

## Michigan Archaeology Month 2008

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### ALPENA

New Shipwreck Exhibits, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary  
Monday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

See the exciting new exhibits at Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and explore a replica of a Great Lakes shipwreck. Learn how archaeologists and historians study shipwrecks to understand more about their dramatic stories. Admission is free.

Location: Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 W. Fletcher St., Alpena. Contact: 989/356-8805, or visit: [thunderbay.noaa.gov](http://thunderbay.noaa.gov)

### GRAYLING

Archaeology Month at Hartwick Pines State Park  
Lecture: Sunday, October 26, 2:00 pm  
Exhibit: October 1 – 31

The Salling, Hanson and Company operated at least two logging camps in what is now Hartwick Pines State Park in the 1890s and early 1900s. Hartwick Pines State Park will feature an exhibit on the "Archaeology of Hartwick Pines Logging Camps" in October. Artifacts from archaeological excavations in 1995 and 1996 will be on display. There will be a talk on October 26 on "The Logging Camps at Hartwick Pines." A Motor Vehicle Permit of \$6.00/daily (Michigan residents; \$8.00 non-residents) is required to enter the park. No additional fees to view the exhibit or to attend the program.

Location: Visitor Center, Hartwick Pines State Park, Grayling. Contact: Rob Burg at (989) 348-2537 or email: [burgr@michigan.gov](mailto:burgr@michigan.gov).

### LANSING

Michigan Archaeology Day  
Saturday, October 11, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Visit the Michigan Historical Museum for lectures, displays and children's activities. Talk to the staff of the Office of the State Archaeologist about your finds, and see what people around the state have been learning about the past. See reverse side of this flyer for the full program. Admission is free.

Location: Michigan Historical Museum, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing. Contact: 517/373-3559, e-mail: [arasimj@michigan.gov](mailto:arasimj@michigan.gov) or visit: [www.michiganhistory.org](http://www.michiganhistory.org)

### MACKINAW CITY

Mackinac State Historic Parks Michigan  
Archaeology Day  
Saturday, October 4, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Archaeologists and historians have guided the reconstruction of Colonial Michilimackinac, one of Michigan's most popular tourist attractions, for almost 50 years. Join Curator of Archaeology Lynn Evans for a special archaeology tour of Fort Michilimackinac at 10:30am and a slide talk, "Archaeology at Michilimackinac", at 2:30 pm. Archaeologists will be on hand all day to answer questions. Spend the day enjoying the "Treasures from the Sand" exhibit, ruins, reconstructed buildings and living history experiences. Regular admission (\$10/adults, \$6.25/children ages 6-17) includes all events.

Location: Colonial Michilimackinac, Mackinaw City MI. Contact: Lynn Evans, 231/436-4100, email: [evansLL@michigan.gov](mailto:evansLL@michigan.gov), or visit: [www.mackinacparks.com](http://www.mackinacparks.com)

### MONROE

Tour of the River Raisin Battlefield  
Sunday, October 5, 1:00 pm

Historian Ralph Naveaux of the Monroe County Historical Museum will lead a tour of the River Raisin Battlefield in Monroe. Archaeologists have confirmed the location of the original stockade and other features of the battle site.

Location: Meet at the River Raisin Battlefield Visitor Center, 1403 East Elm St., 1/4 mile west of I-75 at Exit 14. Contact Ann Zinn at 248/437-4183 or visit: [www.riverraisinbattlefield.org/vistorscenter](http://www.riverraisinbattlefield.org/vistorscenter)

### MICHIGAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The public is invited to attend MAS meetings in Ann Arbor, East Lansing, Grand Rapids, Monroe, Bloomfield Hills and Saginaw. Details are posted at [www.miarch.org](http://www.miarch.org)

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**FEATURING  
MICHIGAN  
ARCHAEOLOGY DAY**

**AT THE MICHIGAN  
HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 11, 2008  
11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

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**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Forum Auditorium, First Floor  
Illustrated talks by archaeologists on their recent work in Michigan.

**11:00 a.m.** "Rock Art of Michigan and the Upper Midwest," presented by Dr. John Norder, Michigan State University

See examples of petroglyphs (rock carvings) and pictographs (rock paintings) from Michigan and elsewhere in our region. How can you tell if markings on rocks are natural, or made by a human artist? What can rock art tell us about spiritual, social and artistic traditions? How can we protect rare and fragile rock art for future generations?

Learn more at:  
<http://anthropology.msu.edu/faculty/norder.shtml>  
and <http://www.michigan.gov/hal/> (go to Michigan Historical Museum, Sanilac Petroglyphs)

**12:00 p.m.** "New Developments at the Old River Raisin Battlefield Site, Monroe, Michigan," presented by William Rutter, Office of the State Archaeologist

"Remember the River Raisin!" was a war cry of the War of 1812. Soldiers were killed by artillery, musket and tomahawk, settlers' homes burned, and prisoners massacred in one of the most horrific events ever to occur on Michigan soil. Will our state's most prominent battlefield become part of the National Park system?

Learn more at: <http://www.riverraisinbattlefield.org>  
and <http://www.co.monroe.mi.us/monroe/>

**1:00 p.m.** "Michigan Dunes," presented by Drs. William A. Lovis and Alan F. Arbogast, Michigan State University.

How old are Michigan's dunes, and when did early Michigan Indians live on them? Archaeologists, geologists and tourists want to know! Dr. Lovis and Dr. Arbogast are working to find the answers.

Learn more at:  
[http://www.museum.msu.edu/ResearchandCollections/Profiles/?show\\_profile=6](http://www.museum.msu.edu/ResearchandCollections/Profiles/?show_profile=6)

**2:00 p.m.** "Camp Archaeology and Faculty Row: Exploring MSU's Material Past," presented by Terry Brock, Michigan State University

Twenty-first century anthropologists and students at Michigan State University spent months locating and exploring the remains of nineteenth century faculty residences, known as Faculty Row, endangered by campus construction. The excavations are part of the new MSU Campus Archaeology Program, developed to preserve MSU's valuable material history at the nation's premier land grant college.

Learn more at:  
[http://www.statenews.com/index.php/article/2008/07/student\\_digup\\_msu\\_past](http://www.statenews.com/index.php/article/2008/07/student_digup_msu_past)

**OUTDOOR FUN: Between the visitors parking lot and the front entrance**

**Archaic Skills**

Practice shooting at a deer target using darts and an atlatl (spear thrower) like those used in Michigan forests thousands of years ago. While waiting for your turn, try chopping wood with a stone axe, or drilling a hole through stone without using metal. Presented by Ron Burk, Saginaw Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society.

**ARCHAEOLOGY INFORMATION STATION:  
Museum Lobby, First Floor**

Free handouts about archaeology, provided by Conference on Michigan Archaeology, the Michigan Archaeological Society and the Office of the State Archaeologist. Sean Dunham of Commonwealth Cultural Resources Group and other archaeologists will be on hand to answer your questions. Another source of information can be found at:  
[www.miarch.org](http://www.miarch.org)

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: Gabriel Richard Room, First Floor**

**Long Ago, in Words and Pictures**

Archaeological coloring pages, games and handouts for children, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Storybook reading at 12:30. Listen to an archaeologist read [Right Here on This Spot](#), by Sharon Hart Addy, illustrated by John Clapp. This book won the Archer/Eckbald Picture Book Award. See actual artifacts from our collections similar to the ones pictured in the book. For reviews, see:  
[www.johnclapp.com/rhots/rhots\\_reviews](http://www.johnclapp.com/rhots/rhots_reviews)

**EXHIBIT: Michigan Historical Museum,  
Second Floor**

Visit the Prehistory Gallery to explore what archaeologists have learned about Michigan's ancient past.

**DISPLAYS: Second Floor,  
Michigan Historical Museum**

**An Ax to Grind**

How did people get their firewood, or make canoes out of wood before metal was available? State Archaeologist John R. Halsey will show a selection of stone axes, celts, adzes and other woodworking tools made of stone laboriously pecked and ground into shape thousands of years ago. These tools are from the collections of the Office of the State Archaeologist.

**Archaeology along the Huron River**

See prehistoric and historic artifacts from along the Huron River in southeastern Michigan. Students from Eastern Michigan University's field school will tell you about their adventures and research. Presented by Dr. Brad Ensor and students, EMU

**Archaeology Meets Homeland Security:  
Camp Grayling's Colorful Past**

On the grounds of the National Guard Training Center in Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska counties lie traces of the homesteads, logging camps and Indian camps that preceded today's artillery ranges and barracks. Nicole Burritt and Erica Dziedzic of Michigan State University explain how the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is protecting our cultural heritage.

**Clues to the Battle at the River Raisin**

Evidence for the famous War of 1812 battle in what is now Monroe, Michigan is displayed by members of the River Raisin Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society, with assistance from the Monroe County Historical Commission.

**Faculty Row: Artifacts from Michigan State  
University's First Faculty Housing**

When construction threatened to cross the oldest part of campus, MSU's archaeologists and students had the opportunity to explore the remains of the original faculty residences. Students display some of their finds and answer your questions about this East Lansing excavation.

**Flintknapping Demonstration**

How did people hunt and butcher game before there were guns and steel knives? How did they tan hides or chop down trees using only tools made of bone and stone? Bob Love demonstrates how to make stone tools to get the job done.

**Mid-Michigan Archaeology**

Presented by Don Simons, Saginaw Chapter, Michigan Archaeological Society. Investigate ice age caribou antlers and spear points, stone tools like axes, celts and bannerstones; caches of netsinkers from ancient storage pits, artifacts from a frontier cabin, and other intriguing finds, all found in mid-Michigan.

**Petroglyph Rubbings**

Make an image to take home using casts of some of the rock carvings at the Sanilac Petroglyphs near Cass City. Presented by Michigan Historical Museum Education Unit staff.

**Sias East Site, Midland County**

Join Dr. Scott Beld and the Oxbow Archaeologists to learn about the Middle Woodland camp (about 2000 years old) and the Late Prehistoric camp (about 500 years old) at the Sias East site on the grounds of the Chippewa Nature Center near Midland. Artifacts from their investigations will be displayed.

**Unraveling the Mysteries of Fort St. Joseph**

Look over a display of French and British artifacts almost 300 years old from the Fort St. Joseph excavations in southwestern Michigan, near Niles. Students from Western Michigan University will tell you what these objects are, how they were found, and what they mean.



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