

Extra Housepit Excavation 13 Excavation Results

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Extra Housepit Excavation 13 was dug into a small circular cultural depression located in the eastern section of the site, in close proximity to Extra Housepit Excavation 10. The surficial dimensions of the pit feature measure about 2 m in diameter by about 0.25 m deep. An excavation unit measuring 2 m north-south by 0.75 m east-west was dug into the northwestern section of the depression such that its southeast corner intersected the center of the pit. The unit was designated as Square A. A small excavation block annex (A-1) measuring 1 m north-south by 0.25 m east-west was added to the southeast to secure a larger sample of materials from the center of the feature. Excavation was conducted with trowels in 10 cm arbitrary levels. All matrices were screened through 1/4" mesh.

Excavations revealed that the pit was originally quite shallow, extending from 0 cm to 20 cm below surface. Only two lithic waste flakes, some charcoal, and a few fire cracked rocks were recovered. These data suggest that Extra Housepit Excavation 13 probably functioned as a fire pit.