

CULTURAL SITES AND REMAINS

Hundreds of years the inhabitants of Florida have been American Indians, whose camps, villages, towns, and cities dotted the Florida landscape. In the late 1500's, Europeans began to explore the interior of the peninsula and to establish missions and fortifications in the Camp Blanding area. Later, English, and Euroamerican settlers moved into the region as well.

Because the story of so much of Florida's past lies below the ground today, archeological investigators frequently uncover the remains of these peoples and their lives. Often, evidence of these past Florida residents and their activities are encountered inadvertently, during construction or other ground-disturbing activities. The debris that humans leave behind when they use or inhabit a site takes many forms. Items made or shaped by humans are called artifacts, and a systemic study of sites and artifacts, naturally occurring items used by humans, and even the trash that these earlier people left behind, can reveal a tremendous amount. This information is precious to us all – in Florida and nationally, because it permits us to understand our collective past.

The Native American Graves Protection Repatriation ACT (NAGPRA)

The NAGPRA is a Federal law passed in 1990 which provides a process for museums and Federal agencies to return certain Native American cultural items-human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony – to lineal descendants, culturally affiliated Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

The National NAGPRA program assists the Secretary of the Interior with some of the Secretary's responsibilities under NAGPRA, and focuses On NAGPRA implementation outside of the National Park System.

PROTECTION OF CULTURAL RESOURCES

The cultural resources on Camp Blanding belong to all of us and FLARNG is the steward of this part of our collective past. Because of this, and because of the regulations that enforce this fact, you should be aware of the following.

- **CBJTC Range Control, and the Environmental Center have maps indicating all culturally Sensitive Areas on Camp Blanding. For reasons of security and/or cultural confidentiality, the specific nature of an area or site may not be disclosed. Protection regulations apply to all Sensitive areas equally, irrespective of this fact.**
- **Vehicular traffic is prohibited in Sensitive Areas. Foot traffic around the marked sites is limited to transient activities only.**
- **Digging of any kind is strictly prohibited in Sensitive areas.**
- **The collection of artifacts from the surface of the land is strictly prohibited in all areas, both Sensitive and non-sensitive.**
- **Training area users will be notified if their actions may endanger cultural resources.**
- **Both the ICRMP (Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan) and the INRMP (Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan) contain specific reporting procedures, in the event that cultural or burial sites are encountered during the course of military exercises. Generally, however, if you encounter artifacts or**

human remains, you should secure the site, as follows:

- a) **cease all activities in the area;**

- b) re-cover the site to protect it from elements;
- c) mark the site with tape or flags so that it may be located by the proper authorities;
- d) maintain a 100% perimeter for security. Immediately report the findings to the CBJTC Environmental Center or Range Control.

Facilities Affected: all facilities

Applies to: Field Troops, Unit Commanders, Range Control Officers, Facility Managers, Cultural Resources Manager, DCSOPS

Typical Situations: field training exercise; repairs, construction and maintenance; activities such as digging, bulldozing, lawn maintenance, prescribed burns, soil and erosion management, or clearing-and-grubbing; off-road traffic, observation of eroded areas, gullies, dirt trails, roadcuts, and gopher mounds; and other management activities (including natural resource management).

Typical triggering events: discovery of remains identified as human, unmarked graves, Native American or other cultural artifacts, archaeological features.

In the event of discovery of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony, the FLARNG shall ensure that all appropriate measures are implemented to protect the remains and any other protected cultural items as required by NAGPRA. All appropriate Tribes and agencies will be promptly notified of the find, and all applicable federal, tribal, and state procedures followed.



Stone Carving



Arrowheads



Native American Pottery