

Log near Vipava

IRN 15523

*Motorway section**Geographical coordinates**Primary topographical map sheet* TTN5*Cadastral register**Site type**Period**Method and date of discovery, site discovered by**Fieldwork type and method**Excavation director**Excavated area**Site archive kept by*

Dolga Poljana – Prehistoric settlement

HC Vipava–Selo

x 417346 y 81001 z 99

Ajdovščina 14

c.c. Budanje, cadastral plot nos. 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667 & 2668

Settlement

Eneolithic

Archaeological survey 1997–1998, Patricija Bratina

Excavation 1998

Patricija Bratina

6,528 m²

zvKDS, Nova Gorica Regional Office



Stone arrowhead

The site is located in the centre of Vipavska Dolina valley, to the south of the Vipava–Ajdovščina main road, between the hamlet of Log and the toll station. Archaeological rescue excavations were undertaken on the somewhat damaged Eneolithic settlement on the Vipavska Dolina flood plain.

Unfortunately, the prehistoric occupation layer was entirely destroyed by intensive agriculture and fluvial erosion on the greater part of the excavated area. The site was especially damaged by extensive land reclamation in the 1980s and by the construction of walls (foundations) discovered in the central part of the area. The artefacts from the wall area and the building method





Eneolithic pottery fragments



suggest that these earlier structures were associated with military activity during the First World War.

In addition to numerous prehistoric pottery fragments (351) and stone artefacts (34), two prehistoric structures discovered at the edge of the archaeological excavation are undoubtedly evidence for the existence of a settlement.

The first is a palaeochannel (ditch), the bank of which consisted of a layer, rich in prehistoric material. The second structure is a pit cut into a clay and stone chip layer, which probably served as a rubbish pit for the settlement. The pit fill consisted of prehistoric pot-

sherds, stone artefacts, charcoal, animal bones, as well as a larger and smaller stone packing. The prehistoric pottery indicates site continuity from the Middle to the late

Bronze Age, or rather the occasional use of this area during the Bronze Age. The excavated stone tools likewise date to the Bronze Age.



Fragment of First World War bayonet and spur

PATRICIJA BRATINA

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