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Summary

Stensjön in Stora Malm: A prehistoric name change?

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Situated by Lake *Stensjön* (*Steensiö* 1643) in Stora Malm parish, Södermanland, are the old settlements of *Stensjö* (*stensyo* 1379) and *Stenta* (*j stenhultom* 1424). Iron Age graves have been found at *Stenta*, but at *Stensjö* no prehistoric burial site is known. It cannot be taken for granted that *Stensjö* is the oldest settlement by the lake. Nor does it go without saying that the lake name *Stensjön* means ‘the lake with stone(s)’; the lake as a whole is by no means characterised by an abundance of stones. The author discusses the possibility of it originally having had another name, which was displaced by *Stensjön* as early as the Iron Age, and of *Stensjön* having been formed from the place-name **Stenhult(a)*.