



## Visitor Use Management Plan

The National Park Service (NPS) is beginning the initial steps in the development of a visitor use management plan for Petroglyph National Monument. The purpose of the visitor use management plan for Petroglyph National Monument is to formalize a trail system and manage public use within the monument. The trail network and activities will be compatible with the monument's purpose, significance, and the legislation that established the monument. Strategies will address the management and maintenance of the trail system, access points, associated infrastructure, and provide direction for visitor use management and decision-making. Cultural and traditional uses and values will be integrated into the planning and decision-making processes. The strategies associated with the trail system will also provide guidance on resolving differences between visitor groups and impacts to cultural and natural resources. It will include expectations for long-term monitoring and analysis of visitor capacity. During this planning process, the National Park Service is asking for your input so that we can gain a better understanding of the needs, experiences, and preferences of our park partners, key stakeholders, and visitors. This will help the National Park Service identify opportunities to meet those needs while also achieving our mission to preserve and protect resources.

Since the establishment of Petroglyph National Monument in 1990, the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico's largest metropolitan area, has continued to grow. City growth coupled with the increased national park visitation has created the need for the monument to establish a designated trail system and associated infrastructure to meet rising visitation demand while protecting the monument's fundamental resources and values. Many local and national visitors explore and enjoy the 7,200 acre monument. The National Park Service, the State of New Mexico, and the City of Albuquerque, who jointly manage this unit, are cooperatively undertaking the visitor use management planning effort.

Please join us as we embark on this planning process and provide your ideas to help shape the future of Petroglyph National Monument. The public's support and involvement is needed to develop the visitor use management plan which will address the establishment of a designated trail system. Please keep in mind that this is the beginning of the input process, and there will be future opportunities to provide additional input as the planning process moves forward.



## How You Can Be Involved

The National Park Service welcomes your input. During this meeting you can help us by sharing your thoughts on some of the following questions:

- What are the key issues and opportunities related to a designated trail system at Petroglyph National Monument (e.g. neighborhood access, activity types, traditional and cultural uses, and etc.)?
- What issues and opportunities regarding visitor use of the monument should be the highest priority to address?
- How can the National Park Service better manage visitor use to enhance visitor experience and resource preservation in this area for future generations?

### Public Meetings

**September 20, 2016**

6:00-8:00 pm  
Taylor Ranch  
Community Center

**September 22, 2016**

6:00-8:00 pm  
Rio Grande Nature Center  
State Park

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