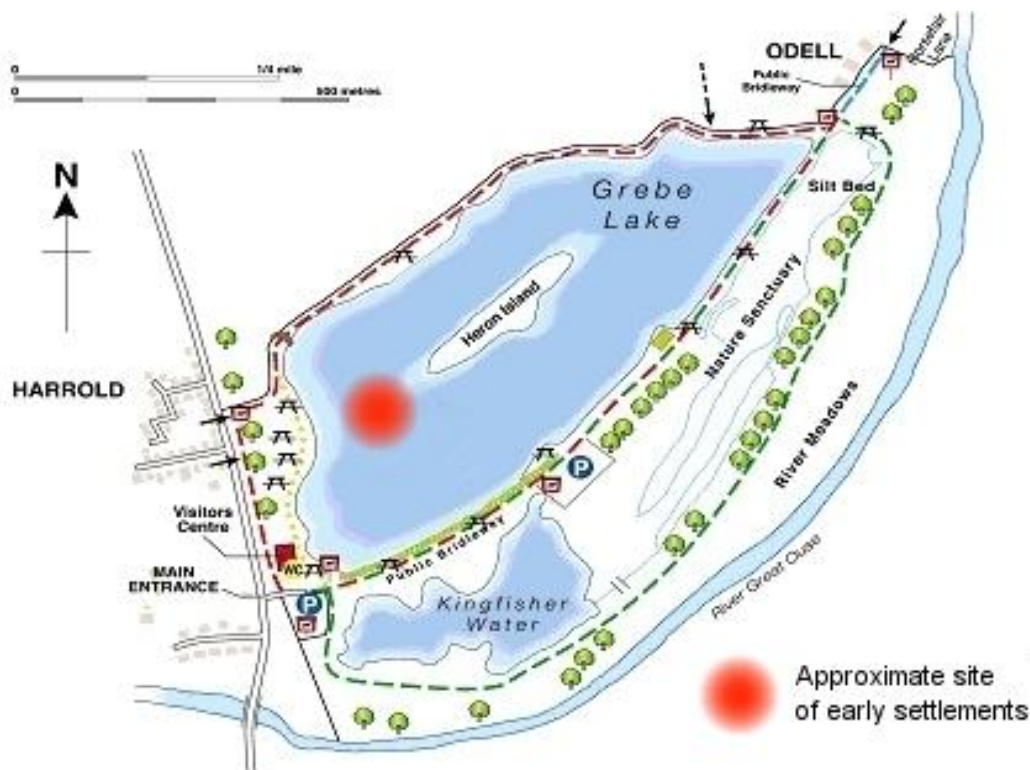




## FACT SHEET- Drowned Settlement under the Lake

**Below the quiet waters of Grebe Lake lies evidence of ancient settlements.**

There is evidence of settlement dating back to 3,000BC in the Ouse valley around the villages of Harrold and Odell. This is an area of free-draining gravels which also offered other advantages to the early settlers. As a result there is evidence of Neolithic and Bronze Age burial and ritual monuments, later prehistoric settlement, Roman settlements and industrial sites. Prior to gravel extraction in the area now covered by the Park, archaeological investigations revealed settlements dating from the late Iron Age and Roman periods. The evidence now lies below Grebe Lake.



Shortly before the Roman Conquest in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century AD, a farm was established in the area of the Park marked with the red spot on the map above. It consisted of a pair of roundhouses within a sub-rectangular enclosure about 40m wide. The enclosure was originally made up of a timber palisade fence but this was later replaced with ditches. The farm supported a family of about 15-20 people. Two Iron Age cremation cemeteries associated with this settlement were also found on the site.

For more information and pictures also see the Fact Sheet – Archaeology.