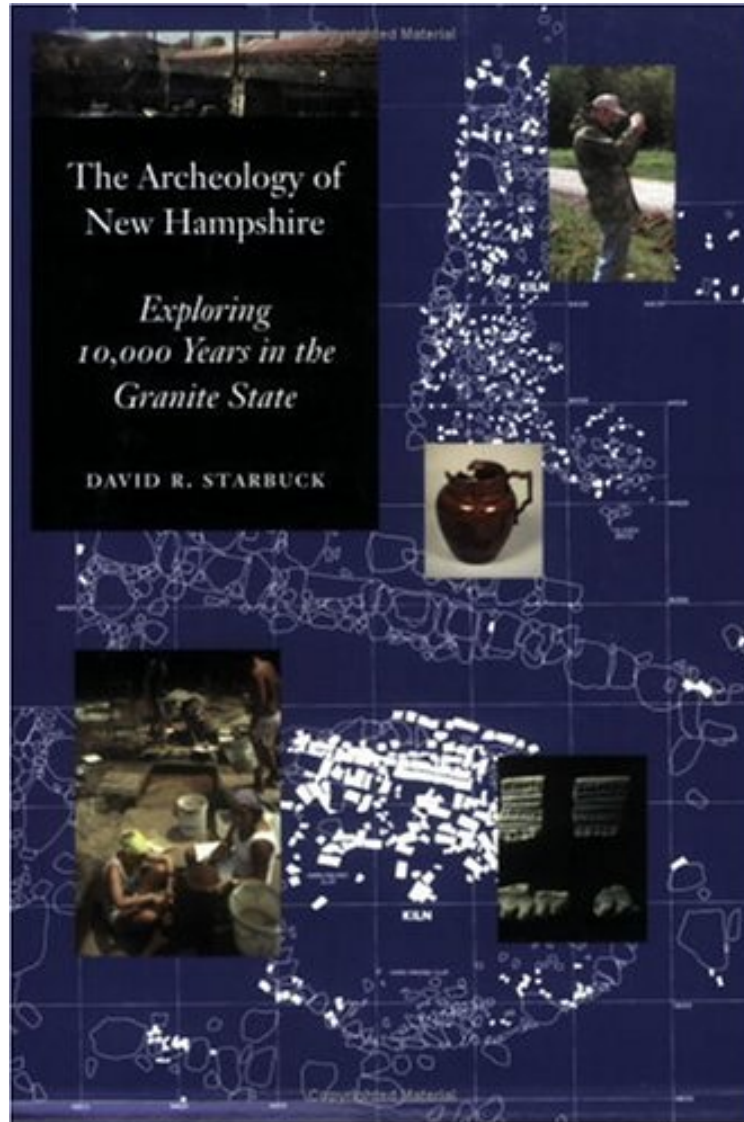


# The Archeology of New Hampshire: Exploring 10,000 Years in the Granite State

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**David Starbuck : The Archeology of New Hampshire: Exploring 10,000 Years in the Granite State** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Archeology of New Hampshire: Exploring 10,000 Years in the Granite State:

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I have several of Dr. Starbuck's books. They form a key part of my French Indian War library. My expectation of "The Archeology of New Hampshire" was that it would be similarly comprehensive. It turns out to be an excellent overview of the subject, but of modest length. Perhaps my expectations were the real problem. However, the title and the descriptions I read did not, quite, match the content of the book. All that said, I would not hesitate to recommend this book to anyone who is not already thoroughly familiar with digging up history in the Granite State. The author's style is lucid and straightforward, and the illustrations are appropriate and well reproduced.

Several states already boast volumes showcasing their archeological history, but not New Hampshire--until now. David R. Starbuck's volume fills that void. Going beyond standard state guides that focus primarily on prehistoric sites, Starbuck also devotes equal time to historic, industrial, and nautical sites. This approach reflects the thinking of most contemporary archeologists who conduct research at a diverse range of sites. A veteran of thirty years of field research throughout the Granite State, Starbuck revisits some of his own sites, including excavations at the New England Glassworks in Temple, two prehistoric sites on the Merrimack River, the Joseph Hazeltine pottery workshop outside Concord, the Governor Wentworth Estate in Wolfeboro, and his own long-term survey and excavation project at Canterbury Shaker Village. At the same time, though, Starbuck includes the work of other contemporary New Hampshire archeologists, representative sites of old-timers whose digs preceded his arrival, and the investigations of avocational diggers. Starbuck's introduction offers an anecdotal history of archeological research in New Hampshire through the people who shaped it. Part I discusses discoveries that predate white settlement: the Paleo-Indian Period; the Archaic Period; and the Woodland Period. Part II moves from the seventeenth century to the present. Chapters include historical archeology (forts, farms, potters, Shakers); industrial archeology (mills, factories, railroads, dams, and bridges); and nautical archeology (discoveries in the state's lakes and on the seacoast). In addition to summarizing some of the more interesting finds, Starbuck includes stories about archeologists and the techniques they have used to glean information from the past. Overall, he provides a lively account of what it is like to practice archeology in a small but dynamic New England state.

"Unlike most books on the archaeology of a state, this one covers the archaeology of both Native Americans and European settlement through the 19th century . . . Of great interest not only to archaeologists, historians, and students, but also to the general public. Summing Up: Highly recommended."Choice