

MSU Campus Archaeology Program Project Summary Sheet



Report No. 53

Date of Survey: 7/28/14 – 8/4/14

Site Name: People's Park

Principal Investigator: Kate Frederick

Physical Plant Project Name: People's Park Survey

Project Justification: A shovel test survey was conducted in an effort to find the Chittenden Memorial Forestry Cabin, once located in the area known today as People's Park. The Memorial Cabin stood in the area from 1935 – 1965 (Adrienne Daggett 2014, [CAP blog post](#)). Following the end of World War II, a series of "Short Course Dormitories" were erected in the area and stiff for several decades (Ian Harrison 2014, [CAP blog post](#)).

Location: People's park

Campus Zone: Central

Survey Type: Shovel Testing

Methodology: A total of 209 STP's laidout across the area at 10 m intervals. The STPs were arranged in eight "sweeps", which were split up by sidewalk sections, each with multiple transects.

Summary/Conclusions: We were unsuccessful at finding any remnants of the Forestry Cabin or Short Course Dorms, but we conducted an extensive survey of People's Park. Artifacts were found throughout the survey, though nothing of any substantial concern. Artifacts found include:

- bottle finish; bottle body glass; window glass; glass; whiteware ceramics; nails (square-cut and wire); brick fragments; can pull tab; Rockingham ware ceramic; glazed brick / ceramic water pipe fragments; terracotta ceramic; opaque white glass (milk glass); mortar; concrete; asphalt (not saved);

Notable finds include:

- one possible lithic artifact found in STP 7-3-9

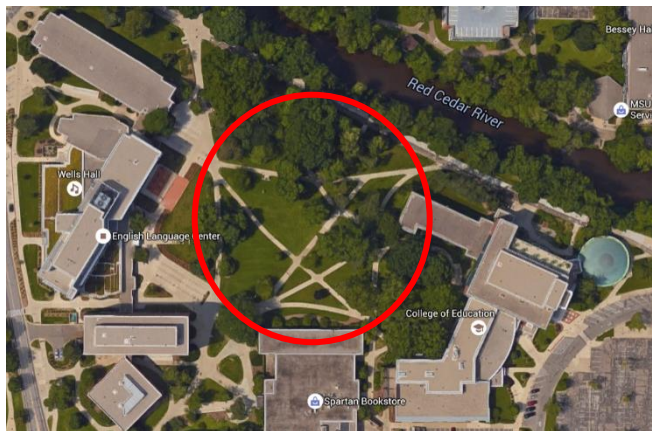


Figure 1: Location of People's Park survey

- a large, flat concrete slab found in STP 4-4-3, which was subsequently expanded to find the extent of slab. Shovel test was terminated before finding the edges of the slab due to time constraints and lack of artifacts.
- Charcoal found in STP 2-3-1
- An “old iron pipe” was encountered in STP 1-1-1 at 19cmbs

Recommendations and Priority: While our survey did not reveal anything of value, the area should continue to be monitored, particularly because it is the site of the 19th century Anishinaabe settlement noted on the MSU opening day map and in Kuhn 1955. A plaque mentioning this settlement stands in the area.

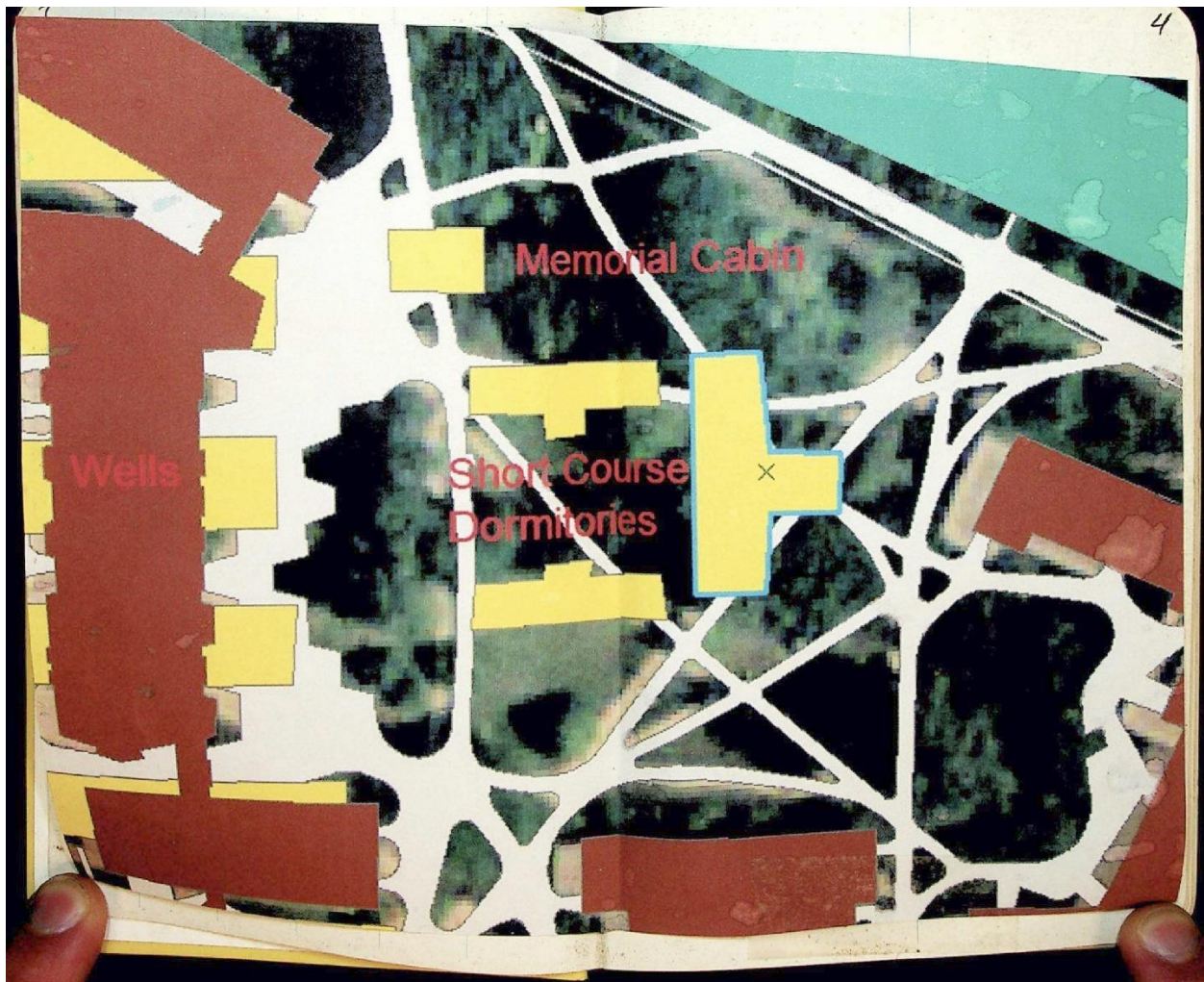


Figure 2: Map of previous structures in People's Park Area, the Short Course Dormitories (post-World War 2) and the Chittenden Memorial Cabin (1935 - 1965)

