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The Archeology of the Southern Driftless Area

Join Driftless Pathways archaeologists Robert “Ernie” Boszhardt and Danielle Benden for a virtual tour of the Native American cultural landscape in Wisconsin’s southern Driftless Area. Boszhardt and Benden will summarize the 13,000 year human history of this region, from the end of the last Ice Age until Euro-American contact. This program will illustrate the story of how Native Americans successfully adapted to an ever-changing landscape for millennia, as demonstrated in the camps, villages, effigy mounds, cave art and artifacts that people left behind. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

Shuttered Wisconsin Rapids Paper Mill Could Be Sold Off Following Verso Acquisition

News of the sale of the Ohio-based company Verso could have major implications on Wisconsin's paper and timber industries. But the Swedish company that's buying it hasn't clarified its plans for the shuttered Wisconsin Rapids mill. The Rapids mill employed 900 workers and served as the upper Midwest's largest buyer of Wisconsin forest products until the company took the mill idle in July 2020. The closure has had lasting effects on the city, and on industries that relied on the mill — especially logging. [Read More](#)

DNR Seeking Public Input on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Enbridge Pipeline Relocation

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking public review and comment on a draft environmental impact statement for a proposed pipeline relocation project in Ashland, Bayfield and Iron counties. Enbridge has applied for waterway and wetland crossing permits and a construction site erosion control permit from the DNR to relocate its Line 5 pipeline. The purpose of the environmental impact statement is to inform decision makers and the public about the proposed project, alternatives and the associated environmental and socio-economic impacts. [Read More](#)

Intact, 1,200-Year-Old Canoe Recovered From Wisconsin Lake

Archaeologists in Wisconsin have recovered the oldest intact boat ever found in the state: a dugout wood canoe retrieved from Lake Mendota in Madison. The people who made the 15-foot-long canoe around 800 C.E. were most likely ancestors of the modern Ho-Chunk Nation, reports Barry Adams for the Wisconsin State Journal. “This is extraordinarily rare,” Amy Rosebrough, an archaeologist with Wisconsin’s Historic Preservation Office, tells the Journal. “We really don’t have anything like this from Wisconsin. We have found pieces of dugouts before in various lakes [but] nothing this intact and nothing intact this old. It’s a fragile piece.” [Read More](#)

Life at the State House: Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters - Image Gallery Essay

Today, visitors to the Northern Highlands-American Legion State Forest marvel at the soaring, pillowy pines. The forest air is clean and crisp. Yet in the early 20th century, stumps and forest slash dominated the northern landscape. Local residents were accustomed to the acrid smell of smoke from forest fires. [Read More](#)

Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame to Induct Trio in April Ceremony

The Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame will induct Gordon Bubolz, Arlen Christenson and Kathleen Falk in its 2022 class. The three will be enshrined during an April 19 ceremony held virtually, WCHF officials announced Monday. [Read More](#)

Forest Archaeology

If you live up here, you are familiar with the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. What you may not know is that these forests were inhabited for thousands of years and that there is a team of archaeologists who protect and manage these cultural resources. Walking the trails of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest around Butternut and Franklin lakes, near Eagle River, you might never know that human history here goes back thousands of years. But the Forest helps tell the story. [Read More](#)

Fridays on the Farm: Growing Merry Memories

This Friday meet Caleb Matthes of Matthes Tree Farm in Ida, Michigan. A row crop farmer by summer and Christmas tree farmer by winter, Caleb enjoys the opportunity to use farming as a way to engage and support his community. [Read More](#)



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