

# **A Photo Summary of the Field Trip to V-Bar-V Ranch Petroglyphs and Sacred Mountain**

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## **V Bar V and Sacred Mountain Trip November 2021**

Many thanks to Brent Reed of the Rim Country Chapter for putting together a great field trip to the Verde Valley.

We started the day at the V Bar V Heritage Site. Ken Zoll was our host and guide. He gave us so much information about the petroglyphs found there on a huge panel. He explained the calendar aspects which were very interesting. He also “interpreted” a lot of the other figures found including the shamans and the emergence of the native peoples. He is quite an entertainer as well as an educator.

Then we hiked up to the top of Sacred Mountain. It was quite a climb, but well worth it. The views were spectacular and we spent most of the time searching for the cairns of the sun watchers who were supposed to have lived there in the huge complex. Many of the walls have fallen but you can still see the outlines of the structures. Pot sherds litter the ground everywhere. We found some interesting rim edge pieces and some painted black on white along with some glazed looking buff ones.

--- Marie Renner



There is a short trail from the V-Bar-V Ranch visitor Center to the main petroglyph panel. It passes by the site of an old ranch building. All that remains of it is this fantastic chimney and fireplace.



The Main Petroglyph Panel at V-Bar-V Ranch



A Close-up view of the rock cleft through which the sun shines to place a sunlight mark on specific key petroglyph markers on the main panel as specific points in the solar cycle.



Sections of Petroglyph Panels at V-Bar-V



More V-Bar-V Petroglyphs





Sacred Mountain Butte. The Pueblo is on top.

Views from Sacred Mountain





Potsherd "Museums" left by previous visitors to Sacred Mountain



Some of the Pueblo fallen walls on Sacred Mountain, and Looking Back Up

