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SAAHKÓMAAPÍNA

“Boy Chief” Archaeological Dig

Imagine the life of First Nations people on
Alberta's plains over 4,000 years ago.

Witness archaeologists uncovering clues to the
mysteries of some of Alberta's first people at an
ancient campsite in southeastern Alberta.

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life on the prairies, long before written history.

Join archaeologists from Bison Historical Services Ltd. as they excavate this series of ancient campsites, northeast of Brooks, Alberta.

Named Saahkómaapína, or "Boy Chief" by elders of the Siksika Nation, the site lies along a proposed NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. pipeline route at Little Sandhill Creek.



In Alberta, the Historical Resources Act protects archaeological, historical and palaeontological sites and ensures they are preserved, studied and interpreted.

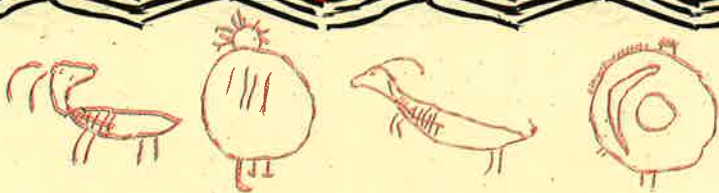


Artifacts recovered from the site include projectile points from bison hunting, and tools for cutting and scraping.

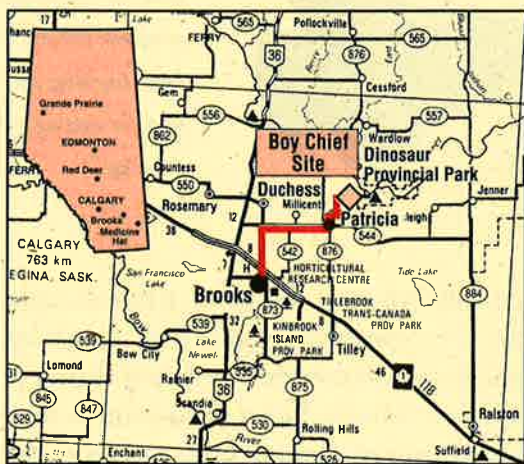
Trained archaeologists will be on hand to explain how the first North Americans lived. Learn how archaeologists interpret the stone tools (spear points, hide scrapers, knives), bones from animals that were hunted, remains of cooking fires, and other cultural items.

The "Boy Chief" site provides an opportunity to examine past lifestyles spanning much of the last 4,500 years.

NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. is proud to cooperate with investigations at important sites such as "Boy Chief". Their participation and support for more than 198 archaeological surveys and 59 excavation projects throughout the province is helping to preserve Alberta's heritage for future generations to enjoy.



This summer, don't miss the opportunity to see archaeology in action at one of the largest excavations in Alberta!



The "Boy Chief" archaeological site is located 34 kilometres northeast of Brooks, en route to Dinosaur Provincial Park.

Guided tours are available:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily
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For further information and to arrange tours for large groups, please contact:

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