





The mysterious stone rivers, walls and stone piles have given rise to fantastic explanations and guesses about Pokaiņi Forest.
Scientists and psychics are still trying to solve the mystery of Pokaiņi Forest.



The whole world bears lots of mysterious sites and one of them is Pokaiņi – a scenic forest full of mysterious stone stacks. This is a relatively new site that has first been discovered only in the 90s. Thousands of volunteers from whole Latvia have assisted in cleaning the forest and the stone piles.



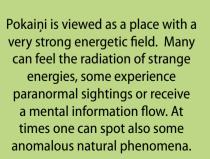


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The bigger stones have received peculiar names, such as The Stone of Brides, The Table of Laima, Stone Healer, Seers' Boat. These stones are even believed to perform miracles, which is why lots of people come to Pokaini to recover their health on the stones.







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One of the viewpoints – Pokaiņi Forest was once an ancient sacred place. Many stones are exactly positioned to mark the points of intersecting underground water streams. Pokaiņi Forest even boasts the name – Latvian Stonehenge.



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Full of steep hills and deep valleys, springs and ponds the forest turns into magnificent scenic landscapes that offer a perfect opportunity for calm, romantic walks. The main sightseeing places are linked by pathways.









Only the most essential adjustments have been carried out in the forest while trying to preserve as much as possible of its unspoilt milieu. Thickets, beavers' lodges and dikes, marshes might occur really exotic to urban people. Who knows, you will probably be lucky to meet a wild animal.



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