FROG'S HAVEN CRANNOG

ABOUT

Frog's Haven is a small village built on a crannog. A crannog is a man-made island in a pond or lake, usually with a palisade wall around the edges. Crannogs were common in Ireland and Scotland during the Iron Age.

Some crannogs had narrow bridges or causeways leading to the shore, but others-- like this one-- had a path of stepping stones instead. These stones were hard to see from the surface, but the occupants of the crannog, who knew where to step, would have no trouble following the path. An intruder would have much more difficulty getting across.

NOTES

Most of the buildings here are called "roundhouses," which often had wood frames, walls of straw or clay, and thatched roofs. The rectangular longhouse is the only exception and is made of wood. All of the buildings here have simple dirt floors.

The water source for the villagers would simply be the lake around them.

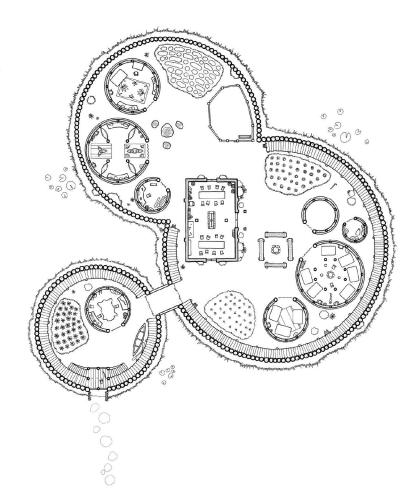
Frog's Haven was designed as an elven village, but it certainly doesn't need to be. If it is elven, the mats in the huts are meditation mats. If it isn't elven, they are beds.

The sacred stones in the center of the uppermost part of the crannog are engraved and may serve as a simple shrine.

Frog's Haven would also make a great village for bullywugs. It's like a giant lily pad, frogs love stuff like that.

The large roundhouse in the upper left has four hammocks hanging from the supports.

The villagers of Frog's Haven probably occupy their time fishing, hunting, carving wood into bows, arrows and furniture, and performing chores like



cooking, cleaning, and chopping firewood. Or maybe they perform brutal raids on neighboring settlements. Having a beautiful village doesn't necessarily make them the good guys.



