This is a visual database of “arrowheads” that have been found in Palm Beach County.

What most people call arrowheads are either spearheads or knives. Most “points” are just too large and heavy to shoot from a bow.

Arrowheads can only be made from specific types of rock. These rocks are crypto-crystalline (small crystal) in nature. Put simply, these rocks break in a predictable manner allowing a person to shape the rock as they desire (this is why points look different).
An interesting fact is none of this type of rock occurs naturally in Palm Beach County. Thus all the rock had to be traded into the area from either northern or western portions of the state.

Since this material was so rare, points were curated for long periods of time and if an old point was found on the ground it would be reused. That is why it is common to find very old (Archaic Period) points on more recent sites in Palm Beach County.

The rarity of these finds is why this database created, so others can learn about the types of “arrowheads” that have been found here in Palm Beach County.
Location Found: Lake Okeechobee (north end)

Type(s): Stemmed point extensively resharpened.

Date Range: unknown

Material Type: Agatized Coral

Material location: unknown

Size: 2 inches by 1 inch

Collection Location: Historical Society of Palm Beach County
Location Found: Lake Okeechobee (south end)

Type(s): Hernando (damaged)

Date Range: 3000-1750AD

Material Type: Sandy Chert

Material location: Unknown

Size: 2 inches by 1 inch

Collection Location: State Collection
Location Found: Lake Okeechobee (south end)

Type(s): Expanded Side Notched Bolen

Date Range: 8000-6000

Found on a more recent site. (3000-1750AD)

Material Type: Agatized Coral

Material location: Tampa area

Size: 4 inches by 1 inch

Collection Location: Old Courthouse, Historical Society of Palm Beach County
Location Found: Lake Okeechobee (south end)

Type(s): Kirk

Date Range: 8000-3000 years

Material Type: Unknown

Material location: Unknown

Size: 4 inches by 1 inch

Collection Location:
Lawrence E. Will Museum,
Belle Glade
Location Found: Tequesta
Type(s): Hamilton

Date Range: 5000-1000 B.C.

Material Type: Agatized Coral

Material location: West Coast of Florida

Size: 3 inches by 1 inch

Collection Location: Private Collection
Location Found: Jupiter

Type(s): Ocala (?) Bolen (?)

Date Range:
Ocala: Late Archaic
Bolen 8000-6000

Material Type: Unknown

Material location: Unknown

Size: 1.5 inches by 1 inch

Collection Location:
Private Collection
Location Found: Juno

Type(s): Either a Savannah River, (Late Archaic) or Alachua point, (Middle-Late Archaic).

Date Range: Archaic (8,000 – 3,000 years)

Material Type: Suwannee chert,

Material location: Pasco and Polk counties

Size: 2 1/2 inches by 1 inch

Collection Location: Private Collection donated to the Historical Society of Palm Beach County
Location Found: Lake Park

Type(s): Ocala (?) Side Notch Bolen (?)

Date Range:
- Ocala: Late Archaic
- Side Notch Bolen 8000-6000

Material Type: Unknown

Material location: Unknown

Size: 6.5 inches by 2.75 inches

Collection Location:
Private Collection
Location Found: Canal Point
Type(s): Kirk Serrated
Date Range: 9000-6000BP
Material Type: Unknown
Material location: Unknown
Size: 3 inches by 1.5 inches
Collection Location: Private Collection
If you found an “arrowhead” in Palm Beach County and you would like to add it to the database send a digital photo of it next to a ruler and a location of where it was found (Juno, Jupiter, West Palm Beach etc).

You can email the photo to:

cdavenpo@pbcgov.org

or

cdavenpo@co.palm-beach.fl.us

I don’t want your arrowheads (unless you don’t want them). I just want a photo and a location.
Any questions should be sent to

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