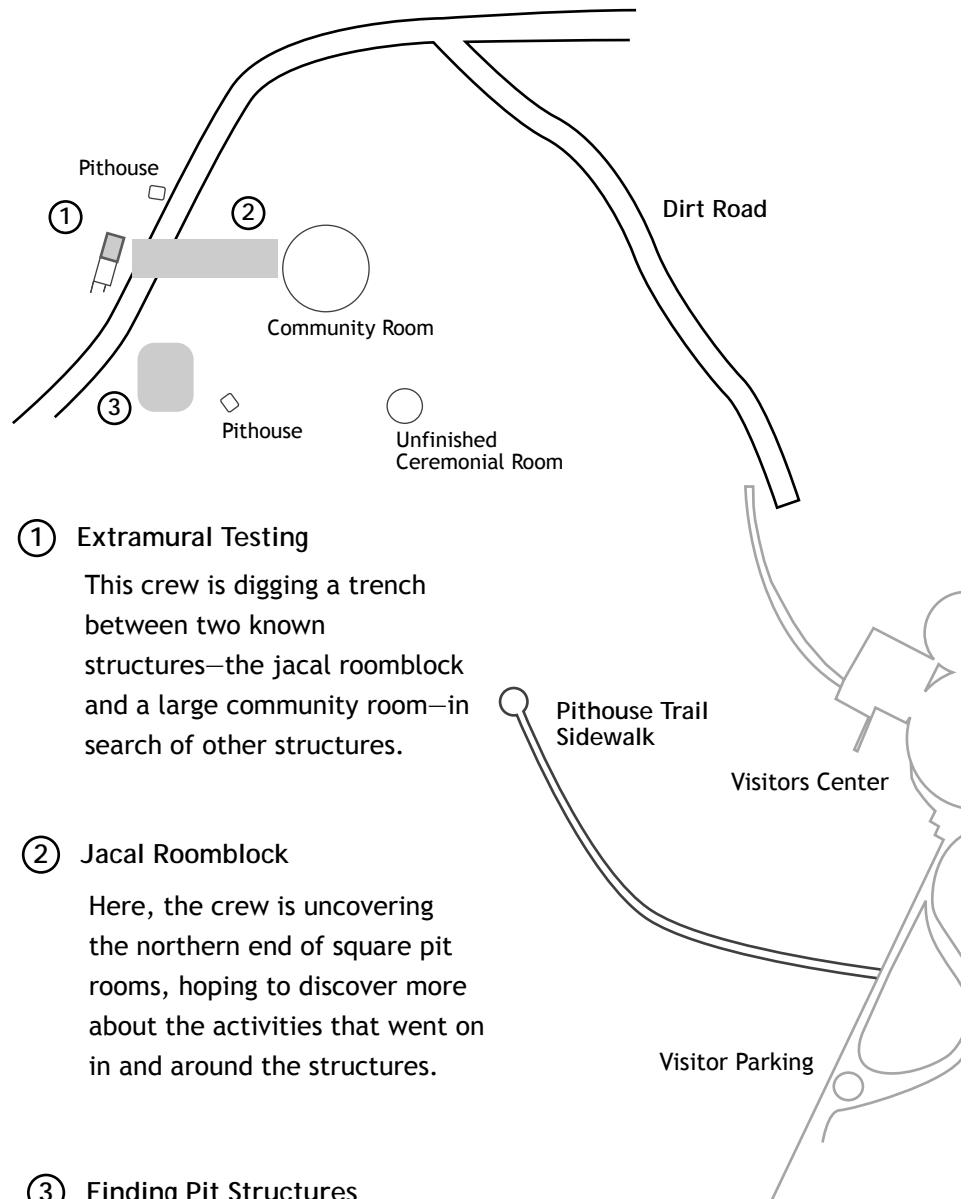


# Archaeology in Action: Research at Homolovi

Just outside the Visitors Center, college students from all over the country are learning about archaeology by digging. Building on previous excavations, the 2008 field crews are learning about the community plan of the pithouse village and its inhabitants.

You can observe the excavations from the Pithouse Trail sidewalk near the visitor parking lot or by walking along the dirt road leading from the north end of the Visitors Center.

Crews are looking for structure walls. Curved walls indicate pithouses that are at least 1200 years old, while straight walls are from pithouses at least 800 years old. You will see students carefully surveying and documenting the site, while sifting the dirt for artifacts. Pottery sherds, animal bone fragments, shell jewelry fragments, and projectile points are amongst the finds.



## ① Extramural Testing

This crew is digging a trench between two known structures—the jacal roomblock and a large community room—in search of other structures.

## ② Jacal Roomblock

Here, the crew is uncovering the northern end of square pit rooms, hoping to discover more about the activities that went on in and around the structures.

## ③ Finding Pit Structures

This crew is looking for additional pit structures in an area where geophysical surveys have revealed differences below the earth's surface.

## More Information

For up-to-date progress on the dig and site photographs please visit:  
[www.huop.wordpress.com](http://www.huop.wordpress.com)

Archaeologists will lead tours of the site:  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, June 16 to July 9 at 8:30am. Meet at the Visitors Center

Suvoyuki Day—a park open house including tours, Hopi artist demonstrations, and Hopi food:  
July 12, begins at 6:00am