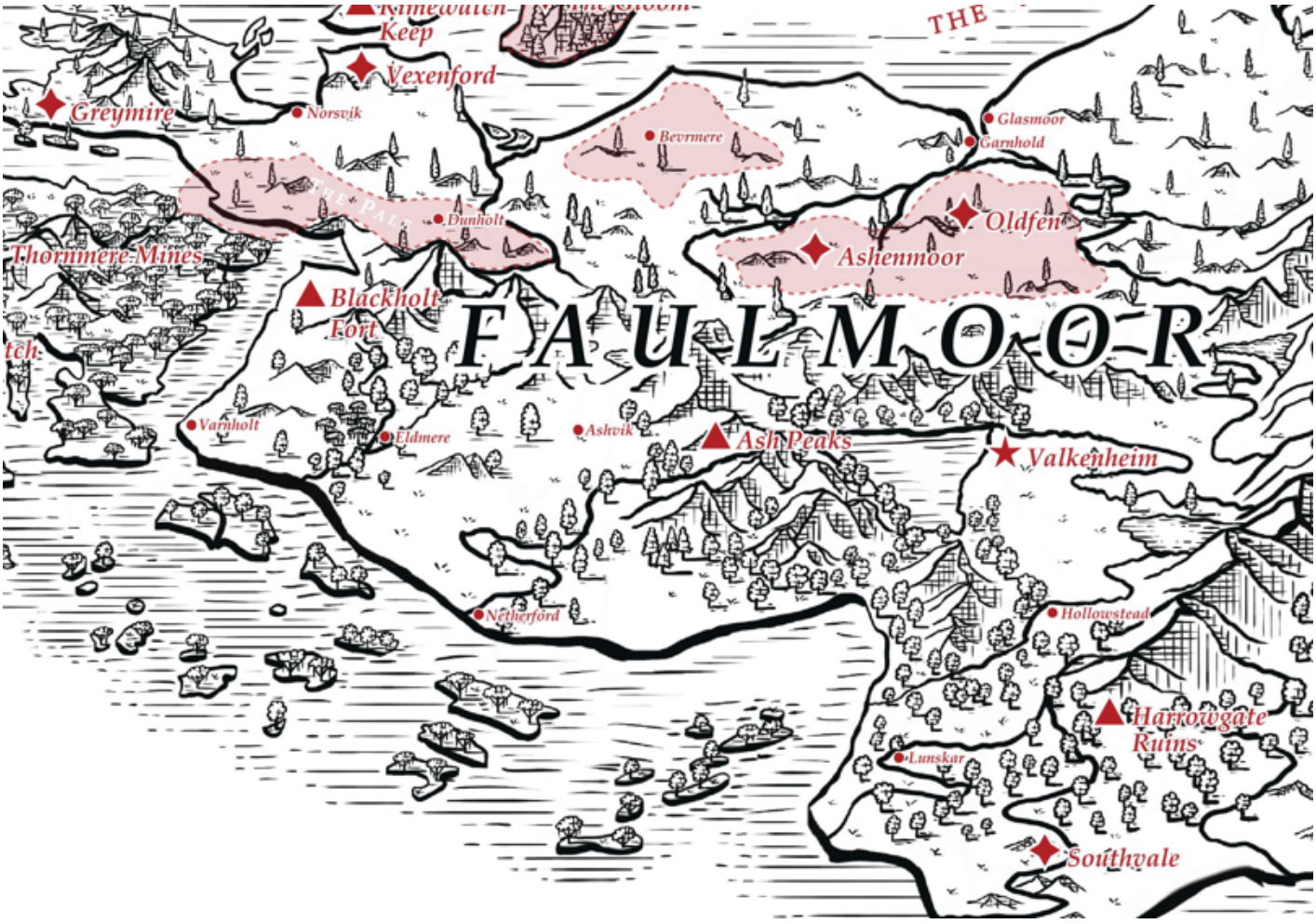
The Harrowgate Ruins

> *“Three expeditions have called Harrowgate a temple. None identified an altar, sanctuary, or arrangement that requires worship as an explanation. We should be more careful with the word sacred.”*
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> — Veydrith Serrin, Lucent Endura

The Harrowgate Ruins are a partially submerged complex southeast of Valkenheim, where the mountains meet the marsh. Only fragments remain above the mire, while flooded chambers, buried structures, and unusual objects suggest that much more lies beneath the surface.



Overview

Harrowgate is difficult to interpret even by the standards of Faulmoor's older ruins. Jagged black stone rises from reeds and standing water, while passages descend into flooded spaces that have never been fully mapped.

Harrowgate endures partly because nobody agrees what it was. Pilgrims, scholars, scavengers, and marshfolk approach the same stones with different expectations and leave with accounts that rarely fit neatly together.

The site attracts several kinds of visitors. Pilgrims of the Old Ways come seeking visions, signs, or divine understanding. Scholars and explorers seek physical evidence of the region's forgotten past. Scavengers come hoping to recover relics or unusual materials.

Local stories are less welcoming. Marshfolk describe strange lights beneath the water, disorientation, unexplained voices, and travelers who fail to return.

History

The original purpose of Harrowgate is unknown. No surviving public account establishes whether it was a fortress, settlement, sacred site, or something else.

The ruin appears older than the institutions now surrounding it. Marsh and floodwater have swallowed much of the site, leaving only fragments visible above ground.

Over time, its unexplained phenomena and occasional relic recoveries turned Harrowgate into both a place of pilgrimage and a source of local superstition.

Present Day

Harrowgate remains only partially explored. Flooded tunnels and submerged chambers make investigation difficult, and reports from different visitors often contradict one another.

Pilgrims continue to visit despite the danger. Some claim to receive visions or hear echoes they interpret as divine. Others leave with nothing more than damaged equipment and stories about shifting passages, cold stone, or lights under the water.

Small unusual objects have been recovered from the site over the years, enough to sustain continued interest without establishing that Harrowgate contains any single great treasure.

Notable Locations

The Black Arch

The Black Arch is one of the most recognizable surviving structures above the mire, a damaged gateway noted for remaining unusually cold to the touch.

The Flooded Passages

Submerged corridors and chambers extend beneath the visible ruins. Their full extent is unknown.

See Also

- Faulmoor
- Valkenheim

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