

Photo: The moment of discovery of a rare, well-preserved arrow from an ice patch (replica in exhibition)

## Glacial Archeology and Unique Discoveries

The Maxwell Museum of Anthropology at the University of New Mexico presents *Archeology on Ice*. This traveling exhibition describes the emerging discipline of Glacial Archeology and the unique archeological discoveries found in melting ancient ice in Alaska.

Target audiences include individuals and groups with interests in the Arctic and Alaska, archeology, indigenous people, and the science of climate change. The exhibit was produced in collaboration with the Ahtna Heritage Foundation, an Alaska Native organization dedicated to the promotion of cultural heritage and education, and received funding from the National Science Foundation Office of Polar Programs.



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# Archeology on Ice

A Travelling Exhibition from the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology University of New Mexico



Photo: The Nabesna Glacier, Wrangell – St. Elias National Park and Preserve, Alaska

#### **Content Description**

Archeology on Ice is comprised of ten cleated aluminum panels containing text, graphics and artifact reproductions. The content highlights environmental and physical contexts of small stable glaciers known as ice patches, and describes the research, discoveries, and tribal participation in the project.

Significant results of this decadelong project are presented in four short educational videos. Filmed during fieldwork, they capture the excitement of archeological discovery. Interviews with scientists, National Park Service (NPS) personnel, tribal members, and student participants were conducted in the spectacular settings of Lake Clark and Wrangell-St. Elias National Parks. A DVD player and monitor are required to show the videos.

Dr. E. James Dixon may be available to lecture at borrowing institutions (contact: jdixon@unm.edu).

Photo: Arrow discovered by Ahtna tribal member Albert Craig Jr. (foreground) in 2007





### Exhibition Specifications

Contents	9 panels, 30" x 50"; 1 panel 51" x 24". 2 object replicas
Supplemental	1 bark touch sample, 10" x 6"; 1 educational DVD; promotional and educational material (K-12)
Participation Fee	\$1,500 per 12-week booking period (shipping not included)
Square Feet	500 sq. ft. or 40 linear ft. est.
Security	Limited
Shipping	Borrower pays fee
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#### DVD Video Descriptions (Total Duration: 17:40)

Ice Patch: Customary and Traditional Resource Use (2:30) introduces how ice patch resources contribute to the understanding of the customary and traditional use of caribou.

2013 NPS Ice Patch Archeology Podcast Series. Part I: Ice Patch Archeology and Climate Change (5:20) discusses contributions of ice patch archeology to the study of climate change.

2013 NPS Ice Patch Archeology Podcast Series. Part II: Ancient Technology: Knowledge and Collaboration (4:20) ancient technology and hunting at ice patches and the importance of indigenous knowledge and collaboration in archeological research.

2013 NPS Ice Patch Archeology Podcast Series. Part III: Ice Patch Discoveries (5:30) ice patch exploration in action; life in ancient Alaska.