

Chapter 28, SPA Archaeology Excavation for Fall 2025

Our Autumn excavations will continue the archaeological survey we started this Spring. Our objective is to locate archaeologically sensitive areas on Blue Rock Heritage Center property that merit further study with regard to future site development or interpretation.

To do this, we are doing a controlled series of shovel tests. Shovel test pits (STP's) will be dug at points corresponding to a grid used to map the study area. The STP's will be 12-16 inches in diameter and extend through the plow zone (the depth of the soil that has been disturbed when the study area was being farmed). The excavated soil will be passed through wire mesh (screened), and artifacts recovered for cataloging. The information gathered will be incorporated into the site map.

This is your opportunity to contribute to the knowledge base for this location, which is in the midst of an area that was occupied by both Shenks Ferry, and subsequently, Susquehannock peoples. For novices, it's an opportunity to learn archaeological techniques and artifact identification.

No prior archaeological experience is necessary. The only requirement is that you must be a member of Chapter 28 to participate. We will supply all excavation tools and equipment. We suggest that you dress appropriately for digging. You may want to bring gloves, something to drink, and a snack or lunch if you are participating in both sessions. There is a portable rest room nearby.

There will be two sessions per day (morning session 10:00 am - 1:00pm, afternoon session 1:00pm - 4 pm).
Excavation dates are as follows:

Sunday, September 29 Sunday, October 6 Sunday, October 13 Sunday, November 3

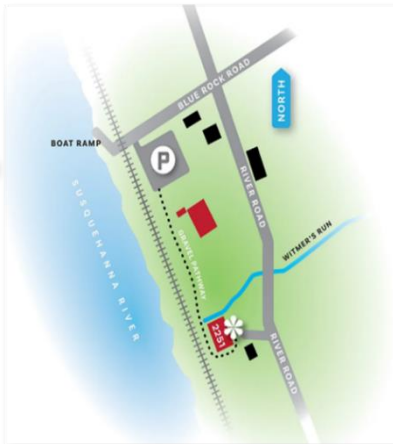
In case of rain, we will move to the lower level of the Heritage Center to process material we have recovered from the STP's. You can sign up for one or both sessions, and for one or more dates. To sign up, contact excavation leader Paul Nevin (email paulnevin@aol.com, text 717.578.1358) with the dates/sessions you would like to participate.

Where to Park: Blue Rock Heritage Center, 2251 River Road, Washington Boro, PA 17582

In the boat launch parking area and walk down the pathway to the Heritage Center.

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