

GLASS AND STONE TOOLS STIRLING PARK ACT

Glass Tools – Aboriginal Stirling Park

During one walk on Stirling Ridge with Don and Ruth Bell, Don picked up a piece of broken glass with one side smooth from use and commented that as children he and others used such pieces when making boomerangs.

I had up until that time not examined the many pieces of glass found on Stirling Ridge, but have since that time and found that many pieces have been used for tools. These broken pieces usually do not have the remains of the full bottle or jar nearby – but rather are isolated pieces.







Examples of stone tools in the park





EXAMPLES OF GLASS TOOLS CANNING STOCK ROUTE

There is a similarity of the glass tools with those found in Stirling Park.

Details from my diary – 2004

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Below [not shown here] are two photographs of sections of the lake. It is very large and we did not drive all the way around it. We stopped at two points and at each I found glass tools. Photographs of some of the glass artifacts are shown below the lake ones.





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