

Excavation Summary for Extra-Housepit Excavation 30

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Extra-Housepit Excavation 30 (EHPE 30) is one of three small depressions associated with HP 1 (Vol. III, Preface, **Fig. 1**; and Chap. 11.1, **Fig. 1**). It was excavated to determine its functional relationship to HP 1. Two pisolite flakes excavated from the pit also suggest an association with the housepit, since pisolite is the material of choice in HP 1, and is not as commonly associated with other housepits (Vol. I, Chap. 16).

It was initially suspected that EHPE's 29-31 were roasting pits. However, the excavation of EHPE 30 suggests that this feature was not used for roasting. This has been determined by the near absence of FCR, ash, or charcoal within the feature, whereas if it were a roasting pit, a much greater amount of these should be present. The feature was excavated to a depth of 120 cm below surface level, where sterile glacial till was encountered. The depth and lack of FCR suggests that this feature was in fact a cache or storage pit. EHPE 30 appears to have been used to store fish, as the majority of bones uncovered within the pit were fish bones, with many grouped together at the bottom.