

Paleoindian Archaeology at the Edge of the Rockies

Advanced Archaeological Field Studies-ANTH 5180

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLASS

Schedule: the AAFS consists of three-10 day sessions with each session separated by a four day break. The three sessions and two breaks are scheduled as:

June 21-July 1	Hell Gap 1
July 2-5	Break
July 6-15	Hell Gap 2
July 16-19	Break
July 20 – July 29	Hell Gap 3

Transportation: Transportation to and from the UW campus will be arranged prior to leaving for the field on June 21. You may have to drive a university vehicle during sessions or to and from Laramie and you cannot do so without university approval. You must be registered as a student before applying. Students are encouraged to use their own vehicle to convoy with us and provide more personal flexibility during the field sessions (travel to town after work and during breaks or down the road to get cell phone service). But we must insure that we have sufficient drivers for project vehicles and field equipment.

After meeting in Laramie at noon on June 21 (the day before we begin field work and our first session), our first task will be to load vehicles with field supplies, and other tasks necessary for field work. The same holds true on our return to Laramie on the 29th of July for unloading. We will travel to and return from Hell Gap after loading in a convoy at the start and finish of the field season there. Driving time to Hell Gap is approximately 2 hours and we will need time to set up camp (yours and communal) after arrival so we will need to get out of town as soon as possible after noon on June 21.

Field Living at Hell Gap: The Hell Gap field camp consists of a spacious tent camp area, dining hall, a well, port-a-potties, and a solar shower surround. We will have spaces for everyone interested in bringing more substantial housing (trailers, pickups with toppers, etc.), although there is no plumbing for sewage, and electric connections are in short supply. Students and staff are required to provide personal camping equipment (see Excavating and Living at Hell Gap).

Field Equipment: The AAFS provides major equipment and supplies necessary for excavation and laboratory work. If you have your own personal excavation equipment please bring it (see Excavating and Living at Hell Gap for minimum suggested equipment needs). If you do not have your own personal excavation equipment, please let the instructor know well in advance **so we can provide it for you.**

Hell Gap Field lab (left) and excavation of Locality I in progress (right).

