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## **The Forest for the Trees: Recent Archaeological Research in the Chippewa National Forest and Beyond**

Join the Charles E. Brown Chapter of the Wisconsin Archeological Society and U.S. Forest Service archaeologist Sean Dunham for an exploration of the archaeology of the North Woods of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan. From ancient sites to Ojibwe homes, logging camps to the U.S. Forest Service, the North Woods have a deep and enduring human history. Come learn about this heritage, and how recent archaeological work is bringing new histories to light. [Watch Video](#)

## In the News

### **A Second Ancient Canoe is Found in Wisconsin — This Time Tracing Back to 1000 B.C.**

Tamara Thomsen was giving a scuba diving lesson in Wisconsin's Lake Mendota when she noticed a piece of wood peeking out of the sand. Her student didn't think much of it but Thomsen, who is a maritime archaeologist by trade, knew exactly what it was. "This is not a joke. I found another dugout canoe," she texted her boss. The boat discovered in May was the second artifact Thomsen accidentally stumbled upon within the past year. [Read More](#)

### **What are Wisconsin's Keystone Plants? And, Why Should You Grow Them?**

In Wisconsin, some keystone plants stand above all the others: oak trees. Keystone oaks for the Dairy State include white, bur, swamp white, chinkapin and black. In fact, the white oak *Quercus alba* is listed as the No. 1 keystone plant for nearly the entire state, according to the National Wildlife Federation's list of keystone plants by ecoregion. This is because the white oak amazingly acts as a host plant for up to 450 species of caterpillars, according to the NWF. [Read More](#)

### **This 23-year-old is Among Those Working Wisconsin's Forests. Here's How the Industry is Fighting Shortages**

Working in the forestry industry is the only thing Violet Thielke ever want to do. Growing up in Waupaca, Thielke was her dad's "second hand" out in the woods, she said, operating and working on machines and whatever else needed to be done for their family-owned business, Thielke Forestry Products. [Read More](#)

### **Grazing Goats: Herd Grazes on Invasive Plant to Save Brule River State Forest**

A herd of goats in the Brule River State Forest is grazing on an invasive plant to promote native plant growth. The group of about 30 goats is contracted with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, who manages the forest. The goats were given by a northwest Wisconsin company. They offer their goats to eat plants that land owners don't want or want to stunt. [Read More](#)

### **Wisconsin Building Officially Declared World's Tallest Mass Timber Structure**

The Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH) has certified the 86.6-m (284-ft), 25-story Ascent building in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as the tallest mass timber structure in the world in two categories—the tallest timber building overall, and the world's tallest timber-concrete hybrid building. [Read More](#)

### **Healthy Forests: 'It's Never About Cutting an Individual Tree'**

Singer-songwriter Carole King's opinion piece in The New York Times, "It Costs Nothing to Leave Our Trees as They Are" elevated a national and international conversation about the health of forests, logging, deforestation, and climate change. At the heart of King's essay was her call for legislation to ban commercial logging on public lands. The Forest School's Mark Bradford, professor of soils and ecosystem ecology and Joseph Orefice, lecturer and director of forest and agriculture operations at Yale Forests, weigh in on what constitutes a healthy forest in this region; what role healthy forests play in climate change mitigation; and how to protect and maintain Northeastern forests in the face of climate change, pests, pathogens, and forest degradation. [Read More](#)

### **California Wildfires Threaten Nearly All of State's Cannabis Crops**

Cannabis crops are disproportionately impacted by wildfires in California compared to other major crops in the state, according to a study by the University of California, Berkeley. [Read More](#)



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