



Big Bone Lick Questionnaire

Human-Animal Interactions

Q) Humans and animals have interacted at Big Bone Lick for thousands of years. What kind of animals do you think lived here in the past? Who lives here today? How would you have hunted them, and what would you do with the animals you were able to kill?

Salt Springs

Q) Take a deep breath in... I bet you smell rotten eggs right? That would be the salt springs, which originate as ancient seawater that seeps up from deep underground due to high pressure. Why do you think salt licks/springs occur at Big Bone Lick and how have they played an important role in the attraction of people and animals to this region?

Look at the ground around the salt licks. What do you observe? Can you identify any of the footprints around the springs suggesting who might have recently visited them?

Who were the Native Americans?

Q) Over 3,000 years ago, there were Woodland hunters and gatherers in this area. Why do you think they settled in this region, and what kinds of new technologies did they develop that allowed them to settle down in permanent villages?

Human History

Q) Wow! Look what the archaeologist just found (see pictures below)! Can you help figure out what these items might be? Try guessing what each item was used for. Can you think of something that we used today that might do the same thing?



Images drawn by Megan Long

Climate and Climate Change

Q) Look around you, what type of environment do you see and feel? Now try to imagine going back 15,000 years to the end of the last glacial period (a much colder and drier period than today). What do you think Big Bone Lick would have looked like during what most people know as the last ice age?

Research and Preservation

Q) How can you help researchers at Big Bone Lick? How can you learn more about the research that is going on?

There are answers to these questions back at the Visitor Center!



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