

Artefact Policy

It is important that we preserve the archaeology of the Thames foreshore for future generations. Thames Explorer Trust and the PLA recommend that you do not take artefacts off the foreshore.

Please respect these wishes by abiding by the following rules.

1. It is against the law to scrape, dig or use metal detectors on the foreshore without a permit, therefore please limit your searching to 'eye's only'
2. Do not take artefacts away from the foreshore, instead take photographs of your finds.
3. If you feel you must take artefacts away for educational purposes then please limit it to one artefact. A responsible adult should be accountable for any artefacts that are removed from the foreshore.
4. Bacteria may lay dormant on artefacts for many years and should be scrubbed and sterilised in a sterilising solution (Milton's for example) available from Pharmacies.
5. Children must not take artefacts home.
6. If artefacts of historical importance are found, it is Thames Explorer Trust's responsibility to take these to the Museum of London so that they can be examined by an archaeologist.