

Neolithic fortified settlement of As Muradellas



The castro de 'As Muradellas', is a depopulated area from the Second Iron Age (dates from the 3rd century BC), which was built with a notable defensive system. The inhabitants of this settlement chose this place for its easy natural defense, provided by the meander originated by the Tuela river and the rugged geography of this area. Its inhabitants could be Asturians, with livestock being their main livelihood.

It has some important defenses, you can see first a field of sunken stones and further on there are two parallel moats next to which the first line of walls stands. Crossing the wall, and entering the first enclosure, the defensive scheme repeats itself, although this time the moats are before the sunken stones. Finally, another wall protects an internal enclosure. Inside the second walled area were the buildings: the houses were built in an orderly manner taking advantage of the available space. Thus, two zones were created: intramural and extramural. The first safeguarded homes and livestock. The second was for hunting, fishing, pasture, mining.

Currently there are only remains of the walls, moats and sunken stones and some remains of granite walls of the houses, which makes one suspect that the fort was abandoned and not razed.

This enclave constitutes a magical place hanging over the Tuela river, having a route marked with white and yellow beacons and information panels.

Historical Data

Architecture: Archaeology site

Construction: Neolithic fortified settlement

Historical Period: Iron Age

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