

Keatley Creek Archaeological Research Project

Investigations into prehistoric winter pithouse village life on the Canadian Plateau

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Keatley Creek is one of the largest prehistoric communities on the Western Canadian Plateau occupied during the last three thousand years. These winter village sites constitute a critical heritage resource for understanding social complexity of past societies in the region. Many questions remain about these communities, such as precisely when they developed and were abandoned and the climate and resource conditions surrounding these changes. The current research program at Keatley Creek addresses key archaeological and ecological issues surrounding the development and occupation history of these past communities, as well as evidence for ritual and ceremonial life and socioeconomic organization. I provide an overview of the on-going research at Keatley Creek, while also discussing efforts that are underway to help protect these sites.

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