

Farista Site Test Excavations
Project Logistics
September 8 to 12, 2017

Project Overview: Paleocultural Research Group (PCRG) will conduct a limited testing project designed to salvage eroding hearths and investigate associated occupation surfaces at the Farista site. The site, located on the Huerfano River near Gardner, Colorado, is privately owned. The landowner has collected sherds representing a wide variety of pottery types, including specimens that have been identified as Abiquiu Black-on-White, an early Pueblo IV type. Fieldwork is scheduled for one five-day session from September 8 to 12, 2017.

Project Logistics: We will be camping on the landowner's property located about 24 miles northwest of Walsenburg on the Huerfano River. The property is accessible by any type of vehicle.

On Friday, September 8, we will travel to the site, set up our test units and work a partial day before setting up camp (see schedule below). Ideally, participants would arrive by noon on Friday. Fieldwork will continue through Monday, September 11. On Tuesday, September 12, we will finish any backfilling not completed the previous day, dismantle camp, and depart the project area.

Project Schedule

Date	Activities
Friday, September 8	Travel to property, set up test units, work partial day
Saturday, September 9 to Monday, September 11	Test excavations, 8 am to 4:30 pm
Tuesday, September 12	Back fill, break down camp, depart project area

We will be camped steps away from the excavation with no driving required so all participants will be ready to work by 8 am.

PCRG will provide all meals (apart from soda, beer, wine, etc.) while you're on the project. Please let us know if you have food allergies or other dietary restrictions and we will accommodate them. You are welcome to bring personal beverages but please bring your own cooler and ice. **Please see the gear list for other gear to bring.**

All volunteer participants are free to leave the project area on the last day of the session after camp has been dismantled and cleaned. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on the final day of the session.

Please fill out the on-line **Farista Site Test Excavations Arrival and Departure form** using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/ymRY6frH99ZhMBQs2>. Alternatively, you may also fill out the form on page 5 and return it via email.

Volunteer positions are limited, so let us know that you would like to participate as soon as possible.

Participant Equipment List:

In Camp:

Camping gear—tent, pad, sleeping bag, pillow, etc.
Personal mug, cup, plate, bowl, and utensils
Evening/dinner beverages (beer, wine, soda, etc).
Cooler for personal drinks and snacks
Solar shower
Warm clothes (just in case we have some cool nights)
Musical instruments or other games/entertainment
Lawn or camp chair
Flashlight or headlamp and extra batteries
DEET or other insect repellent

The following gear list covers recommended items to bring to the field each day. Excavation equipment will be provided for all participants. However, you are welcome to bring your own dig kit if you have one.

Participant Equipment List:

Containers for 2 to 3 quarts of water
Day pack large enough to carry water, lunch, camera, etc.
Smooth-soled shoes; light hiking boots also are acceptable if they have a low tread (no open-toe shoes or sandals, please)
Long pants (required) and long-sleeved shirt (recommended)
Sun hat and bandana
Rain gear
Sunglasses
Foam kneeling pad (recommended)
Work gloves, if you use them
Sunscreen and lip balm
Cooler for personal drinks and snacks
Camera, for personal use
Insect repellent
Personal first aid kit (optional; a major first aid kit will also be on-site)
Hand sanitizer (optional)

All necessary tools and equipment will be provided. However, if you wish to bring (or purchase) your own, we recommend the following. If you bring these items, please engrave or otherwise mark them so that they can be identified.

- Trowel (We use a 4- to 5-inch Marshalltown “pointing” (triangular) trowel; these can be ordered from Amazon.com [search for “Marshalltown Premier Line 46 114S 4-Inch Heavy Duty London

Style Pointing Trowel with Wooden Handle”] or from Forestry Suppliers (forestry-suppliers.com) [search for “Marshalltown Trowel, Pointing, 4-1/2” x 2-1/4” Blade”]. Small trowels are easier to use, and move more dirt, than large trowels.)

- 5-meter metric tape measure (make sure it is metric; tapes with both English and metric are OK, but less desirable)
- Mason’s line level (levels with a metal housing are preferable, but not necessary)
- Plumb bob with string
- 4-5 small wooden tools (e.g. chop sticks, potter’s tools, or split bamboo)
- Pocket knife
- Optional:
 - Second trowel (Many people also like to use a “margin” (square) trowel with a 5-inch blade)
 - 1-meter tape measure
 - Covered clipboard
 - Your favorite pencil (no pens, please!)
 - Small tackle box or other container to hold excavation gear

Driving Directions: Google maps shows a 170-mile drive from Denver to Farisita--located about 23 miles northwest of Walsenburg--that should take about two hours and 45 minutes to drive. Take I-25 south to Exit 56 for Red Rocks Rd. and CO Hwy 69. Go west on Red Rocks Rd. to the intersection with Hwy 69 and turn right (north). Follow Hwy 69 for about 15 miles to County Rd. 540. Turn left (south) onto CR 540. The house will be visible in the distance to the right (west). Cross the river and turn right, then turn left in about 200 yards. Continue on CR 540 for just under ½ mile before veering right (west) onto CR 541. Follow CR 541 for another ½ mile to a dirt driveway on the right. Turn right into the driveway and follow it to the Birner house. The project camp will be located on the private property near the house. The Google Earth image below shows the house and the route from Hwy 69.

Emergency Contact Information

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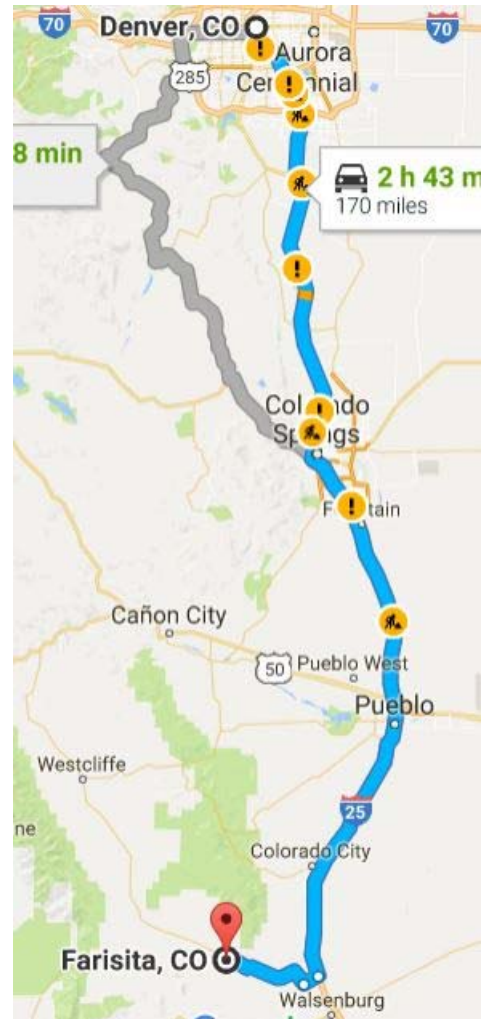
Local medical facilities

Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center

23500 Us Highway 160

Walsenburg CO, 81089

(719) 738-5100





Turn left off Hwy 69 onto CR 540



Go south on CR 540 then veer west onto CR 541 to the driveway.

Arrival and Departure form

Please fill out and return to PCRG no later than August 10.

Name(s):	
Email:	
Cell phone:	
First day of work:	
Please plan to arrive either by noon on Friday or the evening prior to your first work day. Will you arrive in time for dinner?	
Last day of work:	
Do you have any food or other allergies:	
Do you have any food preferences? (circle any that apply)	None Vegetarian Vegan Gluten-free Other, describe:
Make and model of vehicle	
Comments/Special Circumstances	