

FPAN

Regional Centers



YOUR FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY, YOUR PAST

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with FPAN*

Discover public archaeology events,
activities, and other opportunities
in your Region:

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What is Public Archaeology?

Public archaeology is part of a larger heritage management movement dedicated to increasing public awareness and expanding educational opportunities in archaeology. The foremost goal of public archaeology is to inform the interested public about archaeology and to preserve the fragile and irreplaceable remains of our past. Archaeological sites in Florida are being destroyed at an ever-increasing rate by both human actions and natural processes. Increased citizen awareness helps to protect important archaeological sites through public stewardship and voluntary preservation opportunities.

About FPAN

The Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) is a statewide program administered by the University of West Florida in cooperation with the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources. FPAN was created during the 2004 legislative session as part of the Florida Historical Resources Act.

The Network is composed of the Coordinating Center in Pensacola and Regional Centers around the state. Each Regional Center is staffed by Public Archaeologists who are committed to assisting Florida's citizens and visitors to discover, understand, and protect archaeological resources.

Each Center offers specific programs to promote the region's archaeology and history, to encourage heritage tourism, and to advance public appreciation of archaeological resources around the state. Our informative programs include:

- ▶ "Archaeology in the Classroom" and Project Archaeology teacher workshops
- ▶ Managing and protecting cultural resources for park rangers, forestry professionals, and land managers
- ▶ Heritage Awareness Diving Seminars (HADS) for sport diving leadership
- ▶ Public talks for civic organizations and youth groups
- ▶ Cemetery Resources Protection Training (CRPT)
- ▶ Submerged Sites Education and Archaeological Stewardship (SSEAS) programs for sport divers

Why is Archaeology Important?

Archaeology is the only "time machine" we have. Through the scientific study of archaeological remains, we can learn about people who came before us. Archaeology tells us about those who left no written records and serves as a compliment to historical documents that may be incomplete or inaccurate. Archaeological resources are non-renewable. Once a site is damaged or destroyed, any information the site held is gone forever, and an irreplaceable opportunity to learn about our heritage is lost.

What We Can Do For You

Our mission is to —

promote and facilitate the stewardship, public appreciation, and value of Florida's archaeological heritage through regional centers, partnerships, and community engagement.

Conduct Public Engagement through —

promoting heritage tourism, developing volunteer opportunities, giving talks, demonstrations, and lesson plans to schools and educational centers, and speaking at civic organizations, meetings, and events.

Provide Assistance to Local Governments by —

supporting their efforts to preserve and protect regional archaeological resources, assisting with local archaeological ordinances and preservation plans, providing professional archaeological assistance with local archaeological emergencies, advising local governments on the best management practices for archaeological sites.

Support the Florida Division of Historical Resources in —

promoting Division programs, assisting with state-sponsored projects, and participating in Florida Archaeology Month every March.

