

Boršice u Buchlovic, Uherské Hradiště District, Zlín Region

Seasonal hunters' settlement from the Late Palaeolithic

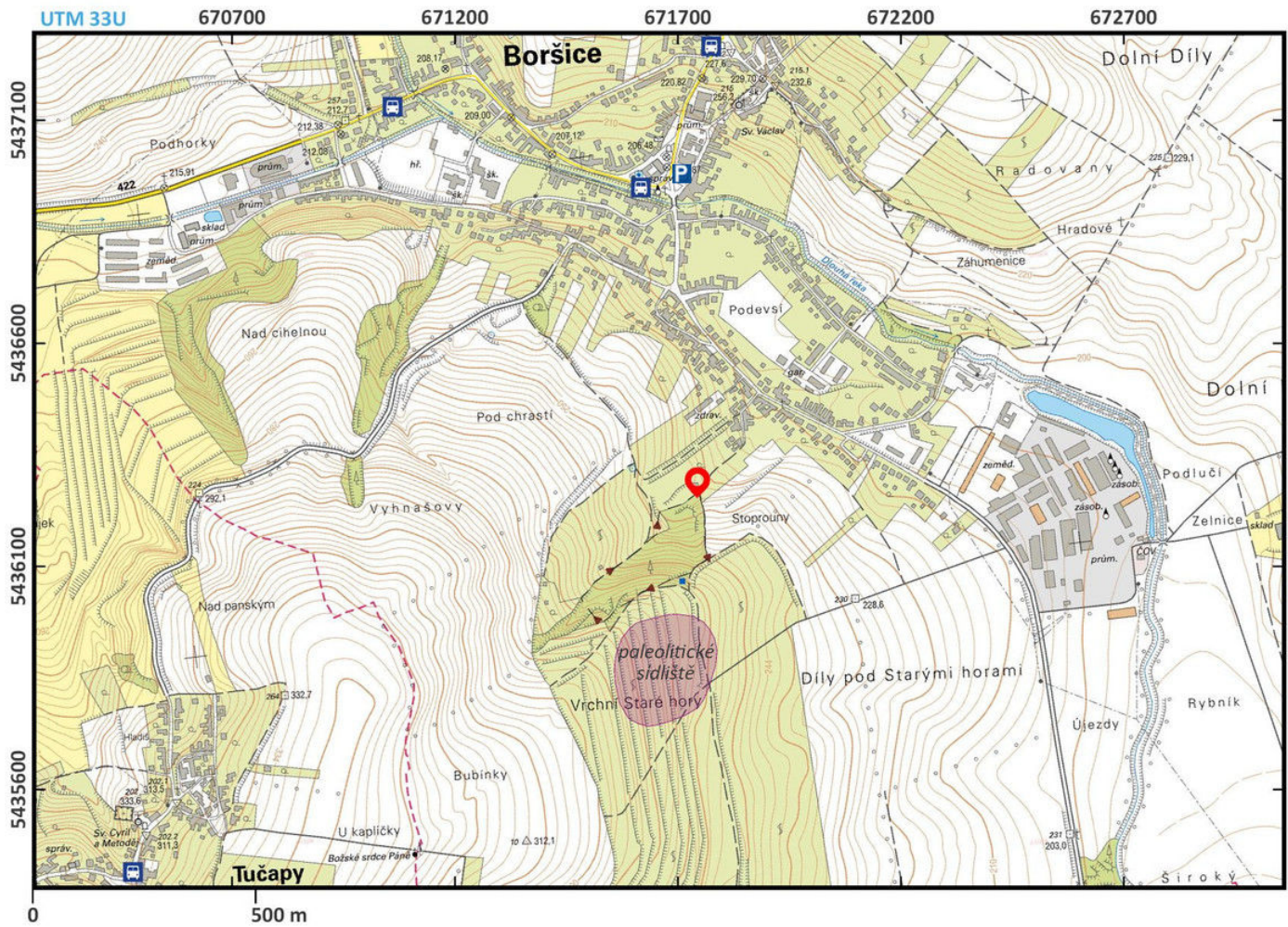
(26,000–24,000 BP)



In 1902, the Chrástka site yielded Palaeolithic finds, together with a mammoth tusk. This generated interest in the site and the first archaeological excavation was carried out there in 1939 followed by other successful excavations, particularly in the 1960s. There is evidence of a Gravettian settlement of mammoth hunters and the site is extremely rich in the chipped stone industry, such as flakes, blades, microblades, borers, graters and endscrapers. To date, almost 5,000 animal bones and fragments from the woolly mammoth, woolly rhinoceros, wild horse, reindeer, wolf, cave bear, wolverine, arctic fox and the mountain hare have been found. The bone analysis points to an interpretation of the site as a base camp where the prey was processed. From the larger animals, only the fleshy parts and those suitable for processing were brought there and some bones show traces of heat. Other interesting finds include the remains of red pigment and lumps of burnt clay with fingerprints and textile impressions.

References: Klíma 1965; Škrdla 2000.

Navigation point: N 49°03'17.9", E 17°20'59.9".



Access map.

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Archaeological fieldwork and the measurement of the position of the finds using a total station at the Boršice-Chrástka site.

Photo M. Nývltová Fišáková, 2006.



View of the archaeological fieldwork at the Boršice-Chrástka site.

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View of a trench section during the collection of sediment samples at the Boršice-Chrástka site.

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View of the uncovered area using a chessboard grid method by first excavating the odd and then the even fields; Boršice-Chrástka site.

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Overall view of the uncovered upper cultural layers at the Boršice-Chrástka site containing skeletal remains and chipped stone artefacts.

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Detail of the right mandible of a wolverine from the bottom cultural layer at the Boršice-Chrástka site.

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