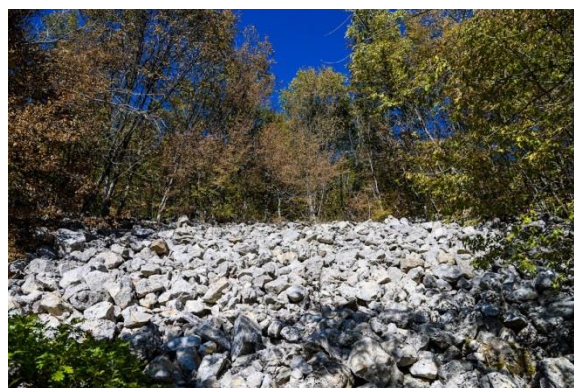
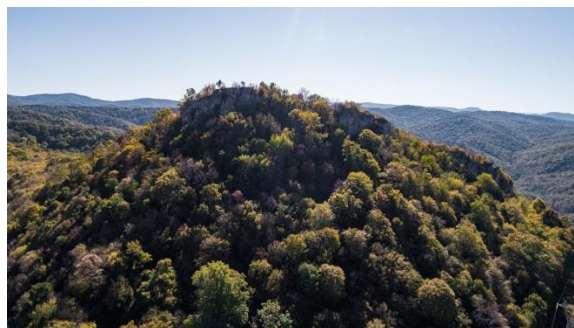




OVCHAGA FORTRESS





Significance of the asset:

The late antique, medieval and Ottoman fortress Ovchaga is situated near the small picturesque village of Asparuhovo. The fortress dated back its origin to the Byzantine period when the invaders came to these territories.

Being a sacred place, a domestic temple and home for the locals, the fortress was an object of constant fights and battles between with the conquerors. Findings prove the fortification was an object targeted by the rulers during the First and the Second Bulgarian Empire, then seized by the Ottoman army and destroyed in XVC.

The visible remains express the fortress is protected by a strong, fortified wall of broken stones, soldered with white mortar. The walls of massive buildings can be seen in the fortified territory which proves the findings that the fortress was a significant target object for the troops.

The locals still call Ovchaga as “Grad” (The Town) due to the existing legends for its function to serve the local residents both as place for living and as shelter.

The historic legacy this ancient fortress prevails the availability of many local traditions, folk customs and habits kept within the years in the region.

The ethnographic complex situated in protected old buildings from XVIIIIC. exhibits the unique local background, man crafts, traditions and livelihoods preserved from the antiquity till today.

Location: Dalgopol

Country: Bulgaria

Region: Varna

Geographic location 42.960555, 27.335833