

DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Chalone Creek Archaeological Sites

AND/OR COMMON

[REDACTED]

SBn-PNM-6, SBn-PNM-8, SBn-PNM-9

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

[REDACTED], Pinnacles National Monument

CITY, TOWN

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Soledad

STATE

California

CODE

06

COUNTY

San Benito

CODE

069

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

National Park Service, Western Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER

450 Golden Gate Avenue

CITY, TOWN

San Francisco

VICINITY OF

STATE

California

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

San Benito County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Holister

STATE

California

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation

DATE

1966-67

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Cultural Resources Section, Department of Parks and Recreation

CITY, TOWN

P.O. Box 2390

STATE

Sacramento, California

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Chalone Creek Archaeological Sites are composed of three prehistoric Native Californian sites, an open camp site (SBn-PNM-8), a rock-shelter with an eastern exposure (SBn-PNM-9), and a midden deposit with a small number of bedrock mortar cups (SBn-PNM-6). The former two sites are [REDACTED]

while the bedrock mortar-midden site is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Site

SBn-PNM-6 is a midden deposit at the base of monolithic boulders, the bases of which show some smoke-blackening. This site is about 50 feet in diameter and has been slightly impacted [REDACTED] Site SBn-PNM-8 is about 75 feet in diameter and is situated on a slightly sloping flat area [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A

dark-colored midden deposit has yielded several chipped and ground stone artifacts, one of which has been chronologically placed at the beginning of the Christian era. This site has been affected by a trail and by rodent burrows but impacts are not severe. Site SBn-PNM-9 is a linear overhang or exogene rockshelter about 35 feet long and 6 feet in width. Smoke-blackened rock surfaces and a few collected artifacts indicate that this rockshelter provided protection from westerly winds for native peoples. This site appears to be intact. The sites are in a chaparral environment which includes oaks, manzanita, and various bushes but larger trees and plants are nearby. The sites were recorded and described during a 1966 archaeological survey of the Monument accomplished by W. H. Olsen, L. A. Payen, and J. L. Beck. The area encompassing the Chalone Creek sites is a polygon oriented slightly east of north as shown on the accompanying map. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Further alternations or impacts should be avoided.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES not known BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the cluster of three sites is that each represents a different type of cultural activity influenced by different combinations of natural resources and settings. As a group, all three sites possess potential for chronological determinations, human environmental adaptations, and behavioral patterns as well as other research topics such as possible tribal identification of early area inhabitants. The state of preservation for the sites is at least good to excellent. The Chalone Creek archaeological sites lie about half-way between an excavated late prehistoric site [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

There are no other excavated or surveyed sites in the western margins of San Benito County neighboring the Monument area. Of the 13 recorded sites within the Monument, several are bedrock mortar clusters with little or no midden deposit. The three Chalone Creek sites represent the most significant known cultural resources of the Monument and SBn-PNM-8 and 9 were identified by Olsen, Payen, and Beck as possessing high research potential.

