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9 Tips for Preserving Important Sacred Sites

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Please, listen. There are ways to protect sacred sites. Below are 9 tips for saving them:

- Do not write on, touch, fire at, remove, tamper with, or attempt to repair any Native American site.
- Do not apply anything, including water, to any Native American site.
- Do not climb or sit on structural walls.
- Use utmost caution when disclosing unknown or little-known sites. Even well-established bloggers, photographers, and otherwise respectful visitors can cause cumulative impacts. Every person told brings an average of three more individuals to the site. If you wouldn't trust them with your credit card number, don't give them irreplaceable pieces of the past.
- Use caution when posting photographs of unknown or little-known sites. Associated material such as topography near the site, or adjacent sites, may reveal its location to others. Also, make sure your images aren't geotagged, especially if you are using a smartphone.
- Never remove any artifacts.
- Stay on designated routes.
- Report any new vandalism to the respective land manager.
- Stay engaged with preservation and encourage others to practice good stewardship.
- Read more at <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/12/16/9-tips-preserving-important-sacred-sites-162777>

NOTE: These tips tend to follow the spirit of the Arizona State Site Steward program, except they go further recognizing some impact of the Internet. Perhaps, an even more global view of the Internet is also worth thinking about such as Google Earth and its ability to view sites or even references to sites within the Google environment. Lastly, there is probably room for commentary regarding education and site appreciation necessary beyond cloaking sites from the public. <12/26/2015>