"A considerable quantity of flaked bloodstone (including a barbed-and-tanged arrowhead) and a small quantity of flintwork, which was found in a ploughed field 350m NE of Kinloch Castle, probably indicates the site of a knapping-floor. Visited June 1983."

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Mesolithic Activity
NM 403 998 The third season of excavation opened a trench of approximately 350 square metres around an area of better preservation identified in 1985. A complex series of pits, together with post holes and at least one budding trench for upright timbers, were uncovered.

To the N the area of mesolithic activity is bounded by a wet flush, now infilled with peat, originally a running burn. Along its S banks the dumping of both gravel and larger stones took place in early prehistory and a deposit of birch may also be artificial.

Samples submitted for radiocarbon dating from both this dumping and a selection of the features elsewhere on the site. Five C14 determinations were obtained from the 1985 excavations; these provide added evidence for mesolithic activity in the mid sixth millennium BC and suggest that it continued, sporadically at least, into the third millennium BC. Two of the dates place the neolithic clearance excavated in 1985 into the early second millennium BC.

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