

Sigmaren Fort Region

This region is dominated by the ruined Sigmaren fort, abandoned farms and prosperous ongoing farming ventures.

Ruins of Sigmaren Fort: This fort stood as protection from the Hobgoblin clan of the Fire Eaters. Fifteen years ago, it was attacked by those hobgoblins aided by a clan of wereboars. The fort was ultimately destroyed, though the invaders were cut down to the last monster. A few farms around the site were also abandoned. The whole incident is known as the Sigmaren Massacre. What has made the farmers in the area quite resentful is the lack of help Dunor City gave, despite still levying taxes. The hobgoblins' old camp has now been taken over by the Kaled Kobolds.

Grunwiel Farm: Herr Willi Grunwiel is the patriarch of a large family, and runs a prosperous farm. His family managed to stop the fleeing hobgoblins during the Sigmaren Massacre, and hung them from fence posts around their farmlands to deter any other incursions. So far, it has worked. Not only does he grow wheat, but also has a thriving orchard of apples, which are the best in the whole region, and sought after in the nearby towns (Dunor and Gronvang).

Karlein Farm: Fraulein Angela Karlein was widowed during the Sigmaren Massacre, and now is matriarch of another prosperous farm. She has cannily engaged her eldest son to one of Herr Grunwiel's daughters in hopes of securing both farms for her family, especially as Herr Grunwiel has only one under age son left, following the Sigmaren Massacre.

Helmuth's Farm (abandoned): Herr Siegmund Helmuth's family was decimated by the Sigmaren Massacre, and only himself and aged wife, 2 granddaughters, and a underage grandson have survived. They now live with Herr Grunwiel. Unknown to all except his wife, Herr Helmuth is now a werewolf following a near fatal bite from a werewolf during the Sigmaren Massacre. Both he and his faithful wife have managed to keep his secret, mainly by going to the Helsing Woods every full moon and chaining him up till the 'change' is over.

Valkor's Ford and Mill: Herr Franz Valkor runs the Mill for the surrounding farms, and also ships the flour to both Gronvang and Dunor City. The ford is quite shallow, and the stony bed helps wagons though without too much difficulty. However, all the surrounding farmers are contributing to construct a serviceable bridge, since the Council in Dunor City have refused to help.

Kaled Kobolds: These opportunistic Kobolds have made themselves at home in the former camp of the hobgoblins. They number 47 in all, and present little problem to the surrounding farmers, now the Helmuth farm abandoned.

Helsing Woods: These wood are quite dense in parts, and unknown to the locals, a giant spider's nest is hidden in a hollow tree. The spiders are quite venomous, and can kill. The species are the dreaded *Australis venomosa*. Every month wolves can be heard howling, and so the locals avoid the woods – and just as well.