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	<b>Site Name</b>	Karopoort 17
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Site Category: Archaeological, Artefacts

**SiteComments:**

Prominent shelter was located on the north facing slope of sandstone hill, measuring approximately 7m in width (E-W), by 6m in depth (N-S) and 10m in height (Plates 5a and 5b). No sediment was trapped within shelter, but a significant (predominantly) LSA assemblage survives on the shelter floor. Artefacts include several side scrapers/adzes, discoidal scrapers and fragments of blade cores. These were worked from a broad range of materials, including quartzite, hornfels, cryptocrystalline silicates (CCS) and silcrete (Plate 6). Possible traces of yellow and red paint survive on the eastern cave wall (Plate 7). The site would provide good shelter from the elements and a commanding view of the Karoo plain to the north and north-east. It is likely to have been occupied regularly and repeatedly throughout prehistory, as is suggested by the number of artefacts present and the range of materials used in their manufacture. Although no deposit survives within the shelter, further analysis of artefacts present would provide data on raw material procurement of local prehistoric communities and could give an indication of the time-span of occupation at the site.

Damage Types: