

Paleo-Indian Era: 12,000 – 14,000 years ago

- Climate was much cooler and dryer than now – **the river may not have existed as a permanent feature**
- Lived in small mobile groups – followed the game
- Hunted various animals, including the mega-fauna, with spears tipped with flint/chert points
- May have collected plant food as deciduous forest replaced Ice Age coniferous forest
- Occupied small temporary camps in response to seasonal availability of food
- Made their distinctive tools in workshops located near outcrops of chert – **numerous quarry sites on the Withlacoochee**
- **Present day springs may have been watering holes at that time**

