

FEMALE FIGURES ON THE WELLS PETROGLYPH PRESERVE

There are many female images on Mesa Prieta though males are much more numerous. Some identifying features are hair whorl hairdos, descending female genitalia, babies emerging, figures in an upside down position with a baby emerging which might signify death, an opening at the bottom of a figure, a "V" shape at the bottom of a figure, menstrual or placental material emerging, breasts, vaginal shapes inside or outside the figure and various protrusions from the groin area. Many have large hands. Gender is often hard to differentiate and may be ambiguous. Females are sometimes in the company of other females and there are a few copulation scenes. It's probably safe to say that all are fertility related.

