RETOLD – Information about 3 D Megaliths:

"Fascination Megaliths" – A new exhibition, 3 D-models and the website

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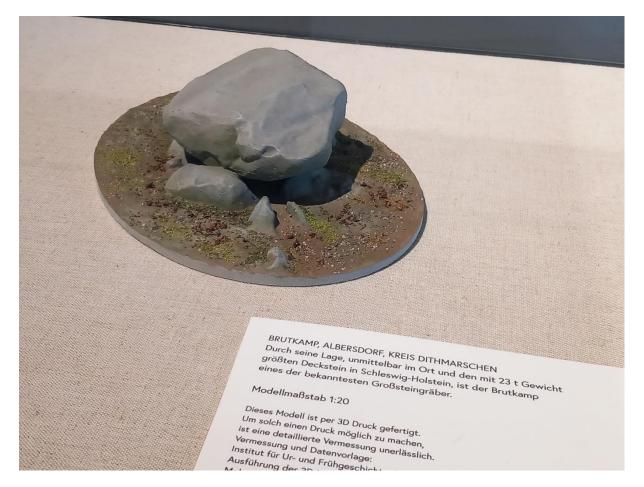
Megalithic Monuments are the oldest existing architecture of Europe, widespread over a lot of parts of Europe and more than 4.000 years of age. Beside the building meaning of megaliths on a local level Megaliths are ideal examples to show the formation process of a common Europe, how Europe was founded and grown up – by an overwhelming wide spread idea which led to initiatives and efforts to demonstrate the strength of a common sense and decisiveness. Today we can talk about 35.000 to 40.000 single sites as the outcome of this process and which remains from the Neolithic period, the time of the first farmers. They are spread over the majority of the European member states. Some lie hidden in rough terrain, others are well known excursion destinations and belongs to the UNESCO World Heritage sites.



Reconstruction of a Megalith in original size

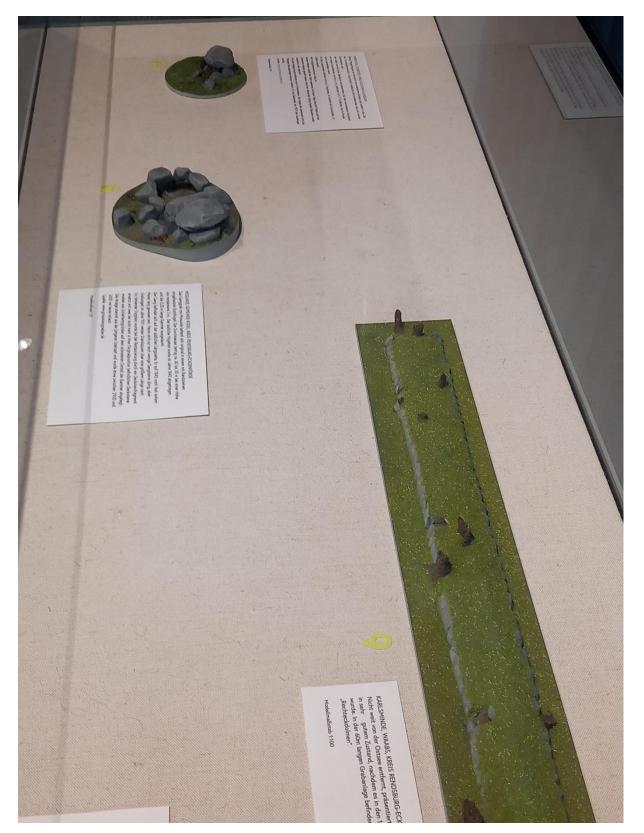
As member of the Megalithic Routes association (<u>www.megalithicroutes.eu</u>) and as partner of the RETOLD Project the Stone Age Park Dithmarschen (AÖZA) combines the recent research results about the megaliths, mostly from the University of Kiel (Germany), and the modern digital presentation techniques as 3 D-modelling in a new exhibition. Here we give information (only in German) about the building processes of megaliths, about their forms, about their meaning and use in Prehistoric times and presenting famous examples of this monuments in Northern Germany, but also Europe wide.

The exhibition consists of posters, the reconstruction of a megalith in original size (with styrofoam), of original archaeological findings from megalithic tombs and of 3 D-models of different megalithic tombs. Here we have as example the famous megalith "Brutkamp" in Albersdorf, with a cup stone of about 23 tons – the biggest one in Schleswig-Holstein.



The "Brutkamp-Stone" in Albersdorf, as 3 D-model – printed with the support of the RETOLD-project.

But also other models from Northern Germany are shown, like the "Grave from Missunde", the "Poppostone" and the famous earthen Long-Barrow of Karlsminde-Waabs, all in Anglia on the Baltic sea side of Schleswig-Holstein and all ca. 5.200 years old.



The data for the 3 D-models have been collected by the University of Kiel, Institute of Preand Protohistory and were handed over to the Albersdorf museum, where we could use the data for the printing of the models and for displaying them on the homepage.

Some of the 3 D-models have been printed with the support of the RETOLD-project and are now on display in the museum (from October 2024 until juli 2025).

The exhibition will move in 2025 onwards to other museums and exhibition places.

On our homepage <u>www.steinzeitpark-dithmarschen.de</u> some of the 3 D-models are visible at the section "Service / Route der Megalithkultur" and can be moved and used with modern digital technology (Sketch-Fab and Paus).

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