



**Archaeology: the science of investigation**

*Excavations in Jordan by the British Museum: part 2*

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One thing about this site is that you have to see it in terms of its surroundings. Two kilometres or so to the west is the river Jordan running north-south and just opposite our Tell there is a Ford which we found on the River Jordan and this road, which is a modern road, basically runs down to that Ford and probably has done since the Bronze Age.

Also it has the only permanently flowing stream in that central part of the Jordan valley going down alongside it and these factors, the road, the river with its fords and the north-south road and the water are the key factors for why the site is where it is and also explain things like why there is a gate on the east end and why there is a north-south road across the centre.