

Pueblo-Kiowa Connections

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Arrive in Grand Junction, Colorado, by 4 p.m. Meet the group for dinner and program orientation. Our scholars, Porter Swentzell, M.A. (Santa Clara Pueblo), and Scott Ortman, Ph.D., provide an introduction to connections between the Pueblo and Kiowa cultures—including evidence of a common language, Proto-Kiowa-Tanoan, in Late Archaic times. Overnight, Grand Junction. **D**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Our journey in search of Pueblo-Kiowa connections begins as we drive north through Canyon Pintado ("Painted Canyon"), Colorado, home to hundreds of archaeological sites from the Fremont culture. We become familiar with the ancient Barrier Canyon style of rock art and the rock art created by Fremont people, who flourished from about A.D. 500 to 1300; Kiowa-speaking people appear to have migrated from the Fremont area around 1300. We continue on to Vernal, Utah, where we visit the privately owned McConkie Ranch, site of an extensive Fremont village complex. There we hike the trails to view several Vernal-style rock art panels with impressive figures. Overnight, Vernal. **B L D**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

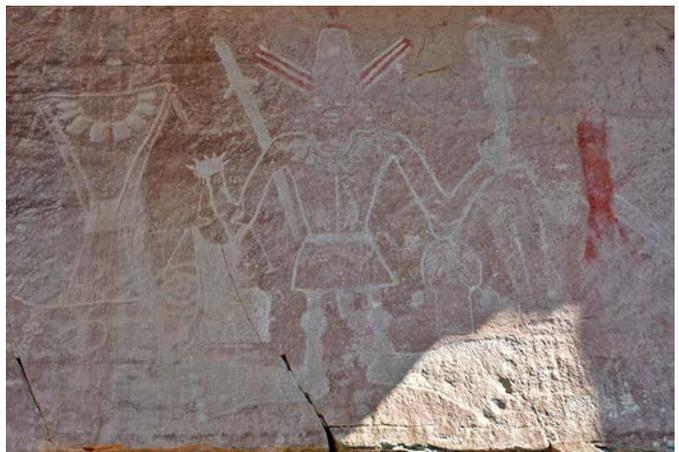
Continuing our journey north, we come to spectacular Flaming Gorge, a reservoir on the Green River. Fremont-style petroglyphs and artifacts remain as traces of the people who hunted game here for centuries. Later cultures—the Comanche, Shoshone, and Ute—have also called this place home. Our route follows the path of two historic trails, the Emigrant Trail and Oregon Trail, on the way to Lander, Wyoming. Overnight, Lander. **B L**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

We spend the day exploring Castle Gardens, named for its wind-eroded sandstone formations, which are reminiscent of towers and turrets. The multilayered, multicolored Shield-style petroglyphs are unique to this area. Depicting shields and



Canyon Pintado site. Recline / Wikimedia Commons



Rock art at McConkie Ranch. Tricia Simpson / Wikimedia Commons



Flaming Gorge

warriors similar to Eastern Fremont rock art imagery, the Shield style shows the overlap of Eastern Fremont and Kiowa cultures. Overnight, Lander. **B L D**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Today we search for Dinwoody-style rock art at Ring Lake Ranch, a private retreat center in a spectacular setting. The distinctive Dinwoody petroglyphs are characteristic of this part of Wyoming and differ from the Shield style in important ways. As we view these evocative images, we discuss how they may symbolize powerful changes in culture. Overnight, Lander. **B L**

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

Our journey now takes us west into Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. As we drive, we take in the picturesque and jagged Teton Range, a mountain landscape that has come to define the West. At 11:30 a.m., we stop to take in a rare total eclipse of the sun, experiencing firsthand the power of the natural world and discussing how such an event might have affected people in ancient times. We then make our way through the southern part of Yellowstone National Park, stopping at iconic landmarks such as Old Faithful and historic Old Faithful Inn en route to the town of West Yellowstone, Montana. Overnight, West Yellowstone. **B L D**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

Spend a relaxing day exploring Yellowstone—its human history as well as its wondrous landscapes. We discuss evidence that the present-day Kiowa tribe originated in the area around what is now Yellowstone National Park. We visit Dragon's Mouth, Obsidian Cliff (where obsidian was quarried as far back as 11,000 years ago and was traded into the Fremont culture area), and other sites as we look for wildlife along the Madison River and Yellowstone Lake. Return to West Yellowstone for a farewell dinner and program conclusion. Overnight, West Yellowstone. **B L D**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Depart West Yellowstone for Bozeman, Montana (1 hour and 45 minutes' drive). Flights may be scheduled for any time after noon. **B**



Castle Gardens



Grand Teton National Park



Obsidian Cliff, Yellowstone. US Geological Survey / Wikimedia Commons

B = breakfast, **L** = lunch, **D** = dinner

Itinerary subject to change

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