

Archaeology and Historic Sites, Jackson Volunteer Surveyor

Purpose:

To provide survey support to the operations of the Archaeology and Historic Sites (AHS) section of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. This support will assist staff in furthering its mission to identify, preserve, and protect Mississippi's rich prehistoric and historic archaeological heritage through expanded public and professional education and stewardship. Volunteers are needed to assist staff in systematic archeological survey and inventory, maintaining and developing productive partnerships with various organizations and agencies, promoting effective archaeological programs and archaeological research.

Responsibilities:

- Assist AHS staff with occasional archaeological surveys
- Walk plowed fields, general and controlled surface collecting
- Conduct shovel testing

Qualifications:

- Archaeological survey experience

Requirements:

- Able to successfully complete training
- Able to work well with AHS staff
- Able to walk long distances on rough terrain
- Able to tolerate working outside in extreme weather conditions
- Able to lift at least 40 lbs.
- Provide proof of valid driver's license
- Provide proof of current personal automobile liability insurance coverage

Time Commitment:

- Twelve (12) hours of volunteer service per year at AHS section are required to remain on the active volunteer list

Benefits:

- The satisfaction of volunteering with professional archaeologists
- Continuing education
- Documented volunteer service for work or school credit
- A 15% discount at Mississippi History Store locations
- All training and training-related materials provided by the AHS section
- Volunteer appreciation activities provided by the AHS section and the Museum Division

Reports to:

AHS Volunteer Coordinator