

Sky Stone

Thousands of years ago, this large rock, known as a glacial erratic, was deposited by a retreating glacier during the last ice age. Its unusual size and unique location, which once commanded expansive views of a glacier carved valley, an immense inland lake, and towering mountains, may have influenced the early Native Americans to utilize it.

The stone has been examined by astronomers, geologists, archaeologists, and Salish medicine men. It may have provided a map of the constellations, determined direction, or indicated seasonal changes. Thought and opinions may vary as to its original use, but the general conclusion is that the mysterious Sky Stone served as both a calendar and an astronomical observatory, with possible educational and religious purposes for the Native Salish Society centuries before the coming of the non-Native pioneers. Even after the arrival of these Euro-American settlers, the subsequent owners of this property continued to allow Native American access to this site because of its cultural importance.



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