

400 Generations

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10,000 years ago a group of 25 - 40 people arrived at a hill overlooking Allen Brook, above the Cross Vermont Trail route, and established a base camp. In a sense, they never left. Their drills, knives, hammers, and spear heads made of stone were still here, ready to tell their story, when archeologists from UVM came looking in advance of a planned highway. Archeologists found one of the largest Paleoindian sites known in the northeast, among the oldest in Vermont. With their careful excavation, it has told us the story of that band of settlers, exploring a new land.

People who study the Vermont archeological record see evidence of an unbroken line from those first Paleoindian pioneers to the Abenaki who live in Vermont today. Pretty deep family roots! Here, members of the Missisquoi Band meet with Governor Salmon in 1976.