

The Roman Road on the Teleajen Valley

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Abstract: Although it is among the oldest vestiges found in northeastern Muntenia region (Romania), the roman road established on the Teleajen Valley was never taken into consideration by recent scholars. This economic, commercial and military axis was crossing the mountainous and hilly units of the Carpathian Curvature, facilitating the link between the Roman settlements from Transylvania and the ones fixed along the Danube. The existence and the use of the road were strongly related to the roman fortifications established in Drajna de Sus, Mălăiești, Târgșor and also, to the salt resources from Slănic-Teișani area. The main road paved with stones was intersected in some points by secondary branches, having a local role only. After the withdrawal of military troops, some parts of the road continued to remain operational, while others have been deteriorated until they disappeared from the landscape. At the end of the 19th century, the roman road on the Teleajen Valley figured in the oral tradition under various names, such as “the Trajan's road”, “the Roman road”, “the Tatar road”, “Troian” or “Caldarâm”.

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