

Celebrate Archaeology Month!

Remember, when visiting archaeological site, take only pictures and leave only footprints. These special places are fragile traces of the past. Native Americans who live in the area have ancestral connections to these areas. Scientists and Native Americans alike can learn much about an untold history of the area based on the locations of structures and artifacts. Removing artifacts and damaging cultural sites is against the law and ruins the experience for future generations to enjoy.

Walnut Canyon National Monument: Activity: Visit Walnut Canyon. Make a sketch of a cliff dwelling. How many people do you think might have lived in the room? How long ago did people live at Walnut Canyon? Learn more and take tours at <https://www.nps.gov/waca/index.htm>

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/6BouhEMKglFW3Yz5>

Picture Canyon Natural and Cultural Preserve: Take a picture or make a sketch of your favorite petroglyph in Picture Canyon. What story do you think the petroglyph is trying to tell? Learn more at <https://www.flagstaff.az.gov/2881/Picture-Canyon-Natural-Cultural-Preserve>

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/Qs3higueFgiG5bmn6> (trailhead for 3 mile loop.)

Elden Pueblo, Coconino National Forest: Activity: Walk around the short trail at Elden Pueblo. How many rooms can you count? How many people do you think lived there? Learn more and download activity books at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/coconino/learning/history-culture/?cid=stelprdb5350363>

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/zeNzZhuYctLqnCDg8>

Keyhole Sink Petroglyphs, Kaibab National Forest: Take a short hike to Keyhole Sink. Make a sketch or take a picture of your favorite petroglyph. Why is it your favorite? Learn more and download brochure at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/kaibab/recarea/?recid=11678>

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/TK7nLnGRJkFDKqJR6> (Trailhead is across Route 66 from Oak Hill Parking lot. (0.7 mile hike)

Wupatki National Monument: Activity: Drive the Wupatki loop and hike to as many ancient villages as you can. What is your favorite pueblo and why? Why do you think people relocated to Wupatki area after the eruption of Sunset Crater? Download a trail guide at <https://swvirtualmuseum.nau.edu/wp/index.php/national-parks/wupatki-nm/wupatki-pueblo-virtual-trail-guide/>

Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/wVDAQXmq5PWeQ4rg6>

Tribal National Botanical Research Collaborative: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/tribal-nations-botanical-research-collaborative>

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/citizen-science/2020-awardees-citizen-science-competitive-funding-program>