

Traxlers Lodge

Date of Fieldwork

10/13/2013

Location

SEC/TWP/RNG: 27-111-24

Nearest Water Source: Sauter Lake (South)

Located directly across the road from the Traxler's Hunting Preserve Lodge.

Address

37699 Hunting Preserve LN

Le Center, MN 56057

Physiographic Setting

Hill; Woods; General Lake Area

Surface

Visibility: ~5%

Current Land Use

Hunting preserve

Personnel

Tyler Warmka

Duncan Widman

Cory Nowak

Josh B. Anderson

Josh C. Anderson

Adam Peterson

Work Type

Phase 1

Methodology

Shovel Testing

Used a range finder to set in transects on hilltop adjacent to site LE40, near Traxler Hunting Preserve Lodge. Transect ran North-South along the edge of the hill, running on a 340 degree northing.

29 shovel tests laid in.

GPS points on each shovel test.

Results

0 Lithics found.

0 Faunal
0 Floral
0 Pottery

Owners

Traxler Hunting Preserve Inc

Dale & Joyce Traxler

Jeffery Traxler: Manages land associated with Traxler's Hunting Preserve

Notes

- Laid in shovel tests on the top of the hill ~10 meters from the road adjacent to hill site LE40, the two hills form a saddle, also to the direct north ~60 meters is a peat bog
- Low portion of the saddle was probed, area used to be under prehistoric waters. Then laid in shovel tests on the lower area. The shovel tests on the lower area are mostly in an old lake bed. Soil was 10YR2/1 down to ~100 cmbs then turned to 10YR4/6 to ~130 cmbs
- Top 30 cm was a silty loam then turned into a hard silty clay
- The Traxler's Hunting preserve has a collection of woodland points recovered from hills within the preserve. Jeff Traxler says the points were recovered on the surface of hill 9 within the preserve
- 15 points were displayed in his case, also has 2 hand axes located near the fireplace within the lodge
- Although shovel tests yielded no cultural material, the existence of a known site as well as collection from the immediate area indicates more testing should be done. The area tested was limited in the fall as pheasant hunting was going on within the preserve. Tests on the hills where Traxler's collection came from would be ideal locations for further testing
- LE40 was revisited March 13, 2014. Site remains, however, years of agriculture and surface collection has left the field deceptively bare
- Jeff Traxler said that if we (2013-2014 Field Crew) would like to dig on his property anytime other than hunting season we could just swing by whenever without asking.