



# Visiting Petroglyph

*To us, these petroglyphs are not the remnants of some long lost civilization...they are part of our living culture. What is stored in the petroglyphs is not written in any book. We need to return to them to remind us of who we are and where we came from, and to teach our sons and daughters of it.*

—Herman Agoyo, All-Indian Pueblo Council Chairman, 1988.

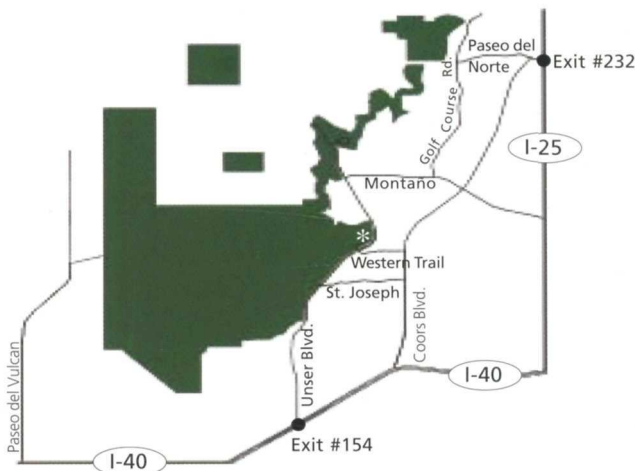


Handprints and geometric petroglyph images are commonly found throughout the monument. Piedras Marcadas Canyon.

Petroglyph National Monument protects one of the largest petroglyph sites in North America featuring designs and symbols carved onto volcanic boulders by Native Americans and Spanish settlers 400 to 700 years ago. The monument was established in 1990 to protect the volcanoes, the petroglyphs, and related archeological sites on Albuquerque's West Mesa. The monument is cooperatively managed by the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division and the National Park Service.



## Driving to Petroglyph



From I-40 take Unser Blvd. exit (#154). Proceed north 3 miles to Western Trail. Turn left or west onto Western Trail and follow road to Visitor Center. From I-25 take Paseo del Norte exit (#232). Proceed west to Coors Road exit south. Proceed south on Coors Road to Western Trail. Turn right or west onto Western Trail and follow road to the Visitor Center.

### **Petroglyph National Monument Visitor Center (Unser Blvd. NW at Western Trail)**

This should be your first stop. Rangers will provide you with everything you need to know about your visit. Pick up park brochure, trail maps, and safety information. Restroom, water, and WNPA bookstore available.

### **Petroglyph Viewing Trails:**

*Trails are not stroller or wheelchair accessible.*

#### **Boca Negra Canyon**

Developed trail system. Three short trails. See up to 100 petroglyphs in one hour. Parking fee of \$1 Mon-Fri/\$2 Sat & Sun. Restrooms, drinking fountain, shaded seating areas and picnic tables available. No pets allowed on trails.

#### **Rinconada Canyon**

Unpaved sandy trail, 2.2 miles roundtrip. See up to 500 petroglyphs. No water. Pets on leash allowed. Trail guide is available at Visitor Center.

#### **Piedras Marcadas Canyon**

Unpaved sandy trail, 1.5 miles roundtrip. See up to 400 petroglyphs. No water. Pets on leash allowed. Trail guide is available at Visitor Center.

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#### **Hours of operation:**

Visitor Center, Rinconada, and  
Piedras Marcadas Canyons 8–5 Daily

Boca Negra Canyon 8–5 Daily  
(last entry at 4:30 pm)

Volcanoes 9–5 Daily

#### **For information contact:**

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