

Archaeology in Michigan

WHO DO YOU CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

State government archaeology programs are administered by four cooperating entities. Use this guide to determine which office can assist you with your questions or needs.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

- State Archaeological Site File & assigning Smithsonian Trinomial site numbers
- Site file research for qualified professionals
- State archaeological field & reporting standards
- National Register of Historic Places nominations
- Federal Review & Compliance under Section 106
- Collections management & NAGPRA compliance (joint with DNR)
- Inadvertent discoveries (joint with DNR)
- List of Qualified Professional Consultants for Archaeology
- Tribal consultation
- Artifact Identification inquiries
- Public outreach & education

Website: www.miplace.org/historic-preservation/

Dept of Natural Resources (DNR)

- State Antiquity Rights
- Permits for archaeological exploration on state-owned land & bottomland
- Site & artifact finds on state-owned land & bottomland
- Shipwrecks and beach wreckage reporting
- Michigan History Center & Historic Sites
- Michigan Historical Markers Program
- State-level Review & Compliance
- Collections & NAGPRA (joint with SHPO)
- Inadvertent discoveries (joint with SHPO)
- Partnership with NOAA Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary
- Public programs & inquiries

Website: www.michigan.gov/mhc



Mackinac Island State Park Commission (MISPC)

- Archaeology of Mackinac State Historic Parks (Mackinac Island State Park, Michilimackinac State Park & Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park)
- Collections management & NAGPRA compliance for park properties
- Public site, exhibits, & events

Website: www.mackinacparks.com

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

- Section 106 compliance in or adjacent to MDOT right-of-way & Local Agency Program
- Inadvertent finds of archaeological materials uncovered during trunkline & LPA projects
- MDOT prequalified archaeological contractors
- MDOT Tribal consultation program
- Lesson plans for educators (online)

Website: www.michigan.gov/mdot/about/history/history-and-archaeology

