

Painted Rock Pictograph Tour-- Carrizo Plain National Monument

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Over twenty SAS members enjoyed a special hiking tour of Painted Rock in the Carrizo Plain National Monument on May 9, 2009. After viewing Soda Lake from Overlook Hill and directly examining the lake, BLM Ranger Lisa Franceschi led the group to Painted Rock. The shade and shelter of horseshoe-shaped rock was a splendid location for Native American rock painting. Chumash, Yokut, and other native peoples lived, hunted, and traded in this central region of California for thousands of years and created the pictographs as an expression of ceremonial and religious beliefs. It continues to be recognized as a sacred site. The tour was amazing. Thank you to everyone who participated!