

Every year the archaeologists apply for conservation funds from the Directorate for Cultural Heritage, to be able to monitor and secure the prehistoric legacy of Store Myrvatn.

There are several reasons why the site must be secured. The Store Myrvatn lake is regulated for power production, and has been for decades. Thus, the lake's level is not constant. That the lake is regulated means that the settlements are subject to erosion, and that wave activity is wreaking havoc on the peat.

Still more to explore

In addition to conserving the settlements identified, the archaeologists are aware that new settlements may emerge, just as it did last summer.

The Archaeological Museum will continue the research at this site, and the search for new settlements.

Besides documenting the site with aerial drone photography and many other methods, the archaeologists also had to restore an equipment storage shed damaged by severe winter weather.

Now, they are ready for new visits at the lake.

"We found fireplaces, stone seals and made several other discoveries. It is exciting that the site continues to deliver amazing results. Hopefully, we'll be able to investigate the new settlements during one of the coming seasons. Our fingers are crossed for more great finds," Eilertsen says.

 [The parts of the shore where the settlements are located. The newly discovered stone-age settlement at the left side and the previously identified settlement at the right side. \(All photos: Museum of Archaeology, University of Stavanger\)](#) [6]

 [A short three-day stint in the field produced great results, including the discovery of a hitherto unknown stone-age settlement.](#) [7]

 [A flint blade, principally for making tools such as a knife, an arrow head or something similar in the Stone Age, is just one of the finds at Store Myrvatn.](#) [8]

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