

The Sand Dune Site at Gold Butte

The Sand Dune site is located at the base of a cliff face behind a sand dune area (Figure 1). This site is a long area of glyphs that are unlike others in the Gold Butte area.



Figure 1

Figure 2 shows 3 anthros, with one appearing to be in a box.

Figures 3 through 6 show isolated images. Figure 3 is unique in that the center of the cross is a round defect in the rock face.

With Figure 7, the glyphs take on an eerie feel, with an “out of focus” look upon a red/blue rock face. Figure 8 is a close up.

The strange glyphs continue in Figure 9. The rock face is also unusual in that the patina is wearing away very gradually in some places. It could be that the sand erosion process is wearing the patina away from the pecking around the glyphs, creating the out of focus look.

In the center of Figure 9 is a small ghost like image with very large eyes and large hands. He is above a “comb”, a rain symbol (Figure 10). He could be the rain god “Tolalac”.



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9



Figure 10



Figure 11

These types of glyphs continue with Figure 11.

Figure 12 looks to be a stylized anthro with very large eyes. Again this could be “Tolalac”.

Figure 13 and 14 are more individual glyphs.



Figure 12



Figure 13



Figure 14

Figure 15 is an photos of the cliff face above the glyphs. There are numerous “caves” and shape geometric features. When viewed from afar, this area has the appearance of a very scary Halloween face. Perhaps that is part of the reason that the glyphs are so unusual.



Figure 15