



Hiking the Harmonies

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with Connie B. Burkhart

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Welcome to Hiking the Harmonies!

Hello and welcome to 'Hiking the Harmonies'. My name is Connie B. Burkhart and I am thrilled to have you join me for this unique experience as we hike and explore the heart and soul of Ghost Ranch. With 30 years of instructing various Ghost Ranch programs and decades of leading wilderness/archaeology/geology expeditions with other organizations through the 4-corners region, I am excited to have the opportunity to share this amazing location in the high desert of northern New Mexico with you. Ghost Ranch is indeed a place that begs for exploration, so here we go!

This workshop will be a blend of hiking, stories of the land and its people, and adventure through exploration of rare sites of Ghost Ranch and the surrounding area. You will be led off the marked trails with stories of the history, geology, and archaeology of the region. Hikes will be between 2 to 4 miles in one day. You will be on uneven terrain over 6,500ft elevation.



Time will be given to find quiet space in the wilderness, where the experience is often more about the journey rather than the destination we are heading toward. There will be time to breathe and sit in silence to hear the songs of the desert on the wind. We will pay attention to the ancient stories of the land and people and there will be opportunities to explore and discover the treasures of this land, possibly finding fossils or artifacts that speak of ancient days.

I will meet with you at orientation after dinner the day you arrive. Our adventures will start the following morning with an overview of the geology of the area after which we will leave on our first adventure and eat our lunch on the trail. We usually arrive back at the ranch around 2 or 3 pm. We will be away from the dining hall for lunch on multiple days, which means that we pick up our sack lunches after breakfast before we head out in the van for our destination of the day. Tuesday or Thursday afternoons are open for booking tours, horse rides since we come back to the ranch for lunch.

We are going to have a wonderful experience together. I look forward to sharing some of my most cherished areas and stories of the ranch with you. Please don't hesitate to contact me for any additional info.

Take Care and enjoy your day! Connie Burkhart ~

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Supply List:

- Multiple water bottles for long hikes
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- A hat or bandana
- Good shoes for off-trail hikes. Heavy-duty tennis shoes are fine.
- At least one long sleeve shirt (for sun protection if needed)
- Rain poncho or jacket
- Lightweight fleece or jacket – wind and evenings can get chilly
- Baggies & TP for sometimes needed ‘bush breaks’ out on the trail
- Lip balm
- Sunglasses are a great idea too
- Camera / Phone: A note about cell phones. We know a lot of us use our phone as a camera, but now that there is more phone coverage at the ranch and the surrounding area, we ask that you turn off your ring and/or notification of texts while on the trails. It can be a HUGE distraction in the wilderness. Thank you!



Itinerary:

Daily Options may vary due to weather or ranch road access

SUNDAY / ARRIVAL DAY: Evening orientation AFTER dinner and a breakout circle to meet one another and begin our journey together. We'll also review the schedule for the week.

MONDAY: 9 am – 3 pm Pick up a boxed lunch after breakfast, then meet at 9 am. Geology overview lecture, then hike. Bring your water, lunch, and rain gear if needed, and prepare to be out in the wild and return to the ranch for the afternoon free time.

LECTURE – Where am I? A brief orientation of the lay of the land, the rocks, the rivers, and the volcanoes – let the stories begin.

HIKE – Visit one of several AWESOME destinations. Pack a lunch. Prepare for good things!

EVENING – Free

TUESDAY: 9 am – Noon:

HIKE – Out on one of the spectacular trails and locations – back for lunch at the ranch. Afternoon free.

EVENING – Class time TBD



WEDNESDAY: 9 am – 3 pm Pick up a boxed lunch after breakfast, bring your rain gear, water, etc and prepare to be out in the wild until about 3pm.

EVENING – Free

THURSDAY: 9 am – Noon:

HIKE – Out on the trail

EVENING – Bluegrass Coffee House

FRIDAY: 9 am – 3 pm Pick up a boxed lunch after breakfast, then meet at 9 am.

CIRCLE UP/ 4:30 pm- Giving Circle before dinner

EVENING ~ Bluegrass Concert

SATURDAY: DEPARTURE after breakfast – I know, I always want it to last longer, too!