

The flood plain of Goode Creek before you was not always a city park. For thousands of years before the founding of the modern City of Richmond this area was the hunting ground for Virginia Indians. The tributary creeks and gentle hill topography of this area just below the Fall line of the James River would have been an ideal occupation site. A young park visitor found evidence of this occupation in the form of a stone projectile point turned up in disturbed park soil in 2023. This Early Woodland period spear or dart point is known as a Calvert type projectile point made from Mottled Meta-Rhyolite stone from Maryland and dates to 3,150 - 2,450 years before present (present defined as 1950). During the Early Woodland period permanent villages and pottery began to define the way of life. These small villages formed the foundation for the later larger tribal groups that were present at the time of the European contact.

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What do you think?

- Was there once perhaps a hamlet here?
- Where would you site your village if you lived here at this time?
- What native resources can you identify in the park?

