

Fort Leonard Wood Cultural Resources Management Program

It is the responsibility of Fort Leonard Wood's Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division, Natural Resources Management Branch to manage and protect significant cultural resources on the installation. Cultural resources on post include archaeological sites and historic buildings, structures, and landscapes. The Cultural Resources Management Program (CRMP) employs qualified professionals to conduct all aspects of cultural resources management including archaeology, Native American consultation, architectural survey, and historical research.

Archaeology

Fort Leonard Wood's archaeological resources range from 10,000 year old pre-Columbian sites to early 20th century farmsteads, and everything in between. The land along the Big Piney River and Roubidoux Creek is rich with archaeological sites of all ages. Pre-Columbian sites consist of temporary and more permanent open-air habitation sites, caves, rock shelters, rock art, and burial mounds. Historical sites consist of the remains of farmsteads, community centers, schools, churches, and cemeteries. Check out these links for more information about [Miller Cave](#) and the [Big Piney River Recreation Corridor](#) located on Fort Leonard Wood – visitors welcome.

Historic Buildings, Structures, and Landscapes

Fort Leonard Wood preserves a variety of historic buildings, structures, and landscapes that date to the WWII and Cold War eras. Ten individual buildings and structures and two historic districts with numerous buildings are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), including Building 2101 (the historic Black Officer's Club) <http://www.wood.army.mil/newweb/garrison/mural.html>, Building 450 (Soldier Memorial Chapel), and the WWII Temporary Building Historic District at the museum complex. The installation has three historic military landscapes eligible for inclusion in the NRHP as well: Veteran's Park, Old Post HQ/Red Cross Area, and Gammon Field. Finally, Fort Leonard Wood preserves some of the most unique historic properties in the Army system – German POW-constructed stonework structures, many of which are also eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. These stonework structures include bridges, building foundations and chimneys, stairs, patios, walkways, weirs, check dams, retaining walls, culverts, and headwalls.

Outreach and Education

The CRMP provides public outreach and educational opportunities in the form of guided tours, lectures, school field trips, lessons, and hands-on presentations.

Want to Learn More?

Contact the CRMP at (573) 596-2814 or [email us](#).

More information about archaeology and historic preservation in Missouri:

Missouri Archaeological Society <http://associations.missouristate.edu/mas/>

Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation <http://www.preservemo.org/>

Missouri State Historic Preservation Office <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/shpo/>