



Bureau of Land Management – Arizona

Badger Springs Hike

Take a walk through time. The Agua Fria National Monument is hosting a pre-Superbowl hike on Friday January 30th, 2015. Bryan M. Lausten, the Archaeologist for the Agua Fria National Monument, and Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument volunteers Shelly Rasmussen and Trudy Mertens will lead up to 15 participants through the Badger Springs Wash Trail. The group will hike approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile up the trail to the Badger Springs Rock Art site with 86 individual petroglyphs.

The Badger Springs area was once home for Native American peoples for at least 2,000 years. The largest population, known as the Perry Mesa Tradition, occupied the mesas and canyons between about A.D. 1250 and 1450. Prehistoric pottery and stone tools are scattered throughout the Badger Springs area, and may have been left by people during hunting, plant gathering, or camping activities. The total hike is about 1.5 miles and may include sandy and muddy river bottoms, with thick vegetation, so wear appropriate clothing. Closed toe hiking shoes or boots are highly advised as is a hat and sunscreen. Bring plenty of water.

The tour will meet on Friday, January 30th at 10 a.m. .. off Interstate 17 (I-17) at Exit 256. We will meet at the Kiosk located in the parking area. The distance from downtown Phoenix is approximately 60 miles, some driving along dirt roads might be necessary. The tour will conclude by 2 p.m.

Participants must RSVP to Agua Fria National Monument Manager Amanda James by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 29 (623)-580-5568 or ajames@blm.gov. Come spend some time with us and walk through time on your public lands.