



a natural state

Petroglyphs

Video 4: Art & Nature

Man sitting in front of petroglyph: It's a reflection of human nature. People always left markings of their culture, their thoughts, their ways of doing things. This was expression of a certain people, a certain place and time—just like we'll leave our mark on society. And the future people will look back at us and say, "Well, this is the way those people did things. This is the way they lived. What were they thinking?"

This is just another page in a continuum of history. Does it add anything to our life? I think it does. I think it's like art or, or beauty or the nature around us. It all is part of the big picture. It all adds something.

These things seem to be kind of in special places. We don't know whether it was some religious significance or whether it was simply a great place to hang out, like the swimming hole at the creek here, and while away your time doing art, like you draw your pictures and things today. It's pretty tranquil, and you've got a little sort of waterfalls over there...a nice pool at the base of it. It's a natural swimming pool.

People, I think, were always attracted to places like that, just like we're attracted here today. And we found a number of sites in this...in similar locales to this, where you come up out of a floodplain into the first little step-up of waterfalls going into the back hills there. And you create these little rapids. It's just a natural attraction.

We come out here today on a day like this and we just sit on the rock and we don't do anything but just become amazed at how beautiful it is...how attractive a place it is to come and while away some hours, you know? And I think all...people always did this. It may have been no more than that or, on the other hand, it might have had some deep religious significance. We really don't know. No way to tell.