



## **FIELD TRIP TO BANDELIERE NATIONAL MONUMENT**

Thursday, 24 March, 08:30h – 16:00h

**Note:** There are only a few tickets left for the field trip; attendees must be registered in order to participate. If you have not already registered, or if you would like to confirm your registration, please stop by the registration desk on 21 Monday, between the hours of 1700h- 2000h.

Buses will begin departures from the conference hotel at 0830h, arriving at Bandelier National Monument at 1000h. Tour leaders, Barbara Judy and Lauren Meyer, will discuss the history of the park and its many treasures on the bus ride to Bandelier.

Indoor eating space has been reserved at Bandelier National Monument and boxed lunches will be provided as you board the bus. Eating is also allowed outside on the trails.

### **Hiking Choices**

#### **Self-guided Hikes**

1000h – 1400h. For those who want to wander on their own, hikes include the Main Loop Trail, Alcove House Trail and Falls Trail. One, two or all three hikes can be completed in the time allotted. Additional information will be shared with participants by the tour leader, Barbara Judy, on-site at the conference.

#### **Guided Hikes**

There will be two guided hikes in the morning and one in the afternoon. Additional information will be shared with participants by the tour leader, Barbara Judy, on-site at the conference.

##### [Morning Hike #1 – Moderate Difficulty](#)

Depart at 1015h and hike from Frijoles Mesa into Frijoles Canyon. The downhill hike from the trailhead on the mesa is moderately difficult. Trail is occasionally rocky, steep and narrow, descending 600 feet in elevation, from 6900 ft. / 2103 meters to 6300 ft. / 1920 meters. Allow 1-1/2 hours, 2 miles / 3219 meters. Hike will be guided by park archeologist Rory Gauthier and will introduce the archeological resources of Frijoles canyon. Hike ends at that main visitor area and can be followed by a self-guided tour of the display archeological sites in the canyon. Bus will leave the Visitors Center for return to hotel at 1400h.

##### [Morning Hike #2 – Easy Hike](#)

Depart at 1030h and hike to canyon bottom archeological sites. Departing from the Visitor Center, this is a level, easy 2-mile hike past the display archeological sites in the canyon, with special focus on the extensive cavate village at Long House Pueblo. Hike will be guided by architectural conservator Shannon Dennison and will discuss the construction, deterioration and stabilization of archeological resources in the park. Bus will leave the Visitors Center for return to hotel at 1400h.

### [Afternoon Hike #3 – Moderate Difficulty](#)

Depart at 1200h and hike to mesa archeological sites. An occasionally strenuous hike that departs from the Visitor Center, ascending 600-feet to the canyon rim, traversing the relatively level mesa and returning by the same route, about 4 miles round trip. Hike will be guided by park archeologist Jamie Civitello and will focus on the relationship of landscape and pueblo settlement. Bus will leave Visitors Center for return to hotel at 1430h.

#### **What to Bring / What to Wear:**

Bring water; one liter bottles recommended. Wear sturdy walking shoes, and if you plan to participate in the hike from Frijoles Mesa into Frijoles Canyon and/or the hike to mesa archeological sites wear hiking boots. Wear sunscreen, a sun hat and sunglasses – the strength of the New Mexico sun cannot be overstated. Be mindful that weather can change quickly in the New Mexico highlands, and dress in layers. There is no cell phone service in the canyon; please plan your communication needs accordingly.

#### **Field Trip Guides**

Sample copies of the self-guided Main Loop and Falls Trail maps will be distributed for viewing on the bus, and may be purchased on arrival at the Visitors Center.