

Money Stone

The stone is located on the way to town Jaunjelgava, in one of the pine forests in Serene parish. Nowadays, when the stone with the meaningful name is shown to the visitors, some people may tell an unusual legend about the time, when there was no other mode of transport in Selonia than a horse carriage, and this is how people got to the capital city Riga. Once, in a dark autumn night, while driving through a pine forest, the travellers wanted to light a pipe, but unfortunately no one had the matches. Suddenly one of the travellers had noticed a campfire a little further in the forest, and someone standing next to it. One of the travellers had approached it and had asked for a coal to light the pipe. The white person had been welcoming and had put the glowing coal on the pipe. And he had said the following: "I shall put several coals in your pockets; bring these to the others!" The traveller feared his clothes may get burnt, but he had finally agreed. By returning to the other travellers he noticed that the coal had turned into coins. Everyone was very surprised and decided to get more coal – while approaching the place, the fire and the fair man had disappeared and could not be seen anymore, and in the middle of the forest only a large, moss-overgrown boulder, which is now called – "Money Stone"- was standing.

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