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# Press Release

## Petroglyph National Monument

### Who created these timeless images in stone?

On the escarpment of the West Mesa overlooking Albuquerque, New Mexico, thousands of images are inscribed on the tumbled black basalt boulders, remnants of a lava flow that once covered fifty square miles of what is now western Albuquerque.

*Petroglyph National Monument* explores the formation of the landscape and the later human migration into the area. Erosion chiseled the lava into a rough landscape of stone, and the canvas for the symbolic inscriptions was prepared.

While humans have inhabited the area for almost twelve thousand years, some of the earliest petroglyphs are believed to date from about 800 B.C. Inscription continued for centuries, and many of the symbols continue to have meaning for today's Native people.

Learn about the history and culture of a culturally unique area, now preserved as a part of our national park system. Lavishly illustrated, *Petroglyph National Monument* will take readers on a fascinating journey through central New Mexico history.

*Petroglyph National Monument* by Sandra Keith  
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16 pages, 7 1/2 x 10, \$4.95

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