

Burgäschi-lake Region

A preliminary analysis of the flint stone artefacts from the Neolithic lakeside Settlement of Burgäschi: South, South-west and North.

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Silex stone tools from Burgäschi-sites.

Researches and excavations have been conducted on the lakeside settlement of Burgäschi-lake area since the end of the 19th and beginning of 20th centuries and are continuing currently. These excavations have exposed different prehistoric findings including Silex (flint) stone artefacts. The dendrochronological dating of the site reveals that, it belongs to Cortaillod cultural phase of the Neolithic period.

Thus, this Master Thesis focuses to analyse the silex stone assemblage from three sites in the Burgäschi lake region. These sites are Burgäschi-South, Burgäschi-Southwest and Burgäschi-North. The Silex findings are currently found in Bern Historical Museum and Cantonal Archaeological Services of Solothurn.

All the silex stone findings will be analysed and the focus will be on the typological identification of the artefacts and the origin of the raw materials used in the tool industry. Furthermore, an attempt is made to compare it with other similar lake side settlements of the same cultural period in Switzerland.