

Bones and antlers

A large amount of antlers and bones were found at the Vuolit Orritjuovva sacrifice site. Reindeer was the most common sacrificial animal, over 70% of the bone remains came from reindeer. Other animal species found were moose and domestic animals such as sheep, goats, cattle and chickens.

The reindeer sacrificed were usually fully grown animals. The sheep, on the other hand, was sacrificed in relative young age - none were older than two years.

It was the meat-poor parts of the animal's body that were sacrificed, the lower parts of the animal's front and hind legs and the animal's head.

Before the bones were sacrificed, they were split lengthwise, the vast majority of bones were split in the same way. The large amount of split bones shows that the fatty bone marrow was eaten before they were sacrificed.

Among the finds, is also a drum hammer made of antler.