Machrie Moor, Arran: recent excavations at two stone circles

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ABSTRACT
Excavations at stone circles 1 and 11 on Machrie Moor revealed previous use of the land on which they were situated, with features dating back to the earlier Neolithic. The exact positions occupied by both circles were found to have been preceded by timber monuments, comprising several elements in the case of circle 1. Evidence for fenced land divisions and ard ploughing between the timber and stone phases was also recovered. Both stone circles contained a single inserted cremation deposit. Stone circle 1 had been dug into in 1861 by James Bryce but circle 11 was previously untouched, having been buried in peat. The ceramic assemblage, though not extensive, produced examples of pottery traditions spanning over a millennium. A catalogue of Neolithic pottery by Audrey Henshall is on microfiche.

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Stone Circle: OS Grid Reference - NR 90878 32353
Also Known as: Canmore ID 39705
Machrie Moor 5
Moss Farm Stone Circle
Suidhe Coire Fhionn
Tormore Stones
Getting Here
By whichever way you come (be it from Brodick on the east, Lochranza to the north) ask any local the way to Machrie and they'll point you the road onto the west side of the island, roughly halfway. You're after the hamlets of Blackwaterfoot or Auchagallon. Stone Circle, Isle of Arran, Argyll. Photo © Martin Junius. OS Map: 69 Isle of Arran. OS Map Preview amazon.co.uk bookshop.co.uk (up to 20% off) countrybookshop.co.uk (up to 20% off, free UK P&P. OS Map ref: NR909324. Do you agree with my description? Read visitors' comments on Machrie Moor 5, or leave your own, and please visit our sponsors to support future development. Above, one of the other Machrie Moor sites, site 3 I think. Needs its own page really

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