

SUBACHOQUE VALLEY  
ROCK ART SITES



SITE NUMBER: 19 (CuSubGu001)

SITE NAME: Barriga 1 & 2

VEREDA: Guamal, Inspeccion La Pradera

FINCA: Name unknown

OWNER: Alvaro Barriga

TYPE OF ROCK ART: Red pictographs

ALTITUDE: 3,088 per GPS; 3,005 per altimeter

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**DESCRIPTION AND ORIENTATION:** Two rocks contain several pictograph designs. Rock #1 is almost a cube 6 meters tall by 12 meters long by 6 meters deep located on the south side of the entrance road to the farm. On the south vertical face there are two groups of pictographs. The right section has a box with 46 dots painted by finger, to the right of an anthropomorph design of 4 chevrons in a box with a triangular face indicated by two eyes and a nose or mouth. Three meters to the left of the right group are two more boxes; one has 32 dots in it and the other has 9 parallel angled lines in it. One meter to the left of this group we find the left section with two motifs; one motif is a chain of 3 lozenges, each with a dot in the middle, the other motif is a single lozenge with a dot in the middle and a curved “tail” with two lines forking from it.

Rock #2 is a rock shelter on the north side of the farm entrance road with three pictographs on the inside vertical south facing wall. One is a single lozenge. To the left of the lozenge is a box with 4 chevrons inside, a line that protrudes to the right and up with two arrows on it, and below two lines cross to form a triangle and extend down further, ending as parallel lines. The third motif is a series of 6 vertical lines, joined at the top by a horizontal line. Two of the lines on the right side are closed forming a box with a broken vertical line inside.

**OBSERVATIONS AND HISTORY:** This site is located to the west of a stream which eventually feeds into the Subachoque River and is a short distance to the east of an ancient trail from Subachoque to Pacho. Many pictographs on rock #2 have been damaged by cooking fires inside the rock shelter.

