

Stop 3/1. Slobodka-Romanovka

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An Eneolithic barrow situated on the hill between Krivaya Balka and Slobodka- Romanovka (nowadays on the outskirts of the central part of the city of Odessa) which gradually descends to the sea, ending by the famous Odessa Peresyp (Fig. 1b). Most probably, a series of barrows was constructed there, and only one has survived.

This barrow is interpreted as the first polyethnic cemetery within the territory of the contemporary city of Odessa. Its thousand-year history involved many reshaping through burials and refillings as a ritual place used by Usatovo, Pit-Grave, Kemi-Oba, Catacomb, and Sabatinovka populations (Sinitsyn, 1955). Stratigraphically traced by Dobrovolsky (1950), this barrow is regarded as the most detailed reference point for barrow graves of prehistoric inhabitants of NWBS region.