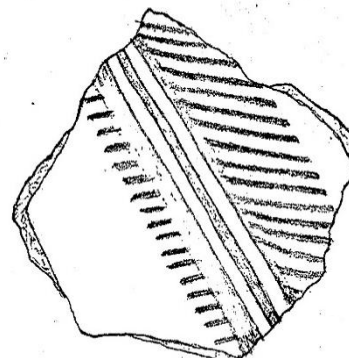
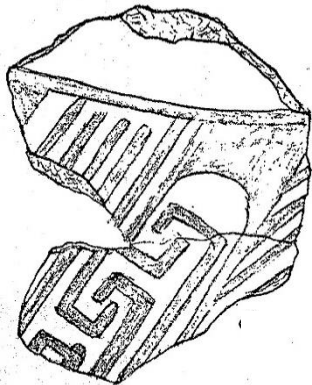


Vista del Rio Cultural Resource Park

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.