

# *Bishop Volcanic Tableland Rock Art Tour*

November 3-4, 2018

On November 3, 2018, eleven members of Sacramento Archeological Society toured petroglyphs on the Volcanic Tablelands near Bishop, California. On November 4<sup>th</sup> the group which shrunk to seven continued the exploration by hiking to more remote sites. On this day the other four members enjoyed Bristle Cone Pines.

The petroglyph figures and shapes created by scraping away dark colored surface layer on volcanic tuff faces were varied and at times highly concentrated on one surface. Most of the rocks containing petroglyphs were easily viewed on the side of large rocks. Some were found on the top of rocks and weather had surprisingly not damaged the engraving. It is difficult to date the rock art but they are likely are from 1,000 to 10,000 years old. In addition to petroglyphs we found evidence of habitation: cupules, mortars, grinding surfaces, and outlines of dwellings.

The following pictures by Jan Johansen and Gloria Howat Brown highlight the tour.



Chidago Canyon



Chidago Canyon



Chidago Canyon



Chidago Canyon







Red Canyon



Red Canyon



Red Canyon





Yellow Jacket



Yellow Jacket







Chalfant



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Skyrock



Skyrock – start hike



Skyrock –photo by Gloria Howat Brown



13 Moons





Fish Slough



Fish Slough



Chalfant