



Baltini Devil's Stone

Location

State: Latvia

Region: Zemgale

County: Salas

Parish: Sēlpils

Other references to the location

In the courtyard of "Baltini" home, 1,5 m from the road, next to the shed.

Coordinates

lat= 56.5222222222, lon=25.6583333333

56° 31' 19" N, 25° 39' 29" E

Description

Dimension of the stone: 2,0 x 1,6 x 0,7 m. Large-grained red rapakivi granite.

Narrative

According to reference documents found in the archives once there have been two more Devil's stones, which have been destroyed rather a long time ago. The former stone located at the home, which was around 2m high, was destroyed in the 20th century by immuring it into the foundations of the home. The current and former Devil's Stone is located in the territory of an ancient settlement. A legend tells:

"Once upon a time the Devil had intended to build himself a splendid palace on the Lake Baltini. He had got somewhere a large stone and carried it with him in order to make it the foundation stone. A cock had crowed near Baltini and thus the Devil had to leave the stone behind and to run away. The stone had hit the ground very hard, it had split into two parts;



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the Devil had seen that and had concluded - since the foundation stone split in the middle, there is no use building a castle, and it not worth the effort. The stone left behind by the Devil is still seen near Baltini."

Attraction

Minor.

Availability

Rather easy accessible.

Infrastructure, management, facilities

No tourism infrastructure in direct vicinity. Krustpils town and Jekabpils city are most closely lying towns. In Krustpils town and Jekabpils city (located next to each other; the River Daugava flows in between of them) there are accommodation and ca

Local info

No information.

Capacity

0 - 9

Publicity

Known

Legal Status

Private

Comments

Archaeology monument - cult site. Several archaeology monuments are located on the banks of Lake Baltinu - several ancient burial grounds. Once not far from "Baltini" home there had been also a Holy Spring, which had healed rheumatism and eyesight diseases. The spring is overgrown and disappeared after WWI, since, according to a story, somebody had thrown stolen money into it.

Attachments

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