



## Brukna Witch Hill

### Location

State: Latvia

Region: Zemgale

County: Bauskas

Parish: Dāviņu

### Other references to the location

The castle mound is located in the middle of a marshy valley, 250 m direction SW from the River Iecava and 500 m direction S from Brukna Manor.

### Coordinates

lat= 56.46385, lon=24.4443333333

56° 27' 49" N, 24° 26' 39" E

### Description

The hillock is often deemed a castle mound and is referred as this also in the Brukna Manor, but in fact it is not. The hill is without a plateau; there is no finishing or occupation layer. Diameter of the top of the hill is 28 m, height - 3 m. There are few birch-trees on its sides. A nice view to the manor.

### Narrative

The hillock is supposed to have been refuge place in a marsh and there are many stories devoted to it. According to one of the stories the devil had poured sand out of his hat in this place. The Viksne Hillock and Witch Hillock are also mentioned in the stories. Probably, an ancient cult site.



Brukna Witch Hill. Photo by A. Grīnbergs



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View from Brukna Witch Hill. Photo by A. Grīnbergs

**Attraction**

Good.

**Availability**

Extremely hard to access. In order to get to the hill, one shall cross 500 m of bog. During dry weather the bog can be crossed with medium-high rub boots on.

**Infrastructure, management, facilities**

No tourism infrastructure on the hill. The starting place to the hill is the Brukna Manor. The manor itself is an interesting sightseeing object offering an exposition, accommodation and catering (to be announced in advance). The manor is inhabited b

**Local info**

There are signs leading only to Brukna manor. No information about the Witch Hill.

**Capacity**

0 - 9

**Publicity**

Known

**Comments**

The hillock is well seen out of the windows and standing in from of the manor. Brukna manor is managed by a clergyman, who does not want to recognize the object as a Witch Hill (due to religious beliefs).