



**Left: Greenstone axe after grinding.**  
Most are 5-20 centimetres long, 4-10 centimetres wide and 2-6 centimetres thick.

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## Cultural Heritage

# Grinding stones

**Grinding stones are slabs of coarse-grained stone that were used by Aboriginal people to grind and crush roots, grain, berries and other foods.**

They were also used to sharpen stone tools such as axes, and to turn ochre into pigments.

Grinding stones can be various sizes and are usually found where Aboriginal people camped.

Scientific studies can analyse wear patterns and residue from grinding stones to find out more information about what they were used for.



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