It’s exciting to find an “arrowhead.”

But, if you pick it up, you take on a big responsibility. You are the only person to know exactly where it came from!

Tell an archaeologist and get your site recorded.

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• University of Notre Dame
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• Indiana University
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• Purdue University
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Archaeological sites in the state of Indiana are protected by law. Here are some of the laws and regulations:

• IC 14-21-1 Historic Preservation and Archaeology Law
• 16 USC 470 (or, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act)

If you know of a site that will be damaged by construction or other activities, call:

IDNR, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
402 W. Washington St.
Room W 274
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone: 317-232-1646
Fax: 317-232-0693
www.IN.gov/dnr/historic
E-mail: dhpa@dnr.IN.gov

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Digging for artifacts without an approved permit is not only illegal, but it destroys unique information.

Artifacts are only a small part of the archaeological record in Indiana, though!

Imagine a book with half the chapters torn away. Hard to read the story, isn’t it?

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