

ARCHAEOLOGY

LAWS









A GUIDE FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

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The objectives of the Yavapai Chapter of the Arizona Archaeological Society are to:



-  Foster interest and research in Arizona Archaeology.
-  Encourage better public understanding and concern for archaeological and cultural resources.
-  Protect antiquities by discouraging exploitation of archaeological resources.
-  Aid in conserving and preserving archaeological data and sites.
-  Serve as a bond between the professional and avocational archaeologists.
-  Increase member knowledge and skills.
-  Participate in archaeological field investigations.
-  Publish archaeological studies.

For more information about the YCAAS visit the web page at: <http://www.azarchsoc.org/Yavapai>
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Archaeological sites are part of our cultural heritage. It is up to all of us to protect them, preserving them for future generations to marvel at and to learn from.

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

For more complete descriptions of Arizona archaeology laws, go to the Arizona State Legislature website at: <http://www.azleg.gov/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp>

For more complete descriptions of federal archaeology laws, go to the National Park Service website at: <http://www.nps.gov/archeology/public/publicLaw.htm>

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WHAT DO THE LAWS SAY ABOUT ARCHAEOLOGY?

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IN ARIZONA

ARS 41-841: It is illegal to excavate or collect archaeological materials on state land without a permit.

ARS 41-842: Permits are required for explorations for scientific research or land use planning purposes.

ARS 41-843: It is illegal to deface archeological sites and objects.

ARS 41-844: All discoveries of archeological materials on state lands must be reported to the Arizona State Museum (ASM).

ARS 41-865: It is illegal to disturb human remains or funerary objects on state lands without a permit from the ASM.



FEDERAL LAWS

The Abandoned Shipwreck Act: concerns ships submerged in U.S. waters.

The American Antiquities Act: It is illegal to excavate or collect archaeological material on federal and Indian lands without a permit.

Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act: concerns the preservation of historic and archeological data.

Archaeological Resource Protection Act: further stipulates regulations on archaeological activities on federal and Indian lands.

National Historic Preservation Act: established the National Register of Historic Places and the State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices to define responsibilities concerning historical and archaeological site resources preservation.

National Environmental Policy Act: requires federal agencies to consider the environmental impacts of proposed projects with regard to archeological and historical resources.

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act: It is illegal to buy and sell Native American human remains and funerary artifacts. The act calls for the repatriation of human remains, artifacts associated with burials, and those of sacred significance.



WHAT DO PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS NEED TO KNOW?



If you find artifacts on your property that are not associated with a grave, they are your property.



If you find a grave, its contents are *not* your property.



If you accidentally find human remains and funerary objects on your property, that is not a crime, but you are required by law to report it to the Arizona State Museum immediately; to *not* do so is a crime.