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Archaeology of the Lovinac area

Abstract

This article presents existing knowledge about the archaeological heritage of the Lovinac area from prehistoric times to the end of the Middle Ages and beginning of the New Era. As with the entire area of Lika, the cultural heritage has been exposed to continuous devastation and secondary use throughout its turbulent history. Although the research carried out thus far is not large-scale, it undoubtedly provides insight into an archaeological picture – from prehistoric Iapodian hill-forts sites of the late Bronze Age and Iron Age, remnants of a vicinal Roman road or sporadic sepulchral Roman findings to the almost undetectable remains of architecture of medieval forts in Lovinac, Vranik, Sv. Rok, Ričica, Raduč and several toponyms that lead us to previously unlocated and undetermined localities.

Key words: Lovinac area, archaeology, prehistory, Middle Ages, localities