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- Joara is the name of the Native American town visited by Spanish expeditions led by Hernando de Soto (1540) and Juan Pardo (1566-1568). Pardo built Fort San Juan at Joara in 1567.

- In 1566, Captain Juan Pardo and his army departed Santa Elena (on modern-day Parris Island, South Carolina) to claim the interior of southeastern North America for Spain.

- Generally following the Wateree and Catawba rivers, Pardo arrived at Joara, the most important Native American town in the western Piedmont, near modern-day Morganton, North Carolina.

- In January 1567, Pardo built Fort San Juan at Joara – the earliest European settlement in the interior of the United States.

- Fort San Juan predates Roanoke (the Lost Colony) by nearly 20 years and Jamestown by 40 years.

- The Native American settlements visited by de Soto and Pardo and the forts built by Pardo are national and international treasures. They are witnesses to American history, and to world history, and they cannot be replaced.



Professional archaeologists work with students and volunteers to excavate the burned structures at the Berry site