

2015 Field Trip and Activity Schedule

SJBAS members have proposed the following field trips for 2015. Please read [General Information About Field Trips](#) and check forthcoming issues of the [Moki Messenger](#) and monitor this web page for updates. Field trip participants must be current SJBAS members. For information about these trips or to sign up, contact the trip leaders directly.

This is a tentative trip schedule; although we hope to go on the outings as planned, these dates and destinations are subject to change due to adverse weather or road conditions, unanticipated scheduling conflicts, or changes made by the leaders.

In addition to the following trips, there are several important conferences scheduled for this year, including the Pecos Conference and the Colorado Archaeological Society Annual Meeting and Symposium. Check your [Moki Messenger](#) or our website at www.sjbass.org for details.

Tentative Field Trip and Activity Schedule - 2015	
Trip Dates	<p>To update this schedule, email lylehancock@bresnan.net.</p> <p>Please contact trip leaders by phone or email to sign up.</p>
January 8	SJBAS meeting
Jan. 22 - 23	<p>Puye Cliff Dwellings and Feast Day at San Ildefonso Pueblo – New Mexico On the first day of this two-day motel trip we will tour Puye Cliff Dwellings National Historic Monument near Espanola and visit San Ildefonso Pueblo for evening ceremonies preceding Feast Day. We will spend the second day at the Pueblo Feast Day celebrations and will visit the Maria Martinez pottery museum. Participants may choose to stay at the Hilton Buffalo Thunder Resort (\$89). For more information or to signup, contact trip leader Lyle Hancock at lylehancock@bresnan.net or 970-764-4531.</p>
February 12	SJBAS meeting
February 26	<p>Tour Mesa Verde Visitor Center and Anasazi Heritage Center This day trip includes a special tour of the new Visitor Center at Mesa Verde and a behind the scenes tour of the Anasazi Heritage Center. Trip participation limit is 12. For more information or to signup, contact trip leader Tish Varney at tishvarney@att.net.</p>
March 5 - 9	<p>Exploring Cochise County – Arizona This is Gail and Marlo's popular four or five-day trip in Southeast Arizona. The itinerary is a work in progress, but it will include some easy hiking to historic ghost towns, some rock art, historical monuments and museums, and a guided tour of Camp Naco with Becky Orozco. Participants usually stay in a motel in the Sierra Vista area. For more information or to signup, contact trip leaders Gail and Marlo Schulz at mschulz@frontier.net or 970-946-5234.</p>
March 12	SJBAS meeting
April 9	SJBAS meeting
April 11 - 12	<p>Hovenweep N.M. and Montezuma Canyon – Utah On the first day of this two-day motel or camping trip, we will visit either the main Square Tower Complex or the outlier sites at Hovenweep National Monument, and rock art sites and the Three Kiva site in the Montezuma Creek Valley. We will spend the second day visiting surface sites, cliff dwellings, and rock art panels further north in the Montezuma Creek Valley. All of the walks are nearly level and less than ¼ mile long. Overnight options include a motel in Blanding or camping at Hovenweep. Trip participation limit is 16 with no more than 4 vehicles.</p>

	For more information or to signup, contact trip leader Bob Powell at robertlpowell@durango.net or 970-385-8949
April 20 - 22	<p>Cedar Mesa and Natural Bridges N.M. – Utah</p> <p>During this three-day camping or motel trip, we will visit ancestral Puebloan sites in Natural Bridges N.M. and in remote canyons on Cedar Mesa. The hiking will be moderately difficult with some off-trail hiking required; hikes may be up to seven miles long and include elevation changes of over 600 feet. 4WD/HC vehicles will be necessary, but carpooling will be arranged. We will camp in the dispersed BLM campground in Comb Wash, but participants may also stay in hotels in Blanding. The trip participation limit is 12.</p> <p>For more information or to signup, contact trip leaders Barb and Lyle Hancock at lylehancock@bresnan.net or 970-764-4531.</p>
May 3 - 6	<p>Moab, Green River and the Northern San Rafael Swell – Utah</p> <p>This well-researched, four-day camping or motel trip includes visits to a wide variety of rock art sites near Moab, Green River, and the northern San Rafael Swell in Utah. We will also visit the John Wesley Powell River Museum in Green River. Some of the more notable rock art panels include the Buckhorn Wash and Rochester Panels. All walks are short and on level ground with the exception of the ¼-mile paved trail to the Rochester Panel. There are options of one, two, or three days of camping or no camping at all. Trip participation limit is 16 people and 6 vehicles. Carpools will be arranged.</p> <p>For more information or to signup, contact trip leader Bob Powell at robertlpowell@durango.net or 970-385-8949</p>
May 14	SJBAS meeting
May 15 - 17	<p>Salinas Pueblo Missions – New Mexico</p> <p>During this three-day motel trip, we will visit the ruins of three mission churches at Quarai, Abó, and Gran Quivira and the partially excavated Gran Quivira pueblo. We will also visit the Petroglyph National Monument near Albuquerque. The trip participation limit is 20.</p> <p>For more information or to signup, contact trip leaders Andy and Marion Simon mandyandarion@gmail.com or 970-749-2927.</p>
May 16	<p>Historic Preservation Month Driving Tour of La Plata County Historic Cemeteries</p> <p>This public tour will be led by Dr. Ruth Lambert of the San Juan Mountains Association. It will begin at the Bayfield Library and last 3 to 4 hours.</p> <p>For more information, contact Andy Gulliford gulliford_a@fortlewis.edu.</p>
May 27 - 29	<p>Navajo National Monument - Keet Seel Backpack – Arizona</p> <p>Backpack to one of the best preserved ancestral Puebloan sites in the Southwest. This 3-day trip includes car camping one night in the developed campground at Navajo N.M. and the second night in the backcountry campsite at Keet Seel. The hike is a rugged and strenuous 17-mile round trip hike with 1,000 feet of elevation loss and gain. The Park Service trip participation limit is 10.</p> <p>For more information or to signup, contact trip leaders Lyle and Barb Hancock at lylehancock@bresnan.net or 970-764-4531.</p>
June 11	SJBAS annual picnic
July 9	SJBAS meeting
July 25	<p>Ute Mountain Tribal Park Tour</p> <p>This will be a day trip to visit Inaccessible House, Casa Colorado, and Casa Blanca cliff dwellings in a rarely visited area of the Tribal Park. The tour will take about five hours, with only a couple miles of hiking. The tour fee is \$35 per person. We will carpool from Durango.</p> <p>For more information or to signup, contact trip leaders TBD.</p>
July 31 - August 2	Winslow area – Homolovi, Petrified Forest, Painted Desert - Arizona

	<p>This will be a three-day camping or hotel trip to the Winslow area. We will visit sites in the Painted Desert, Petrified Forest N.M., and at Homolovi State Park and take part in the August 1st Suvoyuki Day celebrations.</p> <p>For more information or to signup, contact trip leader Rusty Chamberlain chambrke@aol.com</p>
August 6 - 9	Pecos Conference in Mancos area
August 10	<p>Silverton Historical Walking Tour</p> <p>Andy Gulliford will be our guide on this day trip to explore Silverton. We'll walk around town, visit their museum, archives, and cemetery, etc. Participants should bring cameras, binoculars, and a picnic lunch. We will leave Durango at 7:45 a.m. and meet Andy on the steps of the Silverton Town Hall at 9:00.</p> <p>For more information or to signup, contact trip leader TBD</p>
August 13	SJBAS meeting
August 25 - 28	<p>Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument - Utah</p> <p>This will be a 4-day camping trip to a variety of sites in the Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument. We will tour the Anasazi State Park and Fremont Culture museum in Boulder, and ancestral Puebloan and Fremont sites. Dinner at the famous Hells Backbone Grill in Boulder is optional.</p> <p>For more information or to signup, contact trip leader Foxie Mason fmason@frontier.net 970-247-0252</p>
September 10	SJBAS meeting
September...	<p>Mesa Verde Backcountry Hike with NPS guide</p> <p>This will be a two-day trip with an afternoon hike to Petroglyph Point and overnight at Far View Lodge. The moderately difficult backcountry hike led by a Park Service ranger will be up to six miles long with no more than 600 feet elevation loss and gain. Trip participation limit is 12. Date will depend on available dates set by the Park Service.</p> <p>For more information or to signup, contact trip leaders Jim and Rhonda at rhondaandjim@msn.com.</p>
October 8	<p>SJBAS meeting</p> <p>Prepare for CAS annual meeting</p>
October 9 - 11	<p>CAS annual meeting – Durango – SJBAS to host</p> <p>We will need volunteers to help out with this conference.</p>
October 11	<p>Pueblitos near Navajo Reservoir – New Mexico</p> <p>This will be a day trip to visit three Navajo Pueblitos. We will drive down through Aztec and return through Ignacio. The longest walk is ¾ mile over relatively flat terrain. 4WD/HC vehicles are necessary, and if heavy rains occur during the preceding week, we may postpone the trip because of slippery roads. The trip participation limit is 16 with no more than 6 vehicles; we will arrange carpools.</p> <p>For more information or to signup, contact trip leader Bob Powell at robertlpowell@durango.net or 970-385-8949</p>
October 19 - 21	<p>Canyonlands N. P. Rock Art – Utah</p> <p>This will be a 3-day camping trip to visit rock art sites in Indian Creek Canyon and the Needles District of Canyonlands N.P. The hiking will be moderately difficult with some off-trail hiking required; hikes may be up to six miles long. 4WD/HC vehicles will be necessary, but carpooling will be arranged. We will camp at a group campsite in Canyonlands N.P. The trip participation limit is 12.</p> <p>For more information or to signup, contact trip leaders Barb and Lyle Hancock at lylehancock@bresnan.net or 970-764-4531.</p>
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SJBAS annual meeting and holiday party