

Symbolic Places at the Dawn of Modern Humans

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Abstract

This article aims to explain how our ancient ancestors might have physically oriented themselves: following natural paths and identified key places of interest, such as dwellings, defensive or offensive positions, hunting grounds, burial sites, and gathering or decision-making areas. It is likely that in so doing they were following intuitive ways comparable to those observed in animals.

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