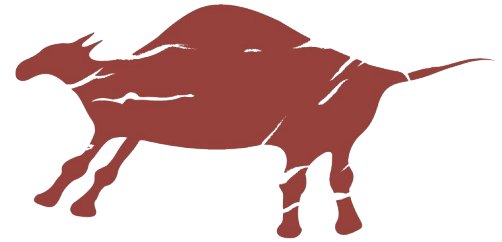


Jeffers Petroglyphs

A Social Narrative



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Welcome

I am going to Jeffers
Petroglyphs today!



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Overview

There are many things to do at Jeffers Petroglyphs. I can go through the visitor center exhibit, visit the Atlatl range, shop in the museum store, explore the prairie trails, see the Three Sisters Garden, and visit the rock face. I can listen to the prairie, feel wind, and see plants while visiting Jeffers Petroglyphs.



Parking

I will park in the parking lot and start my visit in the visitor center.

The parking lot is gravel; I will hear it crunch as I move.



Arrival

I will enter the front doors of the visitor center and get a ticket.

Standard and all-terrain wheelchairs are available in the visitor center on a first-come, first-serve basis. An all-terrain wheelchair may help me move through the site more easily. Service dogs are welcome.



Starting my trip

I can take a guided tour or self-guide through Jeffers Petroglyphs.

If I go on a guided tour, I will meet a guide at the rock face near the sign.

It will be 45 minutes long. Guided tours start every hour on the 30-minute mark.

I can get a map from the visitor center!



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Restrooms

The restrooms are in the visitor center! There are no restrooms on the rock face, so I should use the restroom before I start exploring the site.



Museum staff

The museum staff will be there to help me during my visit. They can answer my questions. Museum staff wear a blue button-up shirt or wear a name tag.



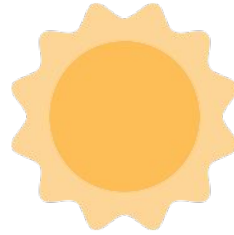
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Weather

I will be outside for most of my trip. I should wear good shoes for exploring.

If it is raining, I will need an umbrella and a rain jacket. If it is sunny, I will want sunscreen. It might be very windy on the prairie. There is not much shade.

I can still have fun, no matter what the weather is!



Museum manners

I will follow the rules at Jeffers Petroglyphs. I will travel with the people I came with, stay on the trails, and follow the directions of signs.



What can I touch?

There will be lots of opportunities to touch items! It can be hard to know what is okay to touch. I can ask the museum staff if I see something cool, and they will tell me if I can touch it!



Plants and animals

I will not take anything from Jeffers Petroglyphs because it is a sacred place. This means everything within Jeffers Petroglyphs is sacred, including any plants, animals, or objects I might see! I will protect the prairie and rock face by keeping my hands to myself. I will watch out for cacti; they are spikey!



Moving through the site

I will be moving through the site and feeling different kinds of ground.

There will be prairie paths, gravel, and the ground might be uneven or bumpy.

There are 3 trails to explore: short prairie, long prairie, and south prairie trails. These vary in length; I can pick a trail that fits my needs best!



Taking a break

If I need to take a break, that is okay! There is a quiet space at the visitor center for my break. I can go back to the visitor center or find a quiet bench to sit on.

I can relax until I am ready to continue my visit.



Changes

The museum changes sometimes!
It is fun to see new things.

If something is closed, it may be
open next time!

If the weather is very bad, I might
come back another time!



Visiting the rock face

I can go to the rock face and see rock carvings. I can see carvings of a baby buffalo, atlatl, people, and more. I can listen to a tour guide teach me about the rock carvings. I will stay on the boardwalk or between ropes.

Museum staff might walk on the rock face, but I will stay on the trail.



Throwing an atlatl

Atlatls were long smooth sticks used to hunt buffalo. I can learn about and practice throwing a dart using an atlatl towards a target. I will not go behind the throwing line; only staff will pick up the darts. I will hold on tight to the atlatl when I throw. I will be patient. I may have to wait for my turn.



Three sisters garden

I can learn about gardening! There are corn, beans, and squash grown in the three sisters garden. I can go to the garden and see what it looks like.



Lunch

There is no restaurant or dining facilities at Jeffers. I can bring a picnic or snack if I want to eat on-site! There are picnic tables and a shelter available.



Goodbye!

When my trip is over I will
leave Jeffers Petroglyphs.



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**We look forward
to your visit!**



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