



San Diego Rock Art Association Meeting

Sunday, October 9, 2016

Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretive Center • 13104 Ipai Waaypuk Trail (formerly Silver Lake Drive) • Poway, CA 92064



The Ghost Trails of Three Rivers

A Presentation by Lawrence R. Baca

The Jornada Mogollon people left rock art at hundreds of sites in the southeastern part of New Mexico. None of the artwork is more spectacular than the amazing gallery at Three Rivers. The Three Rivers Petroglyph Site, managed by the United States Bureau of Land Management, consists of a hogback ridge approximately one and one-half miles in length. Between 300 and 500 years ago, natives of the Southwest carved over 21,000 images in the volcanic rocks along the ridge. All of the art at the site is carved into the stone without painted enhancement. Between 1987 and 1992, the Archeological Society of New Mexico conducted a survey of the site. Using grid lines marked off with string, groups of students each summer for six years photographed and recorded 2,383 elements in 10 major categories: simple lines, intersecting lines, closed forms, tracks, figures, plant representations, artifact representations, miscellaneous, graffiti, and random marks. In simple English, there are circles, faces, masks, hand and paw prints, birds, mammals, and humanoid representations at Three Rivers. This presentation will take you on a brief virtual tour of the primary "tourist trail" and then off to the "ghost trails" of the Three Rivers site—paths that 90 percent of the visitors to Three Rivers never take, where there are thousands of images that they never see. Lawrence Baca has studied the photographs from the six-year study and has made several extensive trips to Three Rivers, where the light and shadows are different in every season. He will share a visual tour of the contours of Three Rivers, New Mexico.

● **4:00 Potluck: Bring food of your choice to share** ● **5:00 Meeting and Presentations**

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