

Archaeological Program

Long Lake Wayside, a unit of the Alaska Park System at Mile 86 on the Glenn Highway, will be the scene of an archaeological program during the summer of 1973, according to Ted Smith, Director of the Alaska Division of Parks.

Citing it as a part of his Division's continuing effort to make the public aware of the reasons that disturbing historic sites is a violation of state and federal law, Smith noted that the Long Lake project will provide a forum in which views of professional archaeologists, museum personnel, recreational collectors, and others can be discussed.

During the day, Park Archaeologists will excavate and study a site in the wayside first discovered by Dr. Frederick Hadleigh West of Alaska Methodist University.

The excavation site will be open to the public as a demonstration of the rigorous procedures that must be followed if sites are to yield information about Alaska's prehistory.

Three evenings a week, camp fire discussions will consider the use and protection of archaeological resources.

The summer's program, Smith said, is made possible by a grant from the Alaska Humanities Forum and the National Endowment on the Humanities.