

The Ancient Ohio Art Series

"The Paleoindian Period"

ca., 14,000 - 10,000 BP

Panel 1 of 6



A group of Paleoindian hunters successfully ambushed a herd of caribou migrating through the till plains of western Ohio. Now one family has butchered an animal, hanging strips of meat on a rack to dry both to preserve it and make it easier to pack and carry to their next camp. The animal also provides hides, which, after stretching, scraping, and tanning, can be made into clothing or thrown over a wood frame for a temporary shelter. All the tools required for these tasks are chipped from flint, sometimes even using heavy caribou bones as the chipping tool.

This artwork is based on archaeological research from such Paleoindian sites as Paleo Crossing, Nobles Pond, and Sheriden Cave in Ohio, and Vail site in Maine.

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