



Devil's Lake and the Marsh (Velna ezers un purvs)

Location

State: Latvia

Region: Riga

County: Ropaži

Parish: Ropaži

Other references to the location

At the N foot of the Kangari Hills, W of the Kangari or the Lielais Kangari Lake

Coordinates

lat= 56.9338888889, lon=24.7147222222

56° 56' 2" N, 24° 42' 52" E



Devil's Lake. Photo by J.T.Urtāns



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Description

Only the place name speak for the possible mythological significance of the Devil's Lake and the Marsh (the first name of this lake and the marsh is Mazais Kangaru ezers (the Small Kangari Lake) of Ropaži (in former times Suntaži parish); there have been no tales recorded about this lake and the marsh. It is possible that the Devil's Lake and the Marsh are somehow related to the wide range of mythological tales about the origin of the Kangari Hills. The Devil's Lake is a small wet marsh, where cranberries grow; there is no open water at the end of the summer. The water mirror of the Devil's Lake is estimated in literature as being smaller than that of a hectare.



Kangari Lake. Information stand.
Photo by J.T.Urtāns

Attraction

Unattractive

Availability

About 100 m away from the road downwards the overgrown forest.

Infrastructure, management, facilities

There is a road nearby, but a facilitated parking lot and an information stand are found at the nearby object of the Kangari Lake.

Local info

None

Capacity

41 and more

Publicity

Unknown

Legal Status

Property of State

Comments

The Devil's Lake and the Marsh are included into the protected natural area named "Lielie Kangari", where opposite the Kangari or the Lielais Kangari Lake at the edge of the Ropaži – Suntaži highway, there is a recreation place with a parking lot and an information sign. There is nothing said about the Devil's Lake² and the Marsh, only a tale about a

giant and the origin of the Kangari Hills.