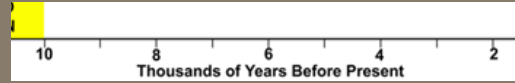


THE HARDAWAY AMERICAN INDIAN MUSEUM

BADIN, NC



The Hardaway Archaeology Site includes some of the earliest American Indian Occupations in the Southeast US



The Town of Badin is seeking an appropriation from the General Assembly for the Hardaway American Indian Museum. The goal is to continue to protect and study a nationally significant archaeological site. The Museum would serve to educate the Public about the earliest inhabitants in NC and to illustrate the science of Archaeology. Its central location in the state and its focus on American Indian History and Archaeology make it a great addition to the State's History Museums.



By studying stratified deposits on the site, archaeologists linked an unbroken chain of prehistoric site occupation from about 12,000 to 500 years ago. Hardaway artifact typology and chronology remain a standard reference for modern archaeology.

Alcoa Inc owned and protected the site for decades, donating nearly 2million artifacts to UNC in 2005. In 2020, Alcoa placed this valuable site into public ownership when it donated it, along with 1085 acres, to Morrow Mountain State Park.

The central NC location of Badin is convenient to major urban areas and universities. The Town of Badin has identified a potential site in proximity to Badin Historic Museum. It has engaged an architect to provide a preliminary concept to prove feasibility of the Hardaway American Indian Museum at this location. The museum will be a resource for continued archaeology study. For financial sustainability, the facility may house meetings and events as well as retail and dining spaces.



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