

THE DEVIL'S LAKE

The Devil's lake is a small, round and very deep lake in the middle of the wood in Aglona municipality in Latvia. It's water is vivid green. Some years ago Devil's lake used to be a quite solitary place visited mostly by locals. But even than lake caused legends and rumours. In the last years due to availability of the information in internet the lake has become a popular tourist destination. Fog of the mystical rumours got even more impenetrable since each visitor has his or her own true story about the place. To name few of them:

- 1) Lake is a meteorite crater
- 2) Lake has a double bottom and underwater tunnel that connects it to the bigger lake near by
- 3) There are electromagnetic anomalies around the lake so mobile phones and electronic devices do not work properly
- 4) Birds, fishes and even plants avoid this lake
- 5) Lake is radioactive
- 6) Lake does not freeze in winter
- 7) Water of the lake can be used to cure warts
- 8) There is a Devil who sometimes takes people in the neverending coils around the lake
- 9) The same Devil sometime makes horses and cars disappear
- 10) The lake is nothing special and the legends were started by one local businessman who wanted to buy it and make a guest house there
- 11) It is better to visit the church after visiting the lake

My relationship with the lake started in the childhood since I grew up near by. I used to go there for walks and found it very beautiful and comforting. In 2015 our connection grew stronger since I started photographing there. Luckily I still have not figured out the legend that works best for me and so I can continue my research.