

It's the Law!

Archaeological sites on Tyndall Air Force Base are protected from damage and destruction by the Archaeological Resources Protection Act, the American Antiquities Act, and many other laws and regulations. Failure to stop work and report an inadvertent discovery is illegal, and can lead to a ban on base access, contract loss, fines, and jail time.



Cultural Resources Program

The Tyndall Cultural Resources Program helps the base comply with the numerous laws and regulations that govern the preservation and management of archaeological sites, historic buildings, and historic cemeteries located on the base. The program reviews all construction projects conducted for Tyndall, and consults with six Native American tribes and the State of Florida on the effects of these undertakings. The program also surveys and documents the location of historic resources, monitors the condition of these properties, and provides training and educational outreach about their management and preservation.

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE

TRAINING FOR THE INADVERTENT DISCOVERY OF CULTURAL RESOURCES



CULTURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM
325th CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON

What is an INADVERTENT DISCOVERY?

An **INADVERTENT DISCOVERY** occurs when a project unearths evidence of past people or extinct animals. This evidence is called an **ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE**. Archaeological sites can be found anywhere on base, above and below the ground.



A thick layer of shells may indicate an archaeological site.

Will I discover an ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE?

Tyndall is required by law to search for and document archaeological sites before any projects occur. Projects are planned to avoid archaeological sites so discoveries are **RARE**.

How do I RECOGNIZE an inadvertent discovery?

Discovered materials are often thousands of years old, and can be hard to recognize. Signs that you may have encountered an archaeological site include

- ◆ Unusual or abrupt changes in soil color, especially to rich black soil.
- ◆ Thick layers or scatters of seashells, angular rocks, or flat rock-like objects.
- ◆ Layers or scatters of broken dishes, old bottles, or bricks.
- ◆ Burned soil or ash.
- ◆ Large timbers or cut wood.
- ◆ Bones or teeth

Need to report a discovery?

Tyndall Cultural Resources
Program Phone: 850-283-2713
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Need more information?

Inadvertent Discovery Training
(website link pending)

What should I do if I FIND something?

STOP all ground-disturbance and **REPORT** the discovery to your supervisor, contract representative, or unit commander. Your contact should immediately notify the Cultural Resources Program of the discovery.



An example of an abrupt change in soil color.

When can I RESUME work?

The Cultural Resources Program will send an archaeologist to view the discovery, and determine if it requires documentation.

Work can often resume **QUICKLY** outside of a perimeter set by the archaeologist.