

Arkansas Novaculite: A Virtual Comparative Collection  
Novaculite Distribution Record Protocol

Location:

*State and County* are self-explanatory, which state and county did the novaculite artifacts come from? *Site number* refers to the state archeological site number for the site containing the novaculite artifacts. *Site name* refers to the common name or published name given to the archeological site where the novaculite artifacts were located. This entry can be left blank if no known site name is present. *Curation Location* refers to the location or institution where the artifacts, samples, and/or records are being held.

Novaculite Information:

The novaculite information section summarizes novaculite to other chert artifact ratios based on available or published information. From this we can learn in what form novaculite was brought to the site (as raw material or as finished tools). *Assemblage Novaculite to Chert Ratio* refers to the ratio of novaculite to other cherts or other raw materials used for chipped stone across the entire site assemblage. *Tools Novaculite to Chert Ratio* refers to the ratio of novaculite to other cherts or other raw materials on chipped stone tools found at the site. *Debitage Novaculite to Chert Ratio* refers to the ratio of novaculite to other cherts or other raw materials for debitage (flakes, shatter, or discarded cores) found at the site.

For each of the above sections there is also a *Sample Size* area. *Sample Size* refers to the total sample size for each of the three main assemblages listed above.

The *Diagnostic Artifacts* section asks if there are any diagnostic artifacts made of Arkansas Novaculite found at the site.

Cultural Context:

*Time Period(s)/Dates* section refers to the time period or periods and suggested date ranges associated with the site, and specifically whether novaculite was restricted to certain periods or phases of site use, if known.

*Time Distribution* section asks if the amount of novaculite, or the use of novaculite changes through time at the site.

The *Cultural Context* section attempts to discern what the novaculite was used for at the site. With this section we attempt to identify if the novaculite was used for utilitarian or special purpose tools (Was there noticeable patterns in the context of deposition (artifacts found in burials, caches, ritual structures, or in household debris?) Was there spatial patterning to novaculite artifacts across the site?).

Comments and Further Description:

The *Comments and Further Description* section allows the recorder an opportunity to add any comments or further descriptions to the form that would contribute to a better understanding of the site or novaculite artifacts found at the site.

Published References:

The *Published Reference(s)* section refers to the published reference(s) associated with the site that describes novaculite artifacts and excavated contexts.