



Site 3

Buffalo's Last Stand—1880 to 1883

TAKE A DEEP BREATH OF THE FRESH, CLEAN AIR, stretch, look around and let your imagination flow.

This is where the American buffalo made their last stand—in this remote and beautiful valley of the North Grand River and others like it within a radius of perhaps 30 or 40 miles.

It could be the place where at the very end in the fall of 1883, Sitting Bull and his band killed the very last wild buffalo in a two-day hunt.

We call this the *Butchering Site* because of the many buffalo bones found here. The heavy leg bones reveal the ancient butchering method of breaking them in half to remove the marrow.

In the distance you see long ridges stretching across the horizon from east to west in waves, each wave a long divide of peaks, plateaus and flat-topped buttes splashed with shades of violet, lavender and blue. Each successive wave a paler shade as it recedes into the background.

Stripped of their most confining clothing, and with faces and favorite horses painted, the hunters attack the herd with a variety of weapons—guns, lance and bow and arrow. The Buffalo Hunt 1919 (39), CM Russell. Amon Carter Museum.