

The John Wolf Memorial Trip

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On April 8, 2023, I returned to Townsend, Delaware, for another John Wolf Memorial Trip. The weather was much better this time than it was last December. When I arrived, I saw the vegetation was about two feet high and I wondered how I would ever see to the ground. Surprisingly, it was not as difficult as I thought it would be. The field was restricted on this trip in comparison to the one last December. The field to the right side of the driveway was off-limits as was the area behind the old house.

While most everyone was there for petrified wood, there were other finds, as well. One man found an arrowhead that appeared to be in very good condition; and a couple found what I would describe as an artifact. It was a well-defined half-circle concaved rolling pin-length rock.

One of the highlights was meeting Mrs. Wolf. She doesn't walk the field any longer because she would have difficulty with her cane, but she did make an effort to meet everyone that came and to thank them. She also thanked Mr. Ertman for his efforts in continuing this outing eleven years after the death of her husband.

Provided that my work schedule allows, I will return for the Fall outing, partly because I am still learning and there is no better way to practice looking for something than to actually look for it. Also, I want to continue to support the individuals organizing these trips, so they know they are appreciated, and they continue to plan them.

View from the driveway of the field we were permitted to search



View looking back to the driveway from near the end of the field



There were bare patches scattered throughout the field. While it was easier to see the ground, they were the most searched, so there was less to find in those areas.



My finds in about 3 ½ hours



I like these two pieces the best.

