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*Magic Sticks: Comparing Wooden Dowsing Rods and Copper Dowsing Rods to Find Water*

The key purpose of this experiment was to find what dowsing concept works the best to find water. The different dowsing rods used were a copper dowsing rod, willow tree rod, and a cherry tree rod. The hypothesis was that the copper dowsing rod would be the best rod (the most reliable, accurate, and time efficient rod).

The experiment involved using different dowsing rods to find water that was underground. In the experiment, four different volunteers walked across a waterline and attempted to find the location of it using a willow tree rod, copper rod, and a cherry tree rod. Each volunteer had five minutes with each rod to find the waterline.

The hypothesis made supported the data collected during the experiment. The copper dowsing rod had the best average time with 1 minute and four seconds. The dowsing rod with the second best average was the Willow Tree Rod with an average time of three minutes forty nine seconds. The dowsing rod with the worst average time was the Cherry Tree Rod with an average time of four minutes and six seconds.

These findings show that if you are using a dowsing rod for finding water, the best rod to use is a Copper Dowsing Rod, because it takes less time to find the water, and it has the most sensitivity. In this experiment the Cherry Tree Rod proved to be the least effective rod, while the Copper Dowsing rod proved to be the most effective. If this experiment were to be continued, then the dowsing rods would be used to find something other than water, such as coins hidden beneath the ground.