

On Saturday, August 28, 2010, close to 40 members and guests of the Livermore Woman's Club participated in a field trip to a number of archaeological sites. The trip was led by Dr. Jason LaBelle, an archaeologist at Colo. State Univ. with expertise in the prehistory (before European contact) and history (after contact) of Native Americans in what is now the Livermore area. Jason provided a wonderful overview of our field trip before we headed out and had interesting information to share about each of the sites. We followed part of the old Oregon Trail in some places, and the field trip took us to the following sites:

Salt Box--Spring Gulch--Killdeer Canyon--Packrat Rockshelter--Signature Rock--Phoebe Rockshelter

Getting organized for carpooling



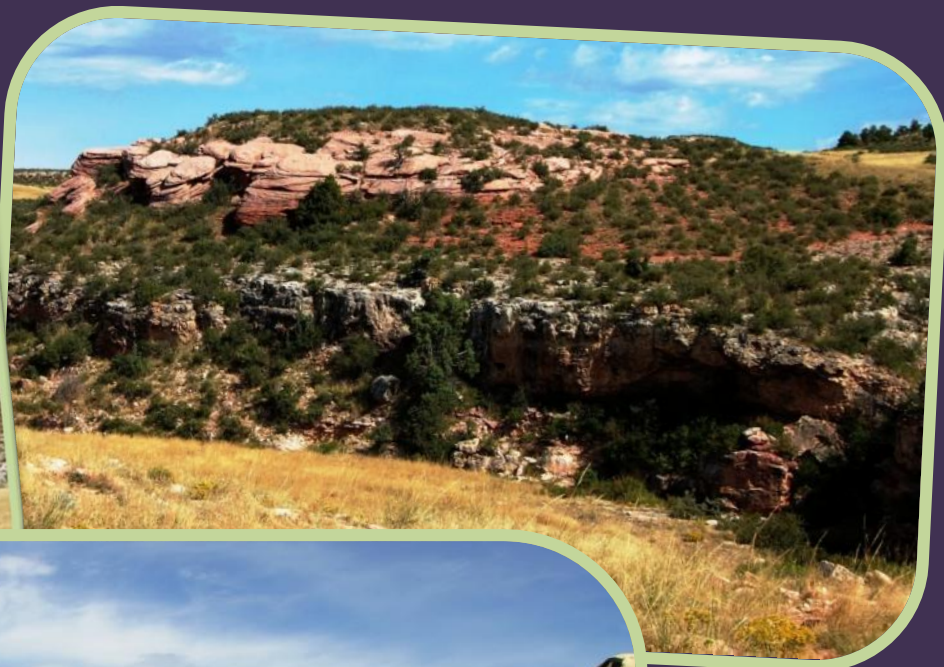
Getting our overview



Off we go

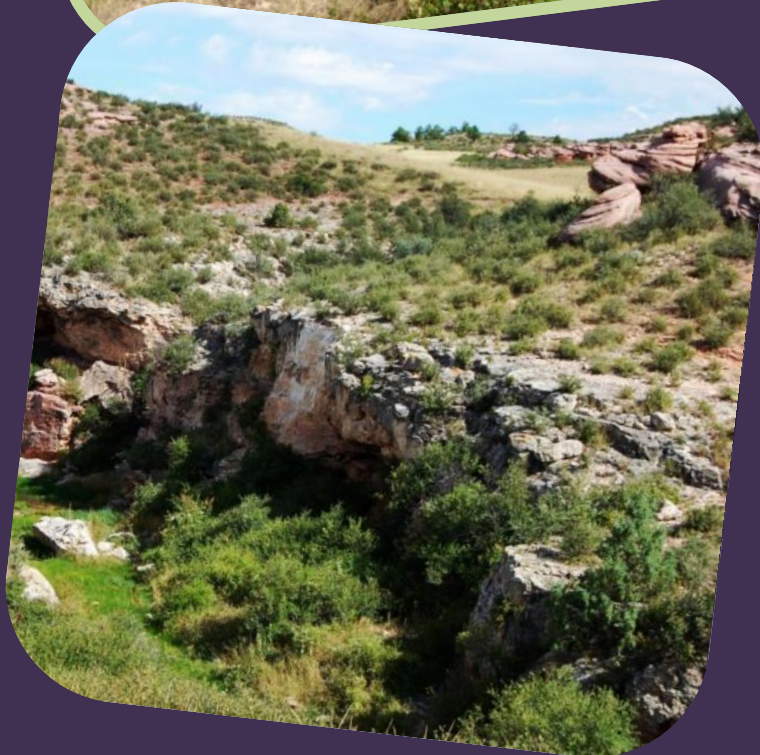








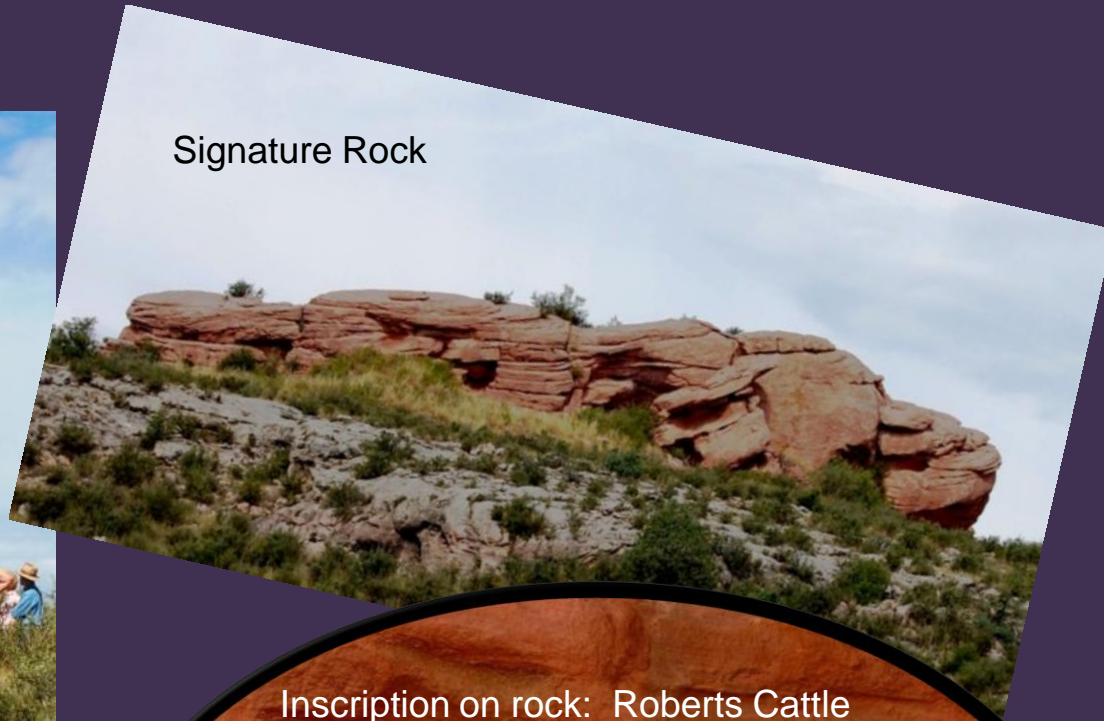
The areas shown here presented a number of advantages to Early Americans including water sources, caves, a box canyon, and nearby higher points that provided a 360 degree view of surrounding areas.







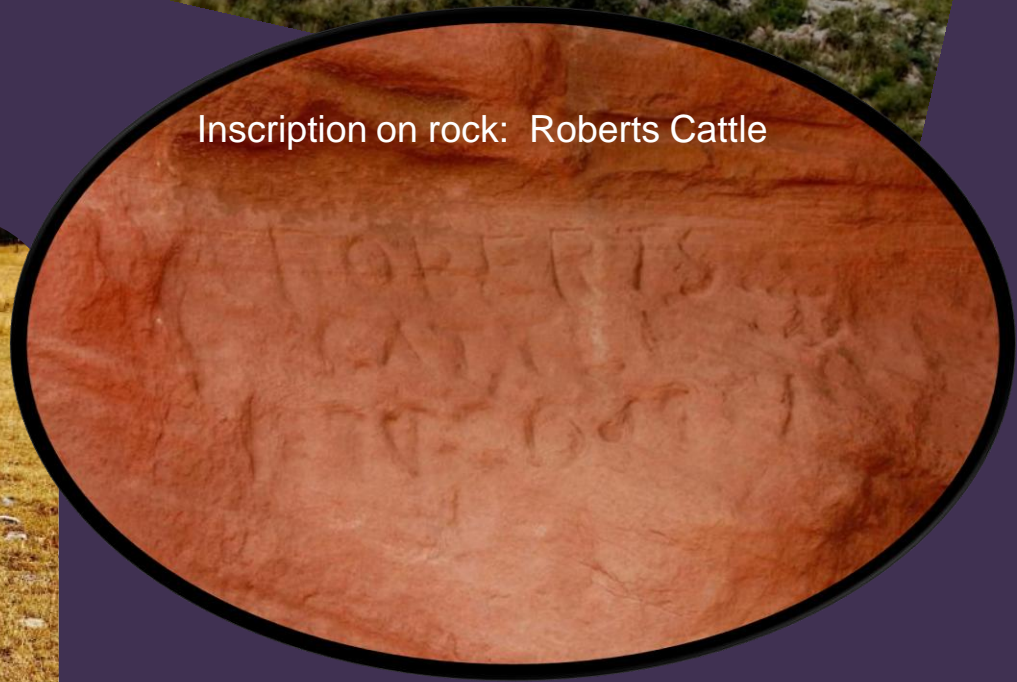
Rockshelter



Signature Rock



Tipi ring—arrows point to some of the stones comprising this ring



Inscription on rock: Roberts Cattle





Linda Adams examines Batterson inscription





As we surveyed the many beautiful vistas shown on this page and the next one, we wondered how similar these views might be to those seen by Early Americans hundreds and thousands of years ago.







And home we head

