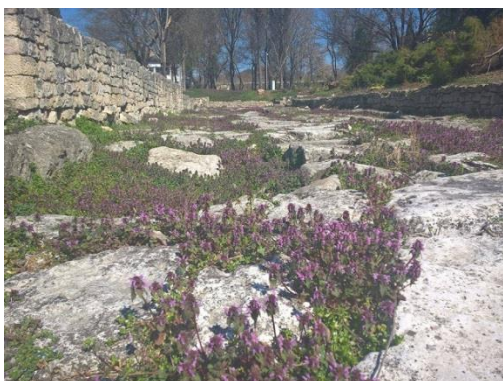




ANCIENT CITY MARCIANOPOLIS





Significance of the asset:

The Ancient city Marcianopolis evidenced as important strategic centre, dated back from the Roman Thrace in IC. AD. Marcianopolis was the largest city founded on the territory of the town of Devnya, 20 km west from Varna. The fortress wall protected an area of more than 70 hectares, which is twice more than the Ancient Odessos (now Varna).

Being an important and attractive place for living along history of living, Marcianopolis was destroyed and rebuilt several times by the conquerors moving from the Barbarian invasion (IIC.), the Early Byzantine period in VC., the invasion os Avars and Slavs in VIIC. , the First Bulgarian Empire (VIIC. – XIC.), Ottoman occupation in XIVC.

During archaeological excavations here are found fortress walls, necropolises, and churches, residential and public buildings, decorated with magnificent mosaics. Among the finds are two solar clocks, which not only measured the time, but indicated the winter and summer solstice and the equinoxes.

Marcianopolis is one of the biggest monetary treasuries in the world. About 100,000 silver denarii minted between 64 and 238 AD by a total of 44 Roman emperors and empresses, and weighing a combined total of 350 kg form the treasure. Undoubtedly it was the State Treasury and a strategic monetary reserve for the sake of the nation.

Location: Devnya municipality

Country: Bulgaria

Region: Varna

Geographic location: 43.224444, 27.587222