

Camp Grayling - Archaeology

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. (MSG) conducted a Phase I archaeological reconnaissance survey of 42,500 acres for the Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. These lands constitute the 42,500 acres of land leased by the Camp Grayling Army National Guard Training Site from the Michigan Department of National Resources for a period of 20 years.

The first step of the project was to develop a predictive model for archaeological sites. This model employed data gathered during the literature review including the locations of previously recorded sites, archival resources, and information from previous surveys in the region. The 42,500 acres were made up of several non-contiguous parcels. Each parcel was examined for areas with high, low, and no potential for prehistoric and historic archaeological sites. A testing strategy was then developed to investigate these areas. Shovel testing was employed to test areas with high potential for prehistoric sites and surface survey was used to test areas with high potential for historic archaeological sites. The areas with low potential for archaeological sites were also sampled.

Based on the predictive model for archaeological sites, a total of 14,365 acres were either shovel tested or subjected to surface survey. Twenty-four new archaeological sites were identified and six previously documented sites were re-located during the Phase I investigations. Of these 30 sites, 17 were prehistoric, 12 were historic, and one site had both a historic and prehistoric component. Prehistoric sites included ceramic and lithic scatters. Historic sites included logging camps, a farmstead, and historic trash dumps. Of the 30 sites MSG identified, nine were determined to be potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).



LOCATION

Camp Grayling, Michigan

CLIENT

Huron Pines Resource Conservation & Development Council

SERVICES PROVIDED

- ◆ Phase I Reconnaissance
- ◆ Informant Interviews
- ◆ Predictive Modeling
- ◆ Artifact Analysis



*Phase I Archaeological Investigation
Camp Grayling*



*Phase I Archaeological Shovel Testing
Camp Grayling*