

Baltinu split stone

In Selpils parish, next to Lake Baltinu and "Baltini" home a large split stone is located. The stone is mentioned in many stories and legends. According to one of the stories once an old man had made ropes sitting on the bank of the lake. Suddenly the Devil had come down from the nearby Baltini hills and had asked the old man, whom does he make the ropes for?! The old man replied he intended to pull the Baltini hills into the lake. The Devil immediately startled and had said he was ready to uptake any work the old man wishes would he leave the hills alone. The old man had thought for a moment and had asked the Devil to take a large stone from the bank of the lake to the nearby home, where he intended to build a new house of stones. The Devil had agreed. He had put the stone on his shoulders and set off. Unfortunately, he had not reached the intended place, when a cock crowed, meaning the Devil shall cease its work. The Devil had smashed the stone against the ground, where it stayed partly covered by earth and split into two parts.

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