

Kyjovice, Znojmo District, South Moravian Region

Prehistoric settlement and Neolithic roundel in Těšetice-Kyjovice

(5400–500 BC)

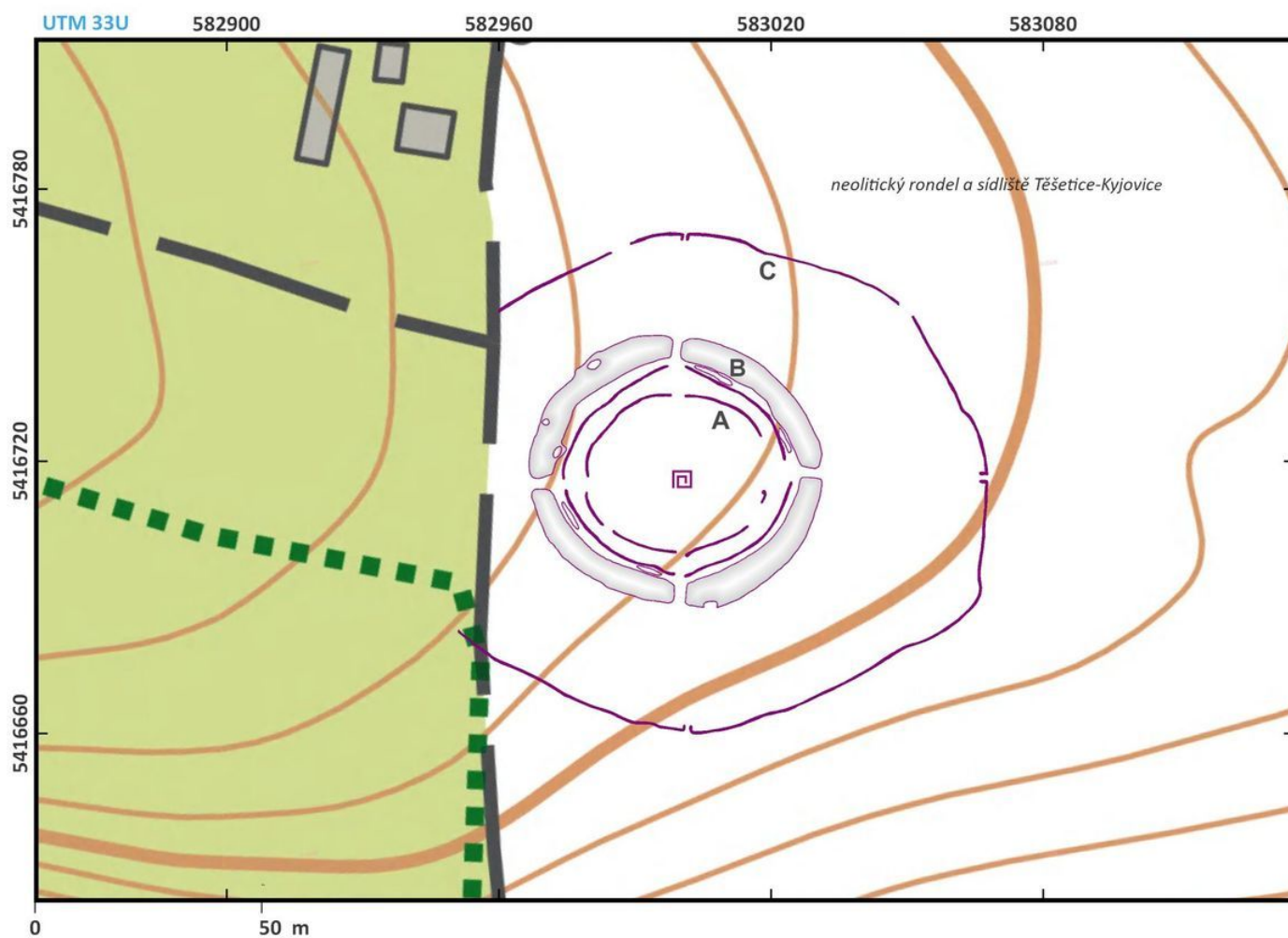


Těšetice-Kyjovice is one of the most important sites in Moravian prehistory. Due to the discovery of a roundel — a circular ditched enclosure — the site has become internationally known as it was the first find of this type discovered in Central Europe. Systematic excavations on the border of the cadastral areas of Těšetice and Kyjovice started in 1956 and are still ongoing. The oldest remains of a settlement can be attributed to the Linear Pottery culture (Sutny site) while later traces stem from the Stroked Pottery culture and most extensively from the Moravian Painted Ware culture, which means from the time of the construction of the roundel. The settlement continued in the Eneolithic; a fascinating chamber tomb of a high-ranking member of the Bell Beaker culture was uncovered there in 2010. The nearby Vinohrady site yielded a cemetery of the Early Bronze Age Únětice culture and a settlement and cemetery of the Horákov culture from the Early Iron Age (Hallstatt period).

References: Dočkalová – Koštuřík 1996; Kazdová 1996; Lorencová 1975-1976; Podborský 1981; Weber 1985.

Navigation point: N 48°53'55.6", E 16°07'55.7" (at the archaeological base camp).

Map notes: A – inner palisade; B – V-shaped ditch interrupted by four entrances facing the cardinal directions; C – outer palisade.



Plan of the Neolithic roundel from the time of the Moravian Painted Ware culture.

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Aerial photo of the archaeological excavation of the Neolithic roundel.

Photographic archive of the Geographical Institute of the CSAS Brno, 1973.



Working image of the excavation of the Neolithic roundel.

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Presentation of the pottery finds during a visit by the archaeological commission in Těšetice-Kyjovice.
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Working image from the archaeological excavation in 2010 when a chamber tomb from the Bell Beaker culture was discovered.

Photo M. Vizdal, 2010.



Chamber tomb with the skeletal remains of a man from the Eneolithic Bell Beaker culture.

Photo M. Vizdal, 2010.



Taking samples for natural scientific analyses in the chamber tomb with the skeletal remains of a male from the Eneolithic Bell Beaker culture.

Photo M. Vizdal, 2010.



Working image from the archaeological excavation of one of the houses from the Linear Pottery culture.
Photo A. Čerevková, 2015.



Pottery fragments from the Linear Pottery culture.
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