

# Repatriation

Repatriation is the return of archaeological artifacts or cultural belongings back to their nation or people of origin.

At this time, KFN has limited space and can only accept exceptionally significant archaeological artifacts. We hope to build more capacity for this kind of repatriation in the future.

Please preserve our cultural heritage by leaving artifacts in place.

Moving artifacts not only erases information we could have learned from their context but is also illegal.

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## Found Artifacts and Repatriation



## How we can learn from artifacts

Physical evidence of Indigenous presence within KFN traditional territory paints a picture of life before European contact.

When properly recorded and documented, artifacts and their context can tell us:

- How old our ancestral village sites are.
- How our cultural practices have changed over time.
- How specific sites were used.
- Differences in cultural practices between communities.
- And much more!



## If you find an artifact:

If you find an artifact, **do not move it.**  
We ask that you:

**1) Take a photo**

**2) Note your GPS coordinates**

**3) Email them to  
[repatriation@komoks.ca](mailto:repatriation@komoks.ca)**

The KFN Archaeologists will document and/or recover the artifact.



## Original Location

An artifact's context is just as important as the artifact itself. We can learn the most about our cultural heritage from artifacts that **have not been moved** from their original location.

