BELLE’S PARK

There is a canyon in the Madera Canyon region of the Santa Rita Mountains that the Green Valley Hiking Club refers to as “Trial and Error Canyon”. When you have hiked about a third of the way up the canyon toward Josephine Saddle you enter an area called “Belle’s Park”. We have not been able to determine any particulars on who “Belle” was but someone has made a major effort to commemorate her life by inscribing a number of modern petroglyphs on the rocks and developing an altar like area. One of the inscriptions indicates that Belle’s initials were GBD and that she was born in 1914 and died in 1990. Over the years, the Forest Service has attempted to catch the “artist” in the act of inscribing the inscriptions and images on the rocks without success. The following pictures present a few of the inscriptions and images.

![Belle’s Park Inscription](image1)

![Memorial to Belle 1914 to 1990](image2)

![Friendly Warning](image3)

![Unknown Symbol](image4)
This photo of the altar in Belle’s Park was taken in 2009. When the club first happened upon the area in the 1990s, the altar was significantly higher. Subsequently, someone ignored the “warning” about defiling the area and knocked over the rocks that were used to form the altar. The altar was never returned to its original configuration.