



Mäla Sacred Grove Hill

Location

State: Estonia

Region: Muhu Parish

County: Saare

Parish: Muhu

Other references to the location

Mäla village, 870 m to the East and North-East from the Kuivastu-Pädaste road along the forest road and the field, on a grassfield.

Coordinates

lat= 58.593727817278, lon=23.281687548237

58° 35' 37" N, 23° 16' 54" E



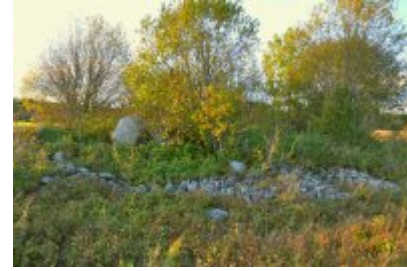
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Description

Ligikaudu 100 m läbimõõduga lage ja tasane ala põllul, kus enne maaparandust asus Hiiemägi.



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Narrative

Village shrine used for worship and sacrifice.

Estonia ☐ sacred groves Sacred groves (hiied) are the oldest nature reserves in Estonia, preserved from development out of respect for the forces of nature and ancestors and used as a wellspring of vitality. Estonia has close to 600 known sacred groves or grove-like sites. The area of a sacred grove can span 100 ha and often it can encompass sacred springs, stones, and festive and funeral sites. The sacred grove was used for prayer, offerings, councils, healing, celebration of days on the folk calendar by people in at least one village. The principle of non-violence to people, animals and plants is paramount in the sacred grove. People visit the sacred grove in a clean and sober state and domesticated animals and pets are kept away. Over the centuries, foreign overlords have attempted to destroy and occupy the indigenous sanctuaries to break the people ☐ spirit of resistance and sense of self-worth. In spite of this, many shrines survived.

Attraction

No special features.

Availability

870 m by foot down a forest path and across fields.

Infrastructure, management, facilities

none

Local info

Marker for protected archaeological monument in Estonian

Capacity

0-9

Publicity

Unknown

Legal Status

Private land, heritage conservation