



## Zooarchaeology

### Deer

Deer are found in many environments, but they like forests. Forests provide food, shelter, and a safe place to raise young. People have been hunting deer for thousands of years. At first, deer were hunted with a spear and later the bow and arrow. Deer were butchered leaving cut marks on the bones. Antlers and bones were used to make tools. Once the deer was butchered and brought back to camp, the meat was cooked or dried. Bones were broken so people could eat the marrow inside.

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### Rabbits

Rabbits live in groups in meadows, forests, deserts, and wetlands. They are the most active at dawn and dusk. Rabbits were an important part of past peoples' diet. Rabbits were caught with snares, traps, and nets or hunted with projectile points. Many rabbit hunts involved cooperation with multiple people.

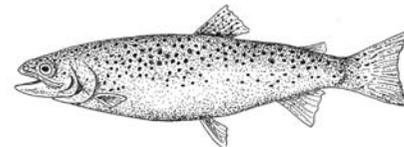
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### Fish

Fish live in streams, rivers, lakes, and the ocean. People fished using hooks, nets, traps, spears, and arrows. Fish are an important part of people's diet in certain areas of the United States.

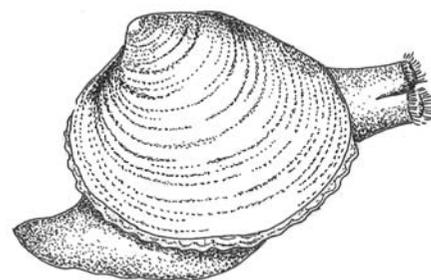
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### Mollusc (river mussels, snails, clams)

Molluscs are invertebrate animals that live in rivers and ponds. People ate the inside meat and used the shell for tools or personal items like necklace pendants.

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## Paleoethnobotany

### Grass

Grasses had many uses. Seeds were ground for food, stalks were used for making baskets, and grass was even used for making shelters in some places. Thicker grasses were used for arrow shafts.



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### Roots and tubers (Camas, biscuitroot, iris root)

Roots and tubers are found in the ground and were usually collected during the springtime. They were a source of starch and a well-needed nourishment after the winter. Roots and tubers can be boiled and mashed, roasted, dried, and baked. Many roots and tubers could be preserved to eat later and provide food during times when food was hard to find.



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### Greens and herbs (dandelion greens, ferns, horsemint)

Greens and herbs provided food and medicine for people. Fresh green foods are rich in nutrients. They would have been available during the spring and summer months.



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### Fiber plants (milkweed, dogbane, spruce root, yucca fiber)

Many plants were used for fiber to make baskets, clothing, shoes, fishing nets, and household items like sleeping mats. Fibers were made into cordage. Cordage is rope or string made by twisting several fibers together.

