

# Archaeology & Outreach with Crossroads at Big Creek

## Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

### Land Acknowledgement

We recognize that our three preserves reside on the ancestral land of First Peoples dating back as far as 3,000 years ago. This land was, and continues to be, of great importance to their descendants. We seek to honor these First Peoples and the land itself by discovering and sharing accurate stories of their lifeways and by protecting our designated archaeological historical sites for the future.

### Crossroads at Big Creek

Crossroads at Big Creek is a series of preserves which offer education, conduct research and restoration, and provide outdoor experiences to inspire environmental stewardship in learners of all ages.



### Program Mission

Our archaeological investigations at sites 47DR-35 and 47DR-428 utilize science and humanities by exploring how the land shaped the people living on it while being shaped by those same people. By understanding our past we can learn to make sound management decisions to shape a healthier land for the future.



### Commitment to Wisconsin

#### Educational Standards

Our program uses archaeology to meet Wisconsin educational standards and justify school field trips by offering hands-on lessons emphasizing skills like developing research questions, analyzing data, conducting field experimentation, and learning about prehistoric ways of life.

### Experience-Based Archaeology

Our programming offers specific experiences including:

- Archaeological survey and shovel testing
- Developing research questions
- Recording data
- Reading (and creating) maps
- Identifying artifacts
- Classifying and analyzing lithics
- Using flotation method to capture organic materials
- Observing flintknapping demonstrations to learn about stone tool manufacture and use
- Building shelters
- Using atlantis to simulate prehistoric hunting practices
- Recognizing resources necessary for survival
- Understanding how the landscape was utilized in the past

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