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Dust Cave Excavations

The Alabama Archaeological Society will hold its summer dig at Dust Cave near Florence, Alabama. Excavation is scheduled to begin the week of June 8 and extend through July 10. Concentration will be on the further excavation of Early Archaic and Paleo Indian remains which began four years ago under the direction of Dr. Boyce Driskall from the University of Alabama. Test excavations, which occurred during the summers of 1989, 1990, and 1991, have revealed major archaeological components within fine layers of stratigraphy. Periods represented were: Big Sandy Horizon (9,500-10,500 B.P.), Kirk Stemmed Horizon (8,000-7,000 B.P.), Eva/Morrow Mountain Horizon (7,000-6,000), and Seven Mile Island Phase (5,600-5,000 B.P.). Stone artifacts were recovered, as well as bones, and extremely well preserved organic remains. This quality of preservation usually occurs within a dry microenvironment. This most likely was the climate of Dust Cave during its human occupation. Due to the accumulation of water from Coffee Slough and Pickwick Lake, this microenvironment no longer exists. However the nature of this site's preservation has established it as one of the most important resources in the study of Late Pleistocene/Early Holocene archaeology in the Tennessee Valley area.

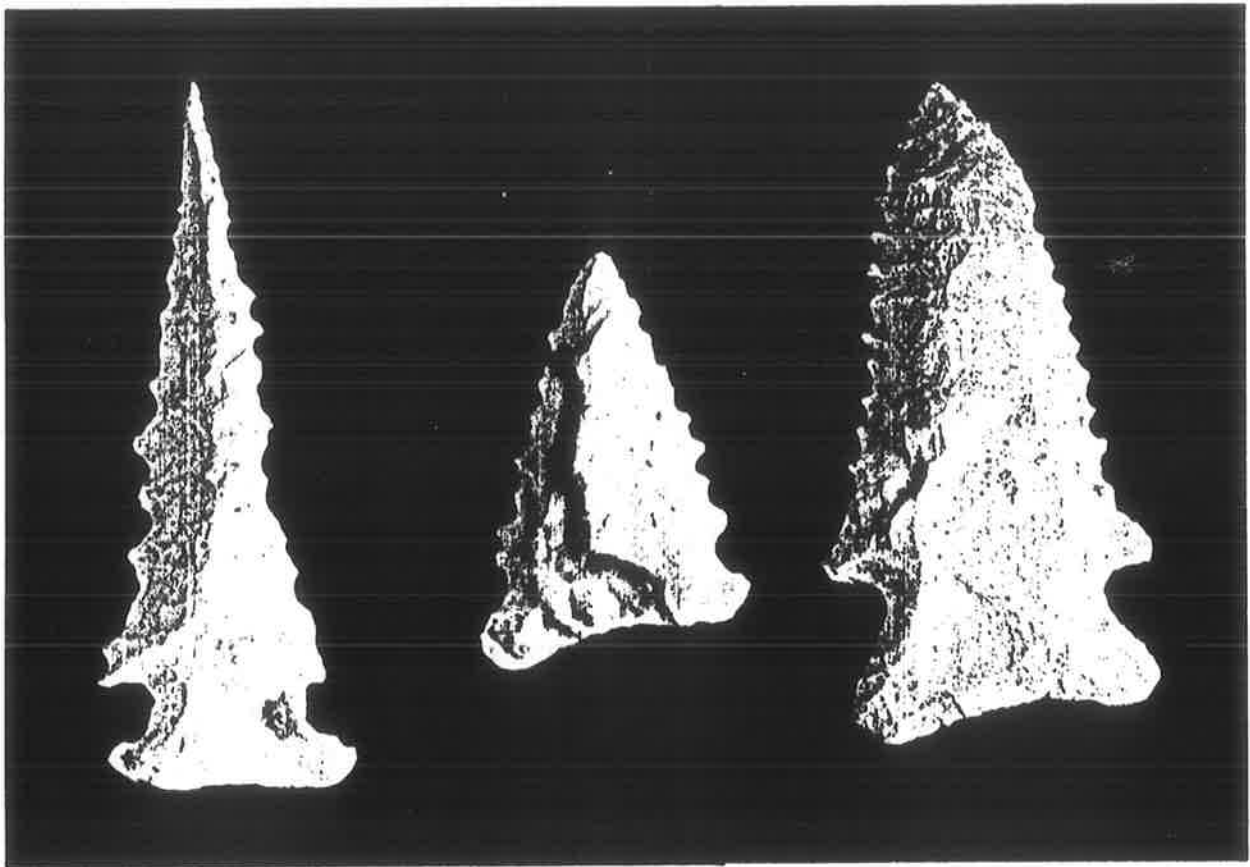
Five weekly sessions will be offered, each beginning on a Tuesday and extending through Saturday. The camp fee is \$100.00 per person, which covers food, tuition and lodging. Cabin-style tents are provided, with cots for two people, as well as a latrine, cold water shower, and a screened kitchen/meeting area. Participants may reserve a space but should bring their own bedding. Others may bring their own camping gear. Though no hookups are available, R.V.'s are welcome. Hotels are located nearby for those who do not choose to camp. To reserve a space, contact Dr. Boyce Driskell, Division of Archaeology, 1 Moundville Archaeological Park, Moundville, AL 35474, telephone (205) 371-2266.

New Publications

Under publication by the University of Alabama Press, the new two-volume work entitled *The De Soto Chronicles: The Expedition of Hernando De Soto to the United States in 1539-1543*, is scheduled for release later this year. Prepared by the Alabama Museum of Natural History in honor of the 450th anniversary of the expedition which led him from Tampa Bay to the mouth of the Mississippi River, the publication includes detailed accounts of ten Southern states, including Alabama. For more information, contact the University of Alabama Press at (205) 348-5182.

The Old Beloved Path: Daily Life Among the Indians of the Chattahoochee River Valley, the eighteenth publication by the Historic Chattahoochee Commission, was released recently. The author, *Columbus Ledger/Enquirer* editorial page editor, William W. Winn, worked on the project for three years. Winn explains that the book is designed to give the closest possible picture of the culture of the natives of the Chattahoochee Valley from 10,000 B.C. until the early 17th century. It touches on all aspects of daily life from their religion and education to their eating habits. More than 90 original drawings are featured, by Faith Birkhead and Cheryl Hardin, which are instrumental in bringing the text to life. Research and background for the book was conducted by Frank Schnell, archaeologist with the Columbus Museum, Dr. John Lupold, professor of history at Columbus College, and Fred Fussell, folklorist and former curator of the Columbus Museum. One of the most thorough accounts of Indians in the Georgia and Alabama areas, the book is designed to give the reader an idea of how it felt to be a native of the Chattahoochee Valley before the white man arrived. Soft-cover copies are \$13.95 each and hard-cover copies are \$16.95 each. Postage is \$3.00 for the first copy and \$1.00 for each additional copy. Checks should be made payable to the Historic Chattahoochee Commission, which is located at: P.O. Box 33, Eufaula, AL 36072-0033. If you care to contact them by telephone, the number is (205) 687-9755.

Amazing Finds



Photograph by TSU photographer Donald Norsworthy.

Excavations at 1CO54 by Troy State University have revealed important, undisturbed Dalton and Early Archaic components. Many of the projectile points from these components closely resemble known types from North Alabama but are usually slightly different in one or two attributes. The points shown on page 2 are all made from coastal plain chert and all three were found in association with charcoal, which will be submitted for C-14 dates. Left to right: Bolen Beveled (67 cm. below surface), Hardaway (89 cm. below surface), Lost Lake (85 cm. below surface).

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In the Alabama Archaeological Society's Past

Twenty years ago in the February 1973 issue, Society members were urged to write their Senators and Representatives to support the Moss Bennett Bill. This archaeological salvage bill was considered the most important archaeological legislation yet to be presented to Congress. It would cover all sites that were to be affected by federal projects that alter terrain. Railroad relocations, dam sites, workman camps, soil borrow pits, backwater areas, and highways were all to be covered under this bill. It would not only fund the survey of sites, but also handle analysis, preservation, and publication of site material.



Member News



Congratulations to Society members Marvin and Julie Smith, who are the proud parents of twins, a boy and a girl, born earlier this year. Marvin teaches at the University of South Alabama, and Julie was recently involved with the Dog River project in Mobile.

Chapter News

East Alabama Chapter

Chapter members held their February meeting on Wednesday the 10th. Their guest speaker was Lee Luis, Archaeologist and Environmental Review Coordinator with the Alabama Historical Commission in Montgomery. Ms. Luis gave a slide presentation on her excavations of a mortuary site in Florida known as Windover Farms. This Early Archaic site dating between 7,000 and 8,000 B.C. is especially important because of its remarkable preservation of human artifacts.

Dr. Greg Waselkov from the University of South Alabama spoke at the March meeting on the excavations at "Old Mobile." This town was originally founded by the French before being moved southward to its present location.

Dothan Chapter

Chapter members met on February 28 at Landmark Park in the Interpretive Auditorium. Earnest Buck of the Army Corps of Engineers spoke to members about resources under Corps control in the Walter F. George Reservoir area.

Cullman County Chapter

Chapter members held their March meeting on the 15th at the Cullman County Courthouse at 7 p.m. Their projectile point for the month was the Madison point, and any members with Madisons were encouraged to bring them in order to share them with fellow members.

Troy State Chapter

Chapter members held their March meeting on the 11th in Smith Hall. Guest speaker was Lee Luis who presented her slide show of excavations at Windover Farms as she did for the East Alabama chapter in February. Members were able to view the excellent preservation of the site and many of the artifacts, which included 168 skeletons, 91 skulls (many included brain matter), Florida Archaic stemmed points, atlatl tips made from bone, a weight or hammer made from a manatee rib, and a dumbbell which could have been a child's toy.

The Calendar

The Alabama Archeological Society will hold a Board of Directors meeting in Birmingham on March 31 at 7 p.m.

Eastern States Rock Art Conference, Natural Bridge State Park, Kentucky: April 8-10, 1993.

The Society for American Archaeology will hold its annual meeting at the Adams Mark Hotel in St. Louis , Missouri, April 14-18, 1993.

Membership Dues

Dues for 1993 are past due. Send your membership form with dues to: Eugene Futato, Division of Archaeology, 1 Moundville Archaeological Park, Moundville, AL 35474.



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