

## **NORTHUMBERLAND BOTTOM (Kent)**

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The site at Northumberland Bottom lies close to Gravesend and Southfleet in Kent, in an area that overlies Upper Chalk silty sand (Askew 2006, 2). The Museum of London carried out excavations at Northumberland Bottom between 1998 and 2000 in advance of construction of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link. The archaeological investigation uncovered extensive human activity at the site that started in the Neolithic and went into the medieval period (Askew 2006). Occupation began at Northumberland Bottom in the Middle Iron Age and continued into the Late Iron Age (Askew 2006, 8-10). Excavations recovered seven human remains occurrences consisting of five disarticulated bones, which date to the Late Iron Age, and two cremations, one dating to the Late Iron Age and the other to the Late Bronze Age (Askew 2006, 7, 10, 27). Bill White (2006) conducted the osteological analysis of the skeletal assemblage from Northumberland Bottom.