

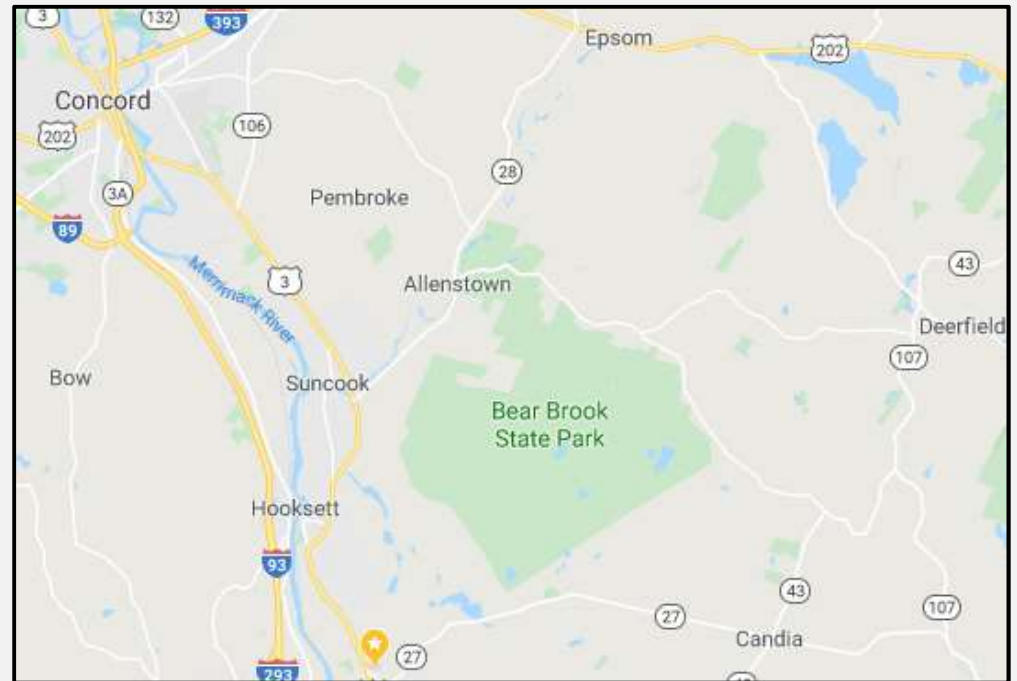
# Chapter 6: Cultural Resources



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# Bear Brook State Park

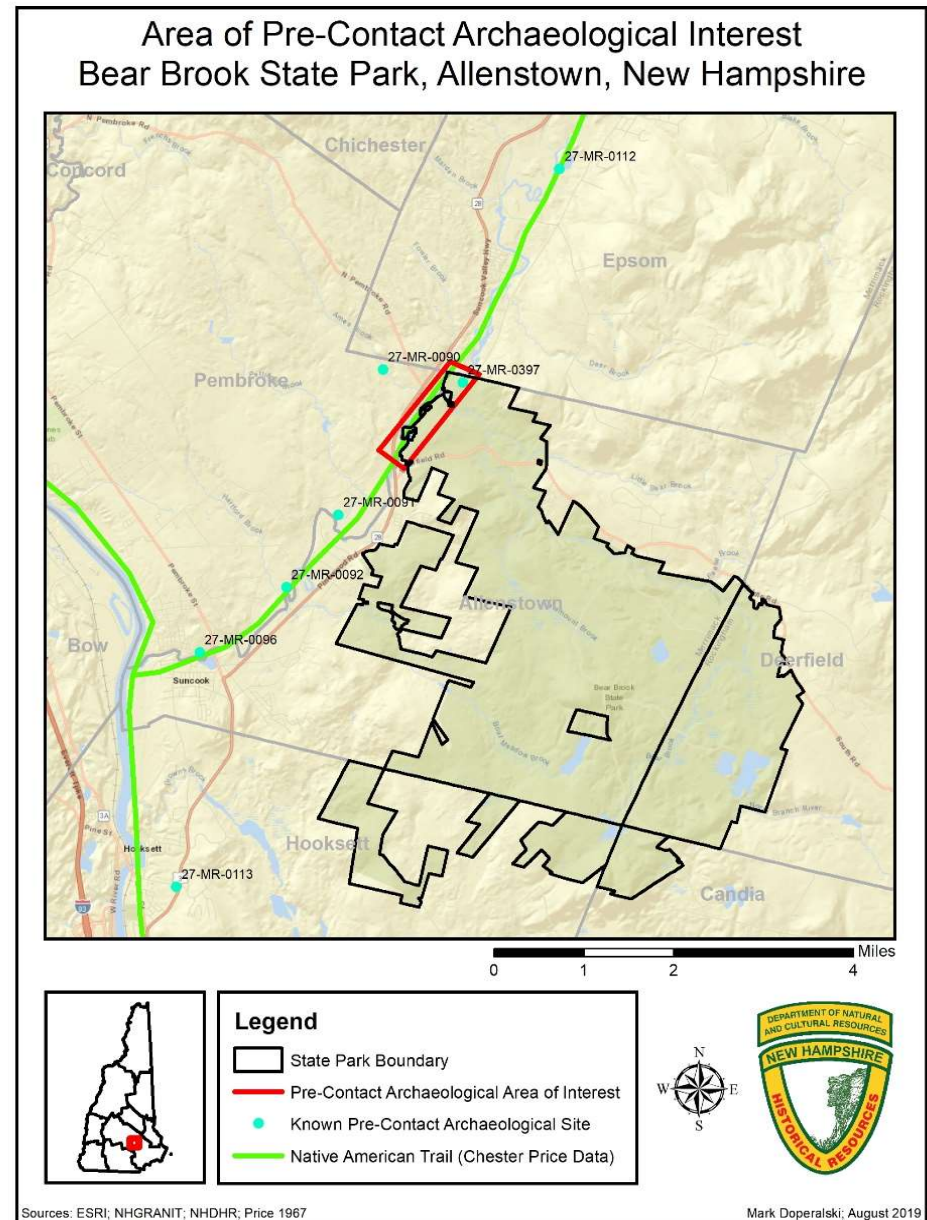
- Bear Brook State Park (BBSP)
  - Merrimack/Rockingham
  - Nearly 10,000 acres
  - NH's largest developed park
- Location has been inhabited by people for thousands of years





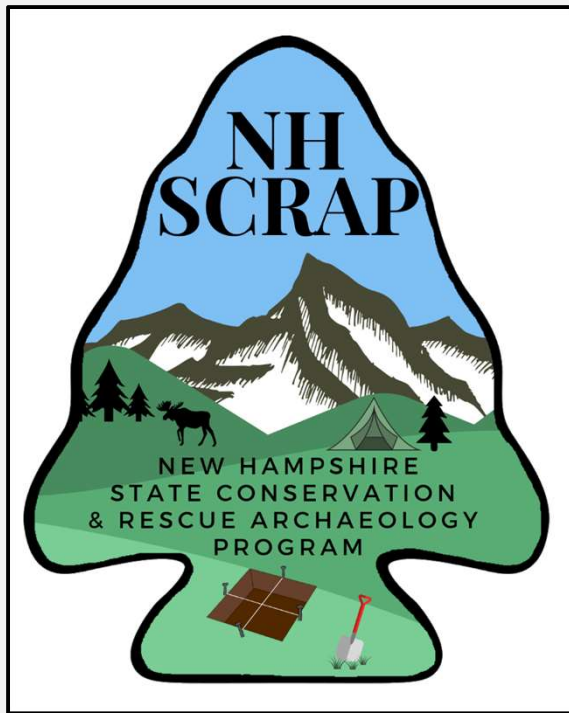
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- Formal archaeological investigations in the park have been lean
- As of 2019, only 3 archaeological sites have been recorded within BBSP
  - 1 pre-contact site
  - 2 post-contact sites
- Great potential for additional pre-contact and post-contact archaeological resources
- Pre-contact
  - NW corner of BBSP
- Post-contact
  - Podunk & Old South roads



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- Recent Survey Work- Fall 2019





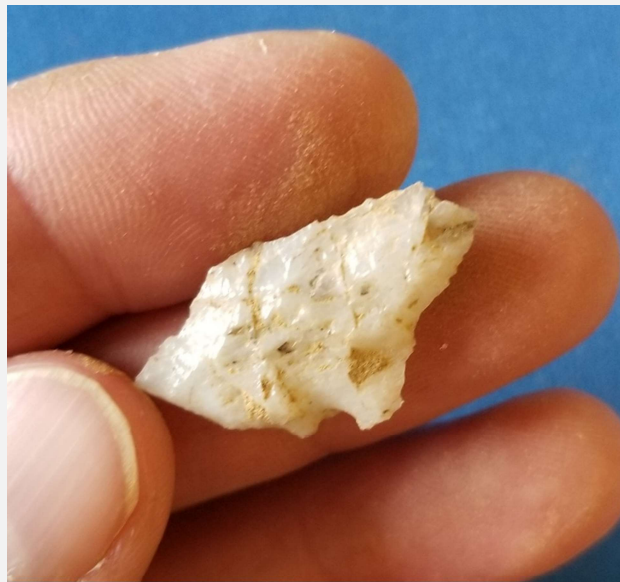
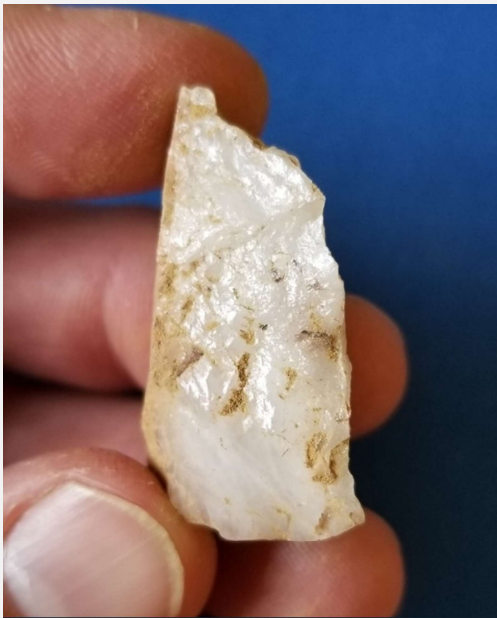
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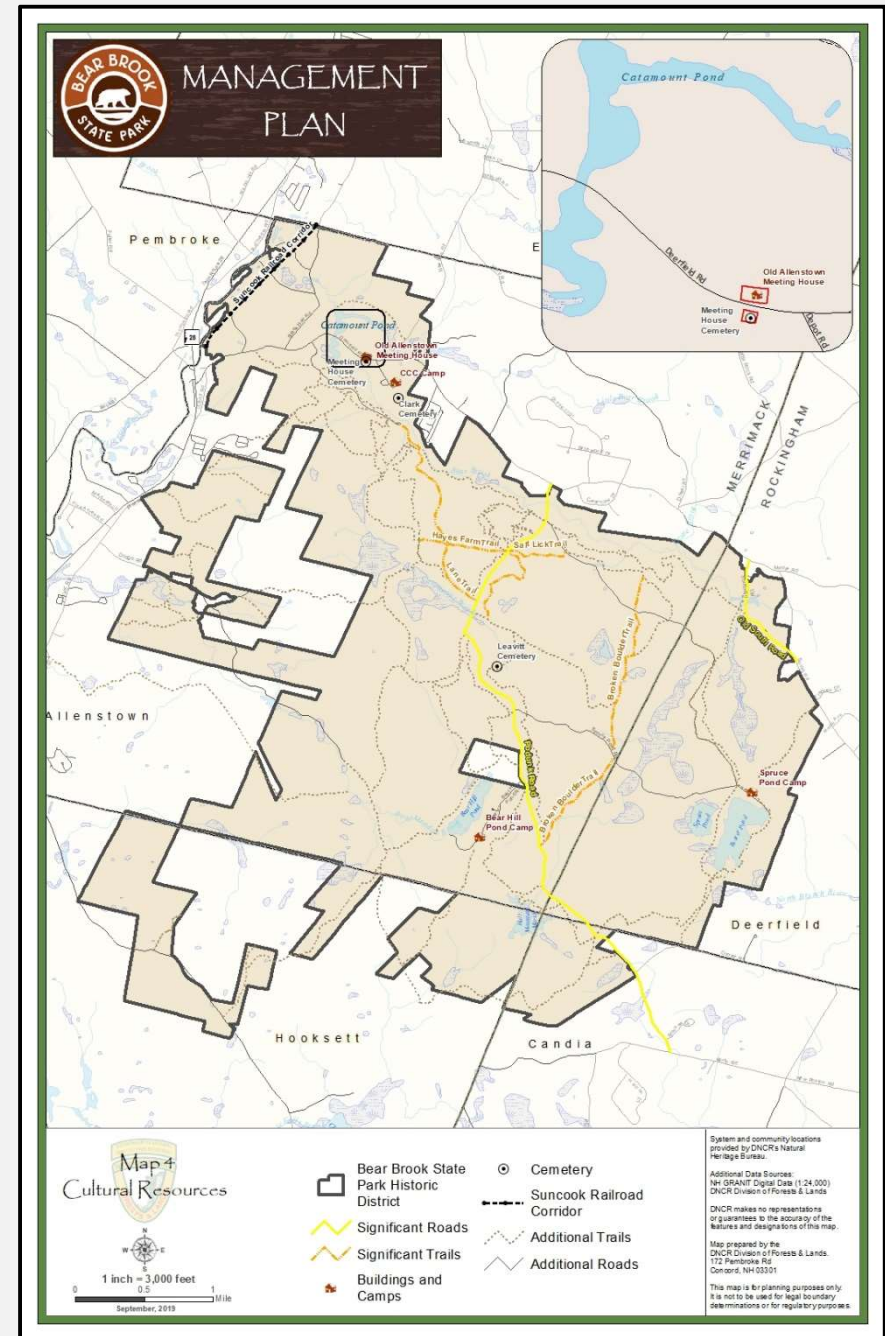
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- Post-Contact Features and Deposits
  - Cellar holes
  - Wells
  - Historical plantings
  - Architectural artifacts (nails, glass, brick, etc.)
  - Domestic artifacts (tableware, personal items, etc.)
  - Tools and agricultural implements



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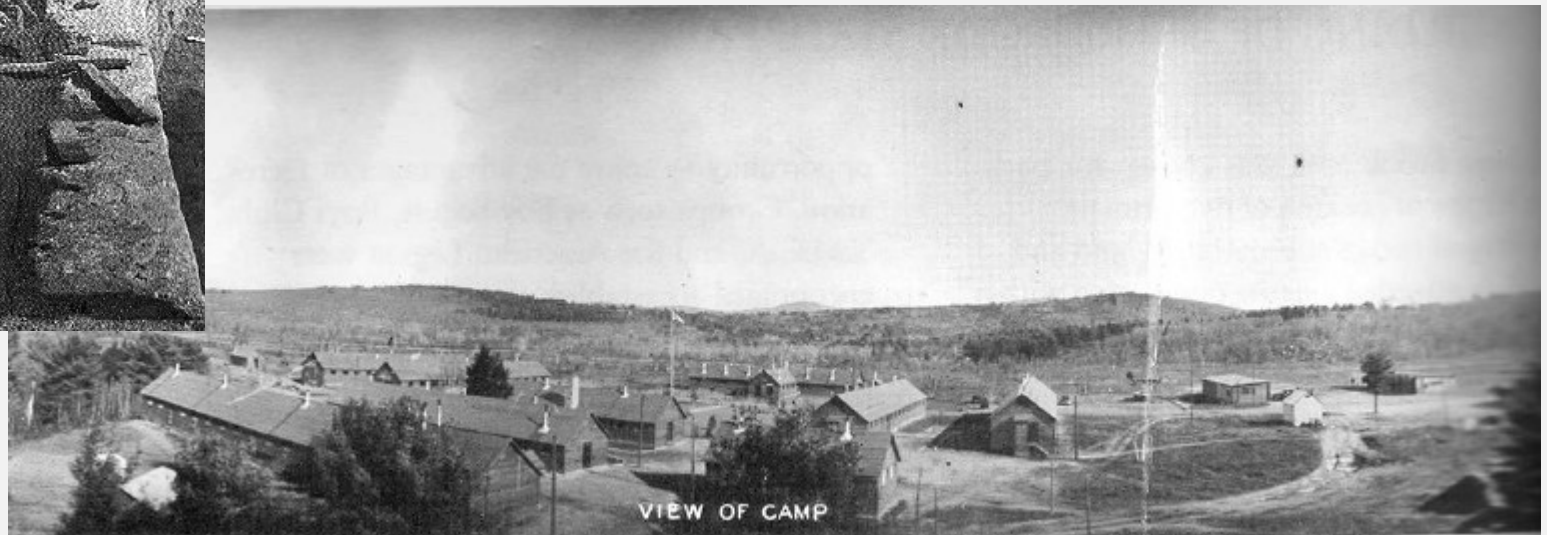
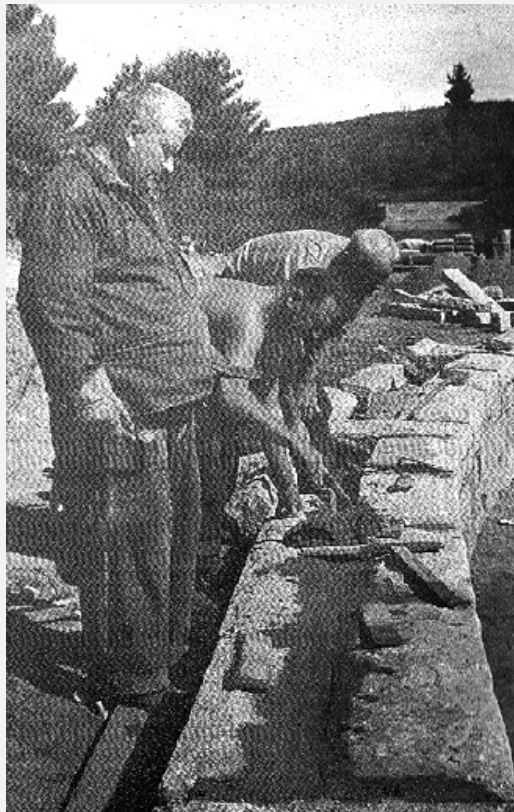
- Significant amount of survey work has been completed to document aboveground structures and cultural landscape features (buildings, roads, trails, cemeteries, recreational facilities, etc.)
- Resulted in park being designated as a NRHP-eligible Historic District in 2016





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- Bear Brook State Park Historic District Form – available at NHDHR



## AREA FORM

## BEAR BROOK STATE PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT

### 1. Type of Area Form

- Town-wide:   
Historic District:   
Project Area:

### 2. Name of area: Bear Brook State Park Historic District

### 3. Location: Deerfield Road, Allentown and Middle Road, Deerfield

### 4. City or town: Allentown, Deerfield, Hooksett, Candia

### 5. County: Rockingham and Merrimack

### 6. USGS quadrangle name(s): Suncook, NH

### 7. Dataset: SP Feet, NAD83

### 8. SP Feet:

X: 1,050,597.96; Y: 230,107.38

X: 1,056,931.39; Y: 246,242.38

X: 1,077,810.91; Y: 226,693.01

X: 1,067,649.87; Y: 215,279.98

X: 1,055,065.97; Y: 214,770.76

### 9. Inventory numbers in this area:

ALLE0007, Bear Hill Pond Camp Historic  
District and Bear Brook CCC Camp Historic  
District

### 10. Setting: wooded public lands, hilly with small ponds and streams

### 11. Acreage: approximately 10,000 acres

### 12. Preparer(s): Kari Laprey, Lynne Monroe

### 13. Organization: Preservation Company

### 14. Date(s) of field survey: 2014-2016

# Bear Brook State Park

- Management Plan – Identify and preserve significant cultural/historical resources for future research and public interpretation
- Recommendations
  - ID and survey areas sensitive for archaeological deposits
  - Evaluate the significance of identified archaeological sites
  - ID and evaluate natural and designed landscape features
  - Implement a monitoring and protection program