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## **ARCHAEOLOGY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Archaeological sites may often be found in the same places that are sought after by modern-day freehold property owners. Features including shorelines, great viewpoints and riversides were also attractive to past inhabitants. Traces of past landscape use and habitation are often found in these environments.

Artifacts and cultural materials you might encounter include stone tools, stones used for cooking, animal remains and shell middens.

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# Chance Find Protocol

If you come upon evidence of past human activity such as:

- Human bones
- Large or small deep circular depressions
- Large rectangular depressions
- Stone tools
- Shell deposits (middens)
- Rock paintings or carvings
- Stone piles or circles
- Culturally-modified trees

**STOP WORK IMMEDIATELY** and inform your manager as soon as possible.

**AVOID** disturbing the site. Call the Archaeology Branch in Victoria (250) 953-3334.

**COLLECT INFORMATION** including access instructions, safety concerns, GPS coordinate and “forensic info” (time, date, who was there, existing disturbance, new disturbance). Take a photo if possible to send to the archaeologist.

**WHY?** You may have discovered an unrecorded archaeological resource which is protected by law under the Heritage Conservation Act. Under this act all employees and contractors are responsible for protecting archaeological resources uncovered during the course of their work.

If you come upon suspected human remains:

**STOP WORK IMMEDIATELY** and notify the RCMP and your manager as soon as possible.

**DO NOT MOVE** or cover the remains or disturb the area.

**WHY?** You may have discovered a crime scene, or an archaeological site. By not further disturbing the site you show respect for the human remains.

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