Glacier Archaeology Program - Secrets of the Ice.

Program partners

There are four parties (organizations) directly involved in the work. These are:

- Innlandet County Municipality
- Museum of Cultural History, University of Oslo
- Norwegian Mountain Museum (part of Norwegian Mountain Center)
- Climate Park 2469

The organizations have different responsibilities and roles but work holistically, integrating the safeguarding of finds, research, and dissemination. Innlandet County Municipality (as the owner of the Glacier Archaeology Safeguarding Program, *Secrets of the Ice*) is the formal applicant for the Europa Nostra prize, but we are applying on behalf of all four collaborating partners.

Innlandet County Municipality and the Museum of Cultural History (a university museum in Oslo) share responsibility for safeguarding and managing the archaeological artefacts melting out of the ice in Innlandet County. In simplified terms, the county municipality is responsible for field surveys and recovery of finds, while the Museum of Cultural History takes responsibility for the finds after they are collected. These finds then become part of their collections and provide a foundation for research. The Norwegian Mountain Museum (part of Norwegian Mountain Center) is located in Lom Municipality in Innlandet, at the heart of the mountain region where glacier archaeological finds are made. Here, the finds are stored during the field season, and many dissemination initiatives related to glacier archaeology and climate have been developed. One hundred of the finest original artifacts from the ice have been loaned from the Museum of Cultural History to the exhibition *Frozen in Time*, which opened in 2023. Climate Park 2469 is a separate organization operated by the Norwegian Museum. Park guides in the climate park at the Juvfonne ice patch, located at 1,850 meters above sea level, disseminate information about archaeological finds, cultural and natural heritage, and climate.

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