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Martin's Pond Site
West of Annapolis
Private

Middle-Late Woodland period

This Middle-Late Woodland period site is a highly stratified habitation site. Lithic, floral, and faunal remains indicate a small, seasonal marine-oriented community settlement. Test excavations conducted in 1973 by Henry Wright revealed shell and charcoal lenses extending 80 feet along a slope and 30 feet from the edge of a terrace. The six feet of cultural and sterile deposits containing 25 distinct levels were the primary basis for Wright's sequence of phases for the Middle Chesapeake region (Wright 1973).

While of primarily chronological significance, the site's complex stratigraphy and limited size present an excellent opportunity to study gradual changes in the composition of a small, seasonal, marine-oriented community settlement. The site is potentially valuable for understanding changes within as well as between components of the Popes Creek, Mockley, and Sullivan Cove phases.