

# Artifact Identification

When playing on a local sand/rock bar in a river, I started noticing 'weird' rocks. I took a few home, cleaned them up, and realized that they were altered by humans from a long time ago. Here are 10 of my weird rocks that Andrew and I found at the river. **Artifacts** are tools made and used by people in the past.



1. Nutting Stone – Nuts were a large part of the Indian diet. They put the nut in the hole to break it open.
2. Saddle Quern – This stone was used for grinding and rubbing. There are areas cut out on the stone to make it more comfortable to hold. Abrasions can be seen in a lengthwise direction.
3. ? - I'm guessing by the marks on this stone that it was handheld while the other hand made circular motions with another stone tool.
4. Scraper - It is difficult to see the beautiful pattern on this scraper. There are swirls of varying colors.
5. Axe - There are indents where it was tethered to a handle.
6. Netting stone – a weight that was attached to fishing nets.
7. Handheld Quern? – It fits nicely in one's hand. Just below the dot of the #7 you can see a line where the stone was cut out so that the stone maker could create the indent. Abrasions show a back and forth movement.
8. Burin Blade – Used for drilling and scraping.
9. Bird Effigy – An effigy was a representation of an animal or person. I have found at least 6 birds.
10. Fish Effigy – The small hand cut above the 'O' has small faint brushings on one side, like a fin.