

Willows Beach Fossil Hunt Dec 4, 2010

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Twenty four (24*) hardy club members showed up at 7:00 a.m. at Monty and Cheryl's home on a chilly Saturday in early December to search for fossils at Willows Beach along the Chesapeake Bay in northern Calvert County, Maryland. This day was special because it had the lowest *predicted* low tide for the whole year occurred at 7:15 am

After a brief review of safety and rules (no digging in the cliffs), we all went across the street and followed a narrow path down toward the water. The Bay was calm and we had the beach to ourselves. The early morning glow was beautiful. Voices from the younger searchers were soon heard ... "I found one!". As we spread out, the finds of small shark's teeth increased. They were especially abundant where drifts of gravel occurred along the sandy beach.



Everyone who was willing to bend down and search carefully found plenty of teeth.



We stayed for several hours with the last folks departing around noon. No one found anything huge, but that evening, I counted my finds --- over 450 teeth, plus beach glass, shells and some fossil bone. A fun day.

*(Mike and Faith, Shane and Holly with their 3 kids, Mary B., Josh and Shelley, Laurel and Linda and Kai, Tom H., Dave, Sandy, Tom P., Christine, Cheryl, Mike and Patrick, Ann, Rich, and Jim