



America's First Printer

ink drawing with watercolor, 1926,

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INDIAN ROCK ART

Here in these island mountain ranges Indians left a sign of their presence. This presence takes the form of painted rock pictures (pictographs) or of carved images (petroglyphs). Local rock art includes shield-bearing warriors, animals, and hand marks. At one time, there may have been many more pictographs where now only a few are found. Sunlight and moisture weather the pigments, causing them to fade with time.

In the Judith Basin, images are found on the walls and ceilings of caves and rock shelters. If you should come across a site, do not touch the painting because it is fragile and a precious legacy of the past.

