

Food processing and manufacturing at burnt mounds: What do the archaeological features reveal?

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Mound formation in advance of boiling





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Great Beer Experiment





FUNCTION

- **Troughs**
 - Boiling of large quantities of water for butchery, food preparation (incl hide preparation) and food processing
 - Other uses
- **Small pits**
 - Hot stone boiling of smaller quantities of water for varied uses
 - Washing/Sieving
 - Blood product processing?
 - Plant product processing?
 - Holding **containers** (basket/leather/clay) for curing/storing
 - Roasting pits?
- **Posthole and stakehole structures/furniture**
 - Tripods?
 - Drying Racks
 - Windbreaks
- **Hearths**
 - Stone roasting
 - Hide roasting
 - Meat Roasting