

Field Trips

2014 Field Trip Schedule

Members of the San Juan Basin Archaeological Society have proposed the following field trips for 2014. Participation in these outings should help us better understand and appreciate the history, prehistory, and cultural diversity of the Four Corners region. Please see forthcoming issues of the [Moki Messenger](#) and monitor this web page for updates regarding the itineraries, departure times and places, participation limits, and related matters. Do read the [General Information About Field Trips](#). Field trip participants must be current SJBAS members.

This is a tentative trip schedule; although we hope to go on the listed outings on the dates shown, these dates and destinations are subject to change due to adverse weather or road conditions, unanticipated scheduling conflicts, or changes made by the trip leaders.

More details about the trips and possible date and itinerary changes will be given at future chapter meetings, in our monthly newsletter and on our website, www.sjbas.org. For current information about these trips or to sign up for a trip, please phone or email the trip leaders.

In addition to the following trips, there are several important conferences and meetings scheduled for this year, including the Pecos Conference and the Colorado Archaeological Society Annual Meeting and Symposium. Check your Moki Messenger or our website at www.sjbas.org for details as they become available.



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Trip Dates	<p>Updates are in red.</p> <p>To update this schedule, email lhancock@charter.net.</p> <p>Please contact trip leaders by phone or email to sign up.</p> <p>Field trip participants must be current SJBAS members.</p>
January 22	<p><u>Aztec Ruins National Monument</u></p> <p>This is a day trip to visit Aztec Ruins in Aztec, NM. We will tour the East ruin and discuss the West ruin. Participants need to be at the Monument Visitor Center at 12:45 p.m. We will view a video at 1:00 and have an escorted tour at 1:30. Those wishing to participate in a group lunch at one of Aztec's finest restaurants before the tour will meet at Santa Rita Park at 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Trip Leaders: Rhonda Raffo and Jim Mueller – 970-259-8870 rhondaandjim@msn.com</p>
March 3 - 6	<p><u>Ghost Towns in Cochise County, Arizona</u></p> <p>This is a four-day motel trip to southeast Arizona. We will visit stops on the Ghost Town Trail including: Dragoon and the nearby Amerind Museum, Pearce, Gleeson, Tombstone, Fairbank, and Millville-Charleston. We may add a day to visit Lochiel on the border and Harshaw near Patagonia. The itinerary is flexible.</p> <p>Trip Leaders: Gail and Marlo Schulz - 970-946-5234 mschulz@frontier.net</p>

<p>April 15</p>	<p><u>B – Square Ranch Totah Archaeological Project</u></p> <p>This is a day trip to an interesting property and archaeology project hidden along the San Juan River just east of Farmington, New Mexico. There are numerous interesting sites, including a large Chacoan Kiva, petroglyphs and much more. Participants should bring a lunch and come prepared for warm and windy weather.</p> <p>Trip Leader: Richard Robinson Contact: Mary Ann Hiller - 970-259-5170 johnhilldurco@durango.net</p>
<p>April 26 - 27</p>	<p><u>Ute Mountain Tribal Park Service Weekend</u></p> <p>The Hisatsinom Chapter will join us for our annual work and play outing at the Ute Mountain Tribal Park. Participants may car camp, stay in a motel in Cortez, or make the service weekend into two day trips. Be prepared for a day of manual labor followed by a day touring sites not often seen by the general public. Bring work gloves, hat, work boots, tools, and water. A one-day, work-only option will be available.</p> <p>Trip Leader: Jim Shadell - 970-247-5597 shadelljim@gmail.com</p>
<p>April 27 - 30</p>	<p><u>Gray Canyon and San Rafael Swell</u></p> <p>This trip has been cancelled. During this four-day car camping or motel trip to Utah we will visit a potpourri of sites, including rock art in Gray Canyon and Tusher Canyon near Green River, and at Cedar Mountain and Buckhorn Canyon in the San Rafael Swell. We will visit spectacular rock formations near Cottonwood Draw, see dinosaur tracks and rock art near Moore, and visit the outstanding Rochester panel.</p> <p>Trip Leader: Bob Powell - 970-385-8949 robertlpowell@durango.net</p>
<p>May 10</p>	<p><u>Historic Durango Walking Tour</u></p> <p>Join us for a one-mile walk through the Historic District of Durango escorted by Dr. Andrew Gulliford and listen to the stories the buildings have to tell. Trip participation limit is 16.</p> <p>Contact: Mary Ann Hiller - 970-259-5170 johnhilldurco@durango.net</p>
<p>May 11</p>	<p><u>Alkali Ridge in Canyons of the Ancients National Monument</u></p> <p>This trip has been cancelled. We will join members of the Hisatsinom Chapter for a moderate hike on a mesa top with Jerry Fetterman, a well-known archaeologist, to view this area near the CO-UT state line. A large P-I site is being considered. The availability of a permit, weather conditions or schedule may dictate the actual location and date. High-clearance, 4-WD vehicles are required, and there is a trip participation limit of 7 for each chapter.</p> <p>Trip Leader: Rich Robinson - 970-764-7020 robinson7150@gmail.com</p>
<p>June 21</p>	<p><u>Aztec Ruins National Monument for Summer Solstice</u></p> <p>This is a day trip to experience the summer solstice at Aztec Ruins National Monument. We will leave Durango at 5:00 a.m. sharp to catch the sunrise. This unique event will be followed by a talk about archaeo-astronomy.</p> <p>Trip Leader: Richard Robinson Contact: Mary Ann Hiller - 970-259-5170 johnhilldurco@durango.net</p>
<p>July 11 - 13</p>	<p><u>Taos Area</u></p>

	<p>This trip has been cancelled. During this three-day motel trip, we will attend the Taos Powwow at the Taos Pueblo, and visit Taos, the Harding Mine, and walk the plaza in Santa Fe to see 400 years of history and architecture. There is a trip participation limit of 20.</p> <p>Trip Leader: Richard Robinson Contact Mary Ann Hiller - 970-259-5170 johnhilldurco@durango.net</p>
<p>July 23</p>	<p><u>Tomboy Mine near Telluride</u></p> <p>This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the historic Tomboy Mine with our knowledgeable guide Rudy Davison. This trip will take all day, so bring a lunch. We will leave from Santa Rita Park at 7:00 a.m. Those with a fear of heights or high mountain passes need not apply. High-clearance, 4-WD vehicles are required, and there is a trip participation limit of 20.</p> <p>Trip Leaders: Bev & Bob Danielson - 970-385-1058 bnbdan@bresnan.net</p>
<p>Sept. 7 - 10 or 11</p>	<p><u>North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park</u></p> <p>This is a four or five-day car-camping trip. This trip will be worth it even if only for the camping on the North Rim. High-clearance, 4-WD vehicles are required, and hiking capability is important, as one hike could be between 5 to 11 miles long. This is a challenging trip worth every view. We may also visit the Pipe Springs and Vermillion Cliffs National Monuments. The trip participation limit is 11.</p> <p>Trip Leader: Richard Robinson – 970-764-7029 Robinson7150@gmail.com</p>
<p>September 17</p>	<p><u>Boston Coal and Fuel Company at Perins Town Site</u></p> <p>This trip has been cancelled. We will hike about a mile and a half from Lightner Creek into the Perins town site north of Twin Buttes to view the ruins of the Boston Coal and Fuel Company mine and the old railroad line.</p> <p>Trip Leaders: Kathleen and Jim Shadell - 970-247-5597 shadelljim@gmail.com</p>
<p>September 27 - 30</p>	<p><u>Capitol Reef and Canyonlands National Parks</u></p> <p>During this four-day, car-camping trip we will visit some of the best Barrier Canyon-style rock art available in world-class settings. The most difficult hike is into Horseshoe Canyon; elevation loss and gain is 780 feet and the hike is 7 miles roundtrip. We will camp at the Fruita group campsite near the apple orchards in Capitol Reef N.P. and at a dispersed campsite with pit toilets at the trailhead into Horseshoe Canyon. There is a trip participation limit of 14. For those who may not want to camp, hotels are available in Hanksville and Torrey, Utah.</p> <p>Trip Leaders: Barb and Lyle Hancock – 970-764-4531 lhancock@charter.net</p>
<p>October 20 - 22</p>	<p><u>Cedar Mesa, Utah</u></p> <p>During this three-day, car-camping trip we will hike into a variety of Ancestral Puebloan sites. The hiking will be moderately difficult with some off-trail hiking required. Hikes may be up to five miles long. High-clearance, 4-WD vehicles will be necessary, but carpooling can be arranged. The trip participation limit is 12.</p> <p>Trip Leaders: Barb and Lyle Hancock - 970-764-4531 lhancock@charter.net</p>
<p>October 24 - 26</p>	<p><u>Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument in New Mexico</u></p> <p>This trip has been cancelled. During this three-day motel trip, we will visit the ruins of three mission churches at Quarai, Abó, and Gran Quivira and the partially excavated Gran Quivira pueblo. What remains today of the Salinas Pueblo Missions are austere yet beautiful reminders</p>

of the 17th century contact between Pueblo Indians and Spanish Colonials. We will also visit **the Petroglyph National Monument near Albuquerque**. The trip participation limit is 20.

Trip Leaders: Marion and Andy Simon - 970-749-2927 mandyandarion@gmail.com

December 13

Winter Solstice Tour at Ute Mountain Tribal Park

Ute Mountain Tribal Park will conduct a public tour of winter solstice sites in Mancos Canyon. It will begin at **11:00 a.m.** (check in at 10:30) and cost \$29 per person. Visitors may provide their own transportation, but the Tribal Park will provide vans free of charge. The tour will start at the Tribal Park Visitor Center, located at the junction of Highways 160/491, twenty miles south of Cortez. We will leave Santa Rita Park at **9:00 a.m.** and carpool to the Visitor Center. Advance reservations would be helpful, so please sign up before December 7th.

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