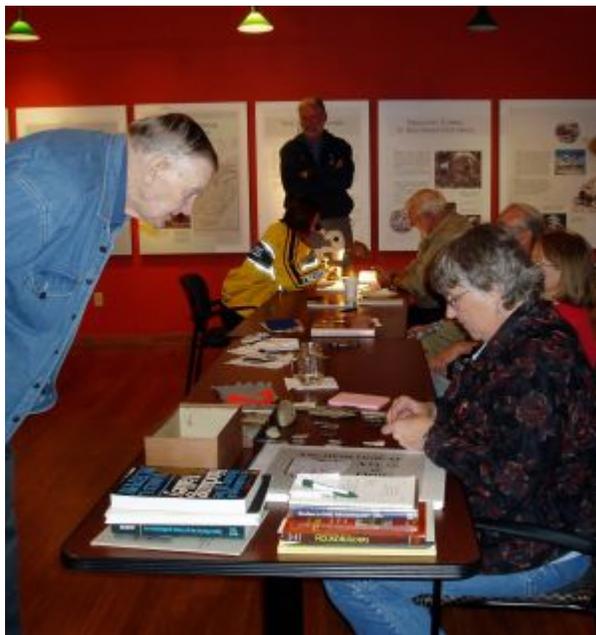


Artifact Identification Day on the Wayne National Forest

In the tradition of the popular antiques road Show, once again the Wayne hosted a day where the public can come get questions answered about their artifacts.



Wayne Archaeologist Ann Cramer identifies arrowheads for a gentleman on Artifact Identification Day.

The Wayne National Forest hosted its third annual "Artifact Identification Day" October 27, 2007, from 9 to 12, to commemorate Ohio's Archaeology Month. The Forest co-sponsored the event with Hocking College, Ohio University's Department of Anthropology and Sociology and Department of Geological Sciences, and Hopewell Culture National Park.

For three hours, Ann Cramer and Chris Euler (Wayne NF), Dr. Annette Ericksen (Hocking College), Drs. Elliot Abrams and Royal Mapes (OU), and Rick Perkins (Hopewell) identified a variety of Native American items and fossils brought in by over 45 people in the local area.

Chris Euler gave presentations on how prehistoric tools are manufactured from flint. Some of the more interesting items this year included an incised prehistoric potsherd, several well-made stone axes, a wide variety of Archaic arrowheads, and a large extinct tree root fossil (transported in a gun case!)

This annual event has become such a popular event that the group discussed the possibility of combining it with Hocking College's Archaeology Club presentations to include pottery-making, flint knapping, and atlatl-throwing activities.

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