

The Story of the Site – Material and Immaterial Heritage Framework

Stone Age Park Dithmarschen, Albersdorf (Germany):

Megalithic Grave with wooden construction and under construction

c) Inventory Number: 3

Name of the Reconstruction: Megalithic Grave with wooden construction and under construction

Photos



Description

Since the last decennia it is known that a lot of megalithic structures have predecessors built (only) in timber. Also new theories about the building processes of megalithic graves were discussed in the recent years.

To give the visitors an impression and an idea about the different forms, types and materials for monumental building in the Neolithic time we reconstructed this idealized grave and explain this on our guided tours.

We had already realized two times “burial ceremonies” as a role play for the visitors at our reconstructed grave.

Also in the Stone Age Park Dithmarschen in Albersdorf a megalithic monument has been excavated in 2011 and gave results which show that also here existed timber structures in the Earthen Long Barrows more than hundred years before the start of the building with stone (results by H. Dibbern not yet finally published).

Further Reading and Sources

- Dibbern, H. u. Hage, F. (2010): Erdwerk und Megalithgräber in der Region Albersdorf – Vorbericht zu den Grabungskampagnen am Dieksknöll und am Brutkamp. Archäologische Nachrichten aus Schleswig-Holstein 2010, Neumünster, S. 34 – 37.
- Müller, J. (2009): Monumente und Gesellschaft – Ein neues Schwerpunktprogramm zu neolithischen Großsteinanlagen. Archäologische Nachrichten aus Schleswig-Holstein 2009, Neumünster, S. 30 – 33.
- Recent Research Results also about the monuments in Albersdorf on the Homepage: www.jungsteinsite.de (Institute of Pre- and Protohistory of the University of Kiel)