

Cultural Resources—Links to Our Ancestors, History and the Land

Known Cultural Resources, Acres Inventoried and Site Density

Ranger District	Recorded Sites	Inventoried Acres	Site Density
Cheoah	410	13674.38	1 site / 33.4 acres
Nantahala	691	15056.54	1 site / 21.8 acres
Tusquitee	458	15832.89	1 site / 34.6 acres
Nantahala NF Totals:	1559	44563.81	1 site / 28.6 acres
Appalachian	552	13255.5	1 site / 27.7 acres
Grandfather	740	15621.61	1 site / 21.1 acres
Pisgah	764	12187.26	1 site / 16.0 acres
Pisgah NF Totals:	2056	41064.37	1 site / 20.0 acres
N & P NFs Totals:	3615	85628.18	1 site / 23.7 acres



12,000 year old spearpoint, Burke County, Pisgah NF



5,000 — 6,000 year old projectile points, McDowell County, Pisgah NF



Pottery, soapstone disc, projectile points, Transylvania County, Pisgah NF



Cherokee pottery, Swain County,



Cherokee Qualla pottery, Clay County, Nantahala NF



Historic logging flume, McDowell County, Pisgah NF



1911: The First National Forest tract purchased in the East, McDowell County, Pisgah NF



Pisgah National Forest, C. A. Abell January 1, 1932



Yellow Mountain Lookout, Macon County, Nantahala NF



Green Knob Lookout, Yancey County, Pisgah NF



1914 Wilson Lick Ranger Station, Macon County, Nantahala NF



Present day Wilson Lick Ranger Station



Wayah Bald Lookout, Macon County, Nantahala NF

National Register Eligibility — Site Significance

National Register Eligibility	Sites Eligible	Sites Unevaluated	Sites Not Eligible
Pisgah NF			
Prehistoric	89	507	1289
Historic	62	162	212
Nantahala NF			
Prehistoric	57	435	881
Historic	30	138	151
Totals:	238	1242	2533



Cantrell Creek Black Forest Lodge, Cradle of Forestry,



Swannanoa Creek mill foundation, McDowell County, Pisgah NF

Archeological research is conducted to study changes in cultures over time and to determine their comparative ages. While artifacts and remnants of shelters with rock fire hearths are most often and more likely to be recovered in excavations, data found in the soils, along with plant remains, including pollen, as well as animal remains are used to reconstruct the past environments, vegetation and climate.

The Cold Canyon site had deeply buried and stratified cultural deposits that showed occupations and change over 8,000 years.



Swain County, Nantahala NF

Condition of Cultural Resources Based Upon 2001 - 2012 Monitoring

	Sites Monitored	Prehistoric	Historic	Stable	Impacted	Natural	Cultural
Pisgah NF	283	196	87	223	60	17	43
Nantahala NF	240	101	139	156	84	42	42
Total:	523	297	226	379	144	59	85



User-created OHV trail impacting archeological site, Burke County, Pisgah NF



Illegal digging for artifacts, Pisgah NF



Family cemetery, Burke County, Pisgah NF



Hiwassee Cemetery, Cherokee County, Nantahala NF



Appletree Campground, Macon County, Nantahala NF

Passport In Time volunteers have helped to research and preserve cultural resources on the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests for more than 20 years.



*DRAFT - Best available data as of February 2013. Map may have been developed from different sources, accuracies and modeling, and is