

The Wawn Homestead

Dirtless Dig

Introduction

The following three activities are designed for use in the field and require little more than the activity sheet and a pencil.

These activities are intended to encourage discussion between the group leaders and the students, as there is no answer key. Just as historians or archaeologists must use evidence to reconstruct past events, so must the group.

Also, just as there are differing opinions between the most knowledgeable on any subject, the participants too will find that they are discussing and debating the answers amongst themselves.

Station 1

If the Walls Could Talk

This is the only known map of what used to exist here. Try to figure out what types of buildings were here and what they were used for. Don't just guess, record the evidence you have found and draw pictures in each of the boxes to help show your findings.

The diagram shows a central map of an archaeological site. The map features a pond on the right side labeled "Smiling Pond". A dashed blue path winds across the site. Several rectangular structures of varying sizes are scattered across the map. A label "You are here" with an arrow points to one of these structures. Four large, empty rectangular boxes are arranged around the map, labeled A, B, C, and D. Arrows indicate the viewing directions for each box: boxes C and D look north from the top of the map; boxes A and B look south from the bottom of the map.

C

D

Smiling Pond

You are here

A

B

You are here

Station 2

Wawn Scavenger Hunt

Locate the following:

1. 3 garbage dumps ___ ___ ___
2. Fence - wire fence (take care not to trip on this!)___
-wooden fence ___
3. Clothesline ___
4. The ice-house ___
5. Outhouse ___
6. Piece of old stove ___
7. Old jam bucket ___
8. Old tin cup ___
9. A bad smell (something like a packrat, not you!) ___
10. Foot scraper or chicken feeding trough close to where you
may expect one ___
11. Bicycle wheel ___
12. Remains of the barn that burned down ___

Challenges:

13. The well (no further than 55 giant steps from the general
area) ___
14. Piece of an old lantern ___
15. An old rubber tire ___
16. Something too new to really belong ___
17. Part of an old sleigh ___

Station 3

What if you had lived here?

1. Try to find out what was the same and what was different between the lives of the people that lived here and your own life today.

Same	Different
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Draw a picture of your best piece of evidence.



Remember, you must find evidence to support your answers.