

The use of modern technology in prospections and explorations in South Etruria in Italy

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Southern Etruria is situated in the northern region of Rome, corresponding to the modern province of Viterbo.

Since the nineteen fifties, this region was analyzed by an important surface survey project, the so-called South Etruria Survey.

The South Etruria Survey, led by John Ward Perkins, Director of the British School at Rome, is a very important step in the study of landscape archaeology in Italy.

In this main project, carried out in central Italy, all the land north of Rome was surveyed. Almost 2000 sites dating from the Prehistoric Period to the Middle Ages were identified and dozens of excavations were carried out.

This paper particularly concerns the new methodologies that were developed and applied.