Ancient monuments

• Are protected areas due to the insight they give into the early habitation and history
• Till example they are:
  • Pagan era graves and cemeteries
  • Ancient rock paintings and writings
  • Places of worship
  • Ancient homes, workplaces, roads
  • fortresses
• Old boundary marks and measurement places may also be considered antiquities
Sacrificial Stone

Ancient deer-hunting pit
Rapola Fortress

New duckboards on the old plankroad in Teuravuoma

Linnaluoto – an ancient castle island
Old boundary- and roadmarks

Alatornio church-tower is one protected station point of Struves Geodetic Arc in Finland

Picture: National Land Survey of Finland
Protection of antiquities

• Without permission it is forbidden to excavate, cover, alter, damage or remove ancient monument or to disturb them in any other way
• If an ancient monument is discovered during earth excavation, work be immediately suspended and the find reported to the National Board of Antiquities or the provincial museum
Ancient Sites Registry

- Contains basic information of ancient monuments in continental Finland
- About 29,000 ancient monuments are registered
- 500-1000 more are registered every year
- Includes location of ancient monuments: point or regional location
- Ancient monuments are marked with points on topographical maps
- Where an ancient monument is in an area pending cadastral survey, the monument and its protective area must be mapped and marked on the survey map
Survey of antiquities

- Many sites require closer examination and survey
- Modern survey technology enables effective survey
- Scanning with unmanned drones and helicopters for preliminary surveys
- Mobile scanning along driving routes
- Multi-beam scanning on underwater sites
- GPS and tacheometry can be used to clearly outlined sites and determine exact coordinates

Snow and measuring...
Threats of ancient monument

- Metal detecting enthusiast
- Lack of resources to research monuments

Picture: Yle
Possibilities of ancient monuments

- "Adopt a monument"-project
- Underwater park

Picture and underwater park map: National Board of Antiquities, Finland

Any questions?
Thank You of Your attention!

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