UNIT 7.2: Conducting Pre-Field Research

CAL FIRE Certified Archaeology Surveyor Course
2019

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Ideas for Conducting Pre-Field Research:

**Literature Review**

Published Volumes: Prehistoric Overviews

- Joseph Chartoff & Kerry Chartoff: *The Archaeology of California*, 1984
- Michael J. Moratto: *California Archaeology*, 2004 [1984]
- Arnold & Walsh: *California’s Ancient Past*, 2010

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Published Volumes: Ethnographic Overviews

- Smithsonian Institute: *Handbook of North American Indians* (Vols. 8 & 11)
- Strong: *Aboriginal Society in Southern California* 1972 [1929]
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Literature Review
Published Volumes: Historic Overviews
- Bancroft: *History of California*
- Cleland: *From Wilderness to Empire, A History of California*
- Gudde & Bright: *California Place Names*
- Beck & Hasse: *Historical Atlas of California*
- Kyle et al: *Historic Spots in California*

Ideas for Conducting Pre-Field Research:
Literature Review
Professional Journals
- Society for California Archaeology
  - Journal of California and Great Basin Archaeology
  - SoAIA Historical Archaeology

Ideas for Conducting Pre-Field Research:
Literature Review
Rock Art Resources
- Ancient Rock Carvings of the Southwest
- The Rock Art of the Southwest
- Rock Art of the Southwest

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Ideas for Conducting Pre-Field Research:
Literature Review
Native American Land Use

- Kat Anderson: Tending the Wild
- Kat Anderson & Thomas Blackburn: Before the Wilderness
- Heizer & Treganza: Mines and Quarries of the Indians of California
- Daniel Moreman: Native American Ethnobotany
- Heizer & Elassen: The Natural World of the California Indians

Published Volumes: Artifact References

- Julian Toulouse: Bottle Makers and Their Marks
- David Brauner: Approaches to Material Culture, Research for Historical Arch.
- Lois Lehner: Lehner’s Encyclopedia of U.S Marks on Pottery, Porcelain & Clay
- Gerald Dibbelt: American Pottery Marks
- Ralph & Terry Kovel: Kovels’ Dictionary of Marks (1650-1850 & 1850-Present)

- Noel Justice: Stone Age Spear and Arrow Points of Cal. & Great Basin
- Ronald May: Southern California Indigenous Ceramic Typology
- Milliken & Schwindt: CA and Great Basin Olivella Shell Bead Guide
- Adovasio: Basketry Technology
Ideas for Conducting Pre-Field Research: Literature Review
Making it Local

Published Volumes: Significance References

- Don King & Barbara Little: Assessing Site Significance
- National Park Service: National Register Bulletins

Ideas for Conducting Pre-Field Research: Literature Review

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Ideas for Conducting Pre-field Research: Old Documents

- Aerial Photos
  - http://www.historicaerials.com/

- Historic Topographic Maps
  - http://nationalmap.gov/historical/

- GLO Surveys
Ideas for Conducting Pre-field Research: Old Documents

- Master Title Plats & Patent
- http://www.glorecords.blm.gov

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Ideas for Conducting Pre-Field Research: Archaeological Information Center

- References included in Record Search
- Contact Information Center for suggestions

### Ideas for Conducting Pre-Field Research: Archaeological Information Center

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IC Response

The 1921, 1941, and 1957 USGS Gables 15-minute quadrangle shows a road leading from the area of McPhaul's Peak to the northeast through Sections 31, 32, and 33, arriving near several structures to the north of the project area; this road appears to be a dirt road on the 1994 USGS Palucho 7.5-minute topographic map. On the 1921, 1941, 1945 and 1957 Gables 15-minute maps a second road leads north from a structure to the south of the study area, connecting with the road from McPhaul's Peak. This road also appears as a dirt road on the 1994 Palucho 7.5-minute map. The 1941 and 1947 Gables 15-minute map shows two structures in the southeast 1/4 of Section 29, along the road from McPhaul's Peak; these are absent from later maps.

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The records search indicated that no previously recorded sites are located within the study area. Four previously recorded sites are located within 1/2 mile of the study area: CA-SBN-178, consisting of nine bedrock features situated in four separate boulders (Brenchley and Haversat 1990a); CA-SBN-179, consisting of a bedrock mortar with possible midden deposit (Brenchley and Haversat 1990b); CA-SBN-201, a lithic scatter with groundstone (Gilbert and Rooney 1991a); and CA-SBN-202, a historic-period artifact deposit (Gilbert and Rooney 1991b).
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- Native American Contact List
- Locals & Landowners
- Local Historians
- Adjacent Agency Archaeologists
- CAL FIRE Archaeologists
- Information Center Coordinators

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Ideas for Conducting Pre-Field Research: In Person Research

- Historical Societies
- Museums
- Libraries
- Local Section at Bookstores
- State & Federal Forests & Parks Chamber of Commerce
- Welcome Centers
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http://ohp.parks.ca.gov
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Cal OHP: Local Government Contexts

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Cal OHP: Statewide Contexts
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**Cal OHP: Underrepresented Communities**

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**Historical Societies**

**Sensationalist Portrayals of the Modoc War 1872-73**

*On View July 21 - November 27, 2016*

**History Center**

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Online Resources
Professional Societies

- Current Archaeological Information
- Publications
- Book Store

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Online Resources

- Google Books: books.google.com
- Scholar Google: scholar.google.com
- Alibris: www.alibris.org
- Malki-Balena Press: www.malkimuseumstore.org
- Amazon: amazon.com
- JSTOR: www.jstor.org

Ideas for Conducting Pre-Field Research:
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- Ancestry: https://soda.sou.edu/cans/index.html
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Western Mining History @ http://www.westernmininghistory.com/articles/206/page1

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