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# Summary

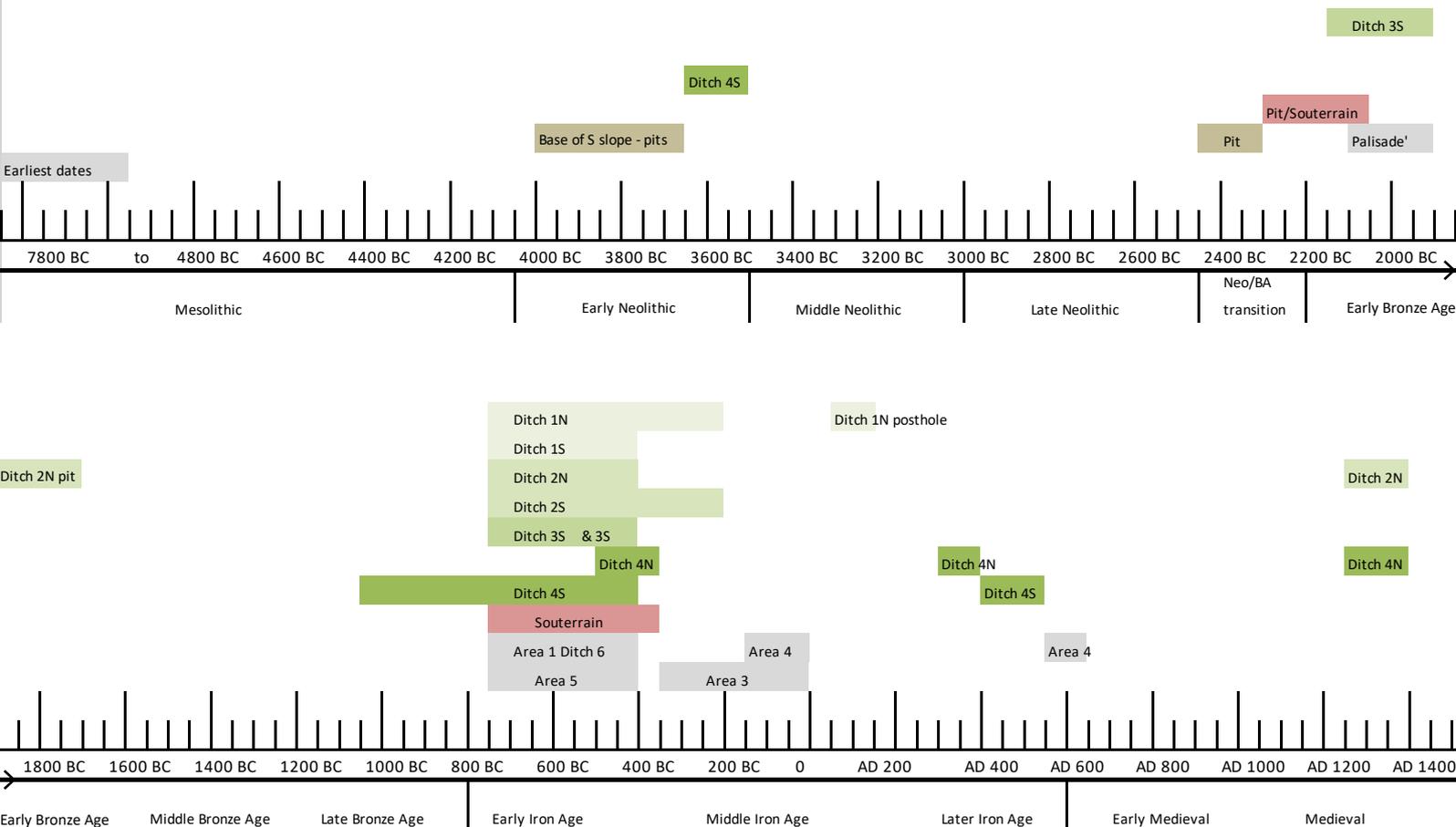
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Archaeological excavation of almost the entirety of Broxy Kennels Fort to the north of Perth, undertaken in advance of the Cross Tay link Road, revealed a multivallate fortified settlement on a hill overlooking the River Tay. The fort initially comprised two ditches that encircled the hill with a north-east entranceway that led to the interior. It was occupied from the sixth century BC.

Around the late fifth-early fourth centuries BC, part of the settlement's defences was altered to accommodate a souterrain constructed into one of the silted-up ditches. It necessitated a further short ditch either side of the entrance, followed by a final outer ditch that encircled the hill. Other changes within the enclosure may also have occurred at this time with material from clearance of structures being dumped in the ditches.

After a short hiatus, a subsequent probably unenclosed settlement across the interior of the fort persisted from the fourth century BC until around the late first century AD.

Other than traces of sporadic activity from the early medieval period to the post-medieval era, the site was to all intents and purposes lost to the plough.



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