

**Paleo-Indian/Early Archaic Settlement Patterns  
in Southcentral Indiana: Final Report**

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## Abstract

This report documents the results of an archaeological reconnaissance conducted intermittently between July 15, 1983 -June 15, 1984 within and adjoining the karstic Mitchell Plain physiographic province of southcentral Indiana. The primary objective of the project was the documentation and comparison of Paleo-Indian and Early Archaic settlement patterns in a five-phase research trajectory. This final report is being submitted in compliance with Department of Natural Resources Guidelines for Historic Preservation Archaeological Survey Projects.

In-field research has consisted primarily of collector interviews and the recording of collections with occasional in-field examination of accessible sites. Numerous collectors have been consulted, with some 200 diagnostic Paleo-Indian projectile points, fragments and preforms representing 56 sites or activity loci, being assigned field specimen numbers. Over 150 unifacial tools of Paleo-Indian and Early Archaic affiliation were intensively analyzed. In all, 112 prehistoric sites were recorded or resurveyed during the project. A total of 10 in-field weeks have been conducted with the remaining time spent *in* laboratory research, records checks and collection analysis. Confidentiality of site locational information was promised to several of the informants and is hereby requested with regard to report dissemination.

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