

CAMP GROUND (Cambridgeshire)

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The site Camp Ground sits near Colne Fen, Earith (Cambridgeshire) and close to the River Ouse on a gentle sloping area that overlays the first and second gravel terrace where the soils are relatively acidic (Regan *et al.* 2004). Cambridgeshire Archaeological Unit began excavations in 2001 in advance of quarrying to the area (Regan *et al.* 2004). Evidence from the excavation revealed human activity at Camp Ground in the Neolithic/Bronze Age, later Iron Age and Romano-British periods (Regan *et al.* 2004, 5). Excavations revealed a Middle Bronze Age 'C'-shaped ring ditch with subsequent burial surrounding the feature leading the excavators to interpret the monument having a ritual/funerary function (Regan *et al.* 2004, 16). Furthermore, the investigations uncovered two Middle/Late Iron Age enclosures, both presumably domestic areas, at Camp Ground (Regan *et al.* 2004, 39). Overall, the excavators deduced that the relationship of the Bronze Age monument with the later Iron Age and Roman settlements may signify an ancestral link between the former and later (Regan *et al.* 2004, 207). Lastly, excavations uncovered two inhumations provisionally dating to the Iron Age from Camp Ground and Natasha Dodwell (2004) conducted and prepared the skeletal analysis.