



Abava Buck Stone (Abava He-Goat) Akmens Abavas buks (Abavas āzis)

Location

State: Latvia
Region: Riga
County: Tukums
Parish: Irlava

Other references to the location

In the Abava River downstream from the bridge across Irlava Secondary School

Coordinates

lat= 56.870157, lon=23.000416
56° 52' 12" N, 23° 0' 1" E

Description

The stone has already been called so and legends or their reproductions published about it since the end of the 19th century, however, a more precise description of the stone is missing, it is only known that the stone is big. According to uncertain information, the stone, when straightening the Abava River, was blasted, other sources say, it is still whole and lies in the river near Irlava Secondary School. Interviews with Irlava village inhabitants showed that the people knew the stone and it was said to lie in the river right downstream the bridge opposite to Irlava Secondary School. At the moment of the inspection the Abava River had overflown after rain showers and the stone was said to be below the water level and was not visible. According to legends the Thunder God hid



Abava and the site of Abava Buck Stone. Photo by J.T.Urtāns



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gold, silver and other fortune under the stone which had previously belonged to the Latvian people who had not known its true value. The stone lies about 100 m downstream from the Peņķi Health Spring.

Attraction

Unattractive

Availability

In the middle of the river, well visible from the banks or the bridge if the water level is not too high

Infrastructure, management, facilities

Well-arranged infrastructure, access road, a parking lot, path, information stand, next to it there is a school and sports centre.

Local info

There are, but at the Peņķi Health Spring.

Capacity

41 and more

Publicity

Known

Legal Status

Property of State