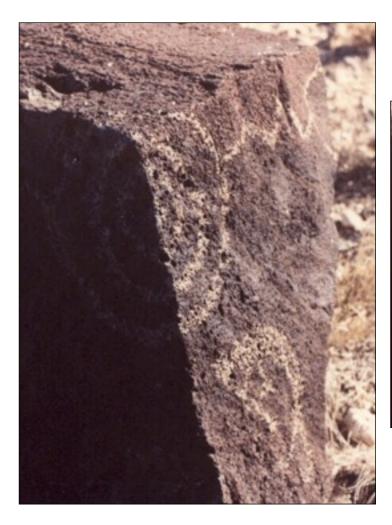
## West Mesa Petroglyphs

These petroglyphs are located on the west mesa in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in what is now Petroglyph National Monument. It is now administered by the National Park Service, but when I was there in 1988 it was not protected, and was subject to vandalism and the possibility of development nearby.

There was one petroglyph that especially interested me. It had carvings on three sides of a large rock that had sharp edges and fairly flat surfaces. It had a sun symbol that wrapped around three sides of the rock, with an angular shape coming out of the right side, and a figure similar to the flute player below it. I thought it might have been used for taking observations of sun positions, but the angular symbol was hard for me to interpret.





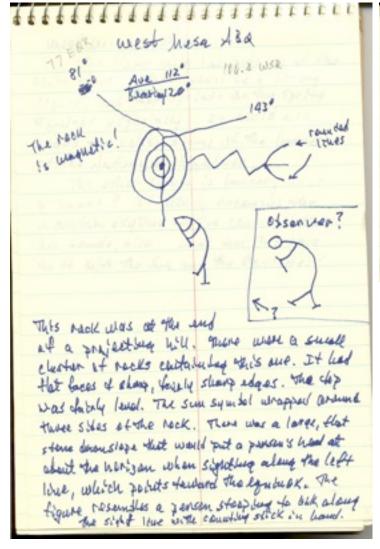


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