

FINDING PIECES OF THE PAST

WHAT DO I DO WHEN I FIND ONE?

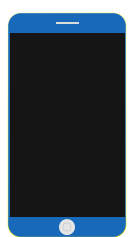
Pieces of the past include fossils and human-made artifacts from the ancient to recent past. Help protect fossils and archaeological sites on Open Space & Mountain Parks lands!

LEAVE THE OBJECT IN PLACE



Don't pick up an artifact or walk on it. Leave it as you found it. Use your phone or camera to take a photo of the item.

RECORD AN OBJECT'S LOCATION



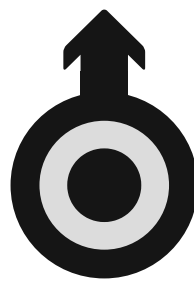
Use your phone or GPS to record a coordinate of the item's location. Estimate the item's location relative to nearby landmarks.

TELL A RELIABLE SOURCE



Contact a staff member on-site, use Inquire Boulder, or call Open Space & Mountain Parks (303) 441-3440. Tell them what you've seen and where it is located. An investigation of the object under the auspices of a valid permit will ensue.

THESE STEPS HELP ALL OF US:



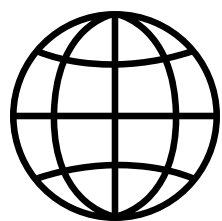
RESPECT OTHERS

These objects are part of the cultural legacy of those who lived here. Leaving them be demonstrates respect for people who made them and descendants that maintain ties to Open Space & Mountain Parks lands.



STAY SAFE

By Colorado law and Boulder Municipal Code, it is illegal to knowingly take an artifact, or excavate, damage, or destroy any prehistorical or historical resources on public lands. A person found in violation may face a fine, time in jail, or both.



CARE FOR OUR LANDS

Once an object is removed from its surroundings, it loses its ability to educate us about the past. As the latest link in a chain that extends more than 13,000 years into the past, it is now our responsibility to care for this place and keep its stories alive.